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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

NEW MADRID - Its always good for a team, when coming off a close loss, to be able to pick up a win in their next game.

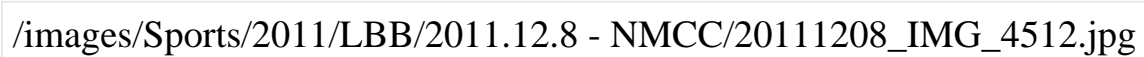
After dropping Tuesday night's contest against Jackson by five points, the Lady Bearcats headed south to New Madrid on Thursday to face off against the Eagles. Dexter used a full-court press during the first half to build a 58-14 lead, and eventually find themselves on top of a 94-20 blowout of the Lady Eagles.

"That loss definitely motivates the girls and makes them want to work harder," head coach Chad Allen said after the game. "Hopefully that will carry over through the entire season, and they'll want to push themselves and keep getting better."

The Lady 'Cats opened the contest with a 18-1 run, particularly aided by a great effort in the full-court press. Allen noted that as an area the Lady 'Cats have been working on for use later in the season.

"We definitely came out tonight and put a lot of pressure on New Madrid," Allen said. "I told the girls we were going to try to pressure full-court more throughout the season and try to make conditioning a factor, and we pulled that off tonight."

Dexter's offense was explosive throughout the first half, with Alison Jarrell knocking down 3 three-pointers in the second quarter. Everyone on the squad was able to score, with six of the Lady 'Cats in double-figures. Post player Brittany Harris led the 'Cats in scoring with 24 points and 6 boards.

“Having six girls in  double-figures tonight, and well-balanced scoring definitely helped,” Allen commented. “Brittany Harris had 24 tonight as well. We definitely got our heads up, found the open man, and had a lot of good scoring because of it. We have a lot of offensive threats and it definitely showed tonight.”

The Lady 'Cats also had two players with double-doubles: Mollie Whitehead and Paige Patterson.

“Both Mollie and Paige were very active on the boards tonight - they had a lot of offensive boards and stick-backs,” Allen continued. “Both of them had a tremendous game.”

In the JV contest, the young 'Cats were able to hold the Eagles to single digits through three quarters and just a free throw in the fourth to take a big 59-10 win.

Alexis Smith and Katie Reiker led the JV squad with 16 points each; Reiker also had 11 rebounds to earn a double-double on the night. Shayna Bess chipped in 13 points and 9 rebounds.

The Lady Bearcats will be in action again Monday (Dec. 12), when they travel to Fredericktown to face off with the Black Cats in their first District matchup of the 2011-2012 season.

“It's our first District game - [Fredericktown is] still down a little bit from where they've been in the past,” Allen said of the 'Cats' next opponent. “They have some young girls coming up, so that they may have a good team in a few years. They're still rebuilding, and hopefully we'll go up there and take care of business.”

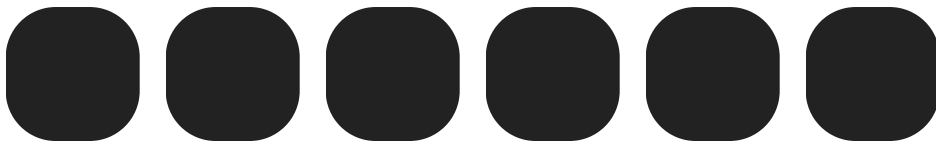
Tip is set for 6:00 p.m. for the JV squad, with the Varsity squad in action at the conclusion of the JV game.

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- Dexter 94, NMCC 20

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- DePaul 69, St. John's 52
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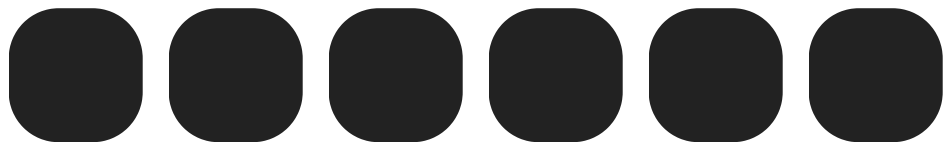
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Dexter Middle School wrestler Storm Massey, pictured above, prepares for his match at Sikeston on Wednesday night.

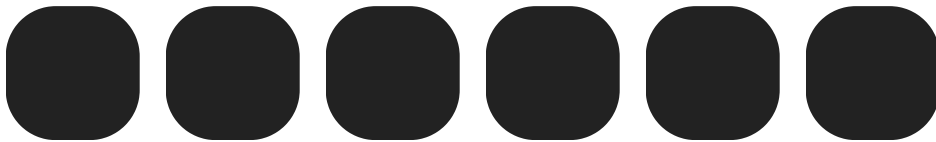
"We had a great night. Sikeston is a quality program and the fact that we were able to get a win was big for us," coach Rick Schwab said. " We had some guys finally come out of their shell tonight, most notably Jordan Lacy. He came out very aggressive and got a couple of wins. He looked like a completely different wrestler."

"I'm very proud of the entire team," Schwab continued, "and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish this Saturday in Cape."

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ROLLA - The Missouri S&T Lady Miners kept its unbeaten start to the season going by pulling off a 62-53 upset of 21st ranked Drury on Wednesday in Rolla. It was the Lady Miners first win over a ranked opponent since they defeated #21 Michigan Tech back on March 14, 2008 in the opening round of the NCAA Midwest Regional in Springfield, Mo.

S&T (6-0, 3-0 GLVC) becomes just the fourth team in school history to start a season winning its first six contests.

The game started out as a see-saw affair in the first 17 minutes with eight ties and 10 lead changes. The Panthers (5-2, 2-1 GLVC) led by as many as four with 9:10 left in the opening frame. The Lady Miners answered with a 7-0 run to retake the lead thanks to six points from Courtney Kemp.

Drury answered with five straight getting a three from Katie Pritchard and a layup from Abby Bracker to take its final lead of the contest at 22-20 with 4:43 to play.

Hailee Parks tied it with a layup then Taylor Jensen gave S&T the lead back with a layup at the 3:32 mark before Pritchard tied it with a jumper 0:23 later.

The Lady Miners ended the half scoring the final seven points, all from the charity stripe, to take a 31-24 lead into the intermission.

S&T shot 50 percent (9-for-18) from the field and was 12-of-17 at the foul line in the opening stanza. It was outrebounded 13-to-11 but forced the Panthers to turn it over 12 times.

Parks had eight to lead the Lady Miners while Kemp dropped home six.

Pritchard led Drury with 10 while three others had four apiece. The second half was

scoreless for the first two minutes before S&T extended its lead to nine points as Parks scored the first six of the stanza for S&T.

The Panthers cut the lead to 37-36 at the midway point on a three from Pritchard.

Kyesha Hall and Karli Sample answered that three with back-to-back baskets extending the lead to 41-36. Pritchard added another three to make it 41-39, but Toni Knar came right back with a three of her own to extend the lead back to five.

Drury continued to hang around getting as close as three with just over four minutes to play before the Lady Miners salted the game away with an 8-0 run building its largest lead of the night at 58-47 with 2:52 to play.

The Panthers got no closer than seven the rest of the way as S&T hit its free throws to pick up its second straight win over Drury.

Parks led three Lady Miners in double figures with 14 points. Kemp dropped in 11 while Julie Meyer added 10 more. Parks also added nine rebounds.

S&T finished shot 43.5 percent (20-of-46) from the field and was 20-for-28 (71.4 percent) at the free throw line in the game. It was outrebounded by a 32-to-30 margin but held a 34-to-18 edge in the paint.

Pritchard scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Panthers while Erica Groose had 11 points and eight rebounds. Bethanie Funderburk, Drury's leading scorer at 17.7 points per game, was held to just two points on 1-for-6 shooting.

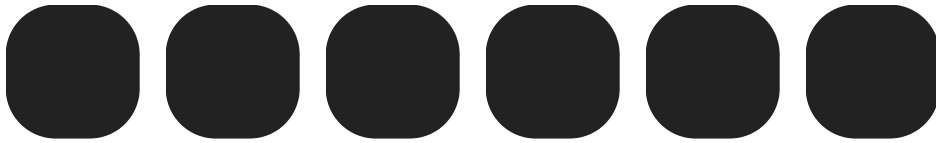
The Panthers finished the contest shooting 18-for-49 (37 percent) from the floor and made 72 percent (13-of-18) from the foul line.

The Lady Miners return to action on Saturday afternoon when they travel to Frankfurt, Ky., for a non-conference contest against Kentucky State beginning at 2 p.m. (Central Time).

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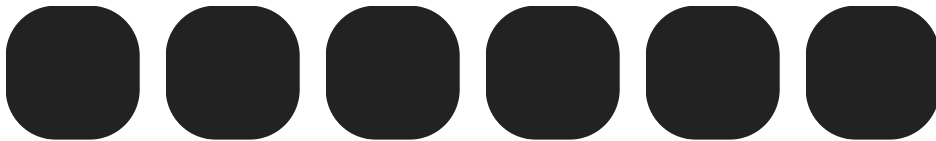
Photo Above: Dexter Bearcat Tyler Miller goes up for two during the 'Cats game against Jackson this week. (Photo by SMT Reader and Bearcat Mom Tracy Miller -- thanks Tracy!)

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