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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

CREVE COEUR - The Dexter Bearcat Wrestling team continued its winning ways on Saturday in the Priory Invitational Tournament. The 'Cats placed first overall in the 12-team field.

Dexter was down by 30 points with two rounds left in the tournament, but the 'Cats racked up 20 wins and two losses in the last two rounds to secure a victory with 333 total points.

The 'Cats had seven wrestlers finish first in their weight classes - seniors Zach Lacy (220 lbs.), Cody Stevens (160 lbs.), and Cole Dean (132 lbs.); juniors Brad Wick (170 lbs.) and Logan Quertermous (182 lbs.); and underclassmen Trevor Waldner (126 lbs.) and Dylan Bazarian (152 lbs.) all brought home gold for DHS.

"We were able to get some good common matches which will help us get a good seed in the district tournament in two weeks," DHS Wrestling coach Rich Schwab said.

The 'Cats will be in action again on Tuesday, when they head to Sikeston for a double-duel with the Bulldogs and NMCC.

Photo above: The Bearcats show off their first place trophy at the conclusion of the Priory Invitational Tournament. Thanks to Bearcat Mom Kim Waldner for the photo.

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POPLAR BLUFF - Three Rivers coach Jeff Walk did not have to look hard to find reasons for his Lady Raiders suffering a 70-56 Region XVI loss to the Moberly Lady Greyhounds Saturday night at the Bess Activity Center.

“We need to finish around the basket better,” Walk said. “We cannot win games shooting 29 percent inside the 3-point line. We need to get to the free-throw line more than 19 times.”

An off night on the glass didn't help either.

“With all the bigs that we play, we need to win the war on the boards,” said Walk.

The Lady Raiders (8-12, 1-3 XVI) trailed just 58-56 after Brooke Godsey hit a free throw with 2:55 remaining, but did not score again as Moberly closed the game on a 12-0 run.

Earlier in the game, the Lady Greyhounds raced out to a 15-6 lead on Morgan Vetter's 3-pointer with 13:16 left in the first half before Three Rivers rallied to eventually tie the game at 22 on Godsey's basket with 3:33 left in the opening session.

However, Moberly regained the lead five seconds later on Tahsha Mitchell's bucket and led 29-27 at the break.

Abbie Warren's bucket two minutes into the second half for Three Rivers tied the game once again at 32, but the Lady Greyhounds answered with a 6-0 run and never trailed again.

Moberly extended its lead to 52-41 on Kayla Washington's basket with a little over eight minutes to go, but the Lady Raiders rallied one last time, getting the deficit down to two points on Godsey's free throw with 2:55 remaining.

Whitney Mills led Three Rivers with 10 points.

Ashley Stevenson paced the Lady Greyhounds with 14 points, while Jessica Bygate added 13, Mykel Boyd chipped in 12 and ShanToria Taylor finished with 11.

The Lady Raiders are back in action Wednesday when they host Jefferson in another Region XVI contest. Tipoff time is set for 6 p.m. at the Bess Activity Center.

For more information on everything Three Rivers Athletics, make sure to visit RaidersAthletics.com.

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EASTON, Pa. - American grinded out a 69-61 victory over Lafayette on Saturday at Kirby Sports Center. The Eagles were paced by Charles Hinkle's game-high 23 points and 52 percent shooting from the field.

Three Lafayette players scored in double figures, led by Rob Delaney's 12 and 11 apiece from Ryan Willen and Dan Trist.

The Leopards opened the game by scoring nine of the first 12 points and lead by six at the first media timeout. Jim Mower knocked down a corner three off a feed from Tony Johnson, the first of his seven assists, to open the game and Trist scored two baskets inside to give Lafayette (9-13, 4-3) the early advantage.

Johnson's drive and left handed layup gave Lafayette an 18-11 lead, its largest of the half, at 9:37. American (14-8, 5-2) countered with a 13-5 spurt to take its first lead of the afternoon at 24-23 on Daniel Munoz's three from the top of the key.

Charles Hinkle's third three of the half put American ahead 35-28 with less than a minute to play and the visitors took that lead into the locker room.

Lafayette used a 10-2 run to take a 39-37 lead to start the second half. Johnson's one handed overhand pass found a cutting Willen, who was fouled and hit two free throws to pull Lafayette within one (35-34) less than 90 seconds into the half. A bucket put American back up by three, but Delaney connected on a wing trey to tie the score at 37 before Mower's baseline jumper capped the run with 16:55 showing.

Delaney's right handed layup put Lafayette ahead 44-43 at 14:28 prior to American scoring 12 straight points, the last five on a pair of Hinkle jumpers, forcing a Lafayette timeout with 9:36 to play.

Following two from Willen at the charity stripe, Lafayette scored seven of the next nine points to make it a five-point game with 6:21 left after Delaney's transition three.

Trailing 60-53, Willen kicked the ball out to the corner to a wide open Levi Giese, who

drained the three and made it a four-point game with 5:22 to play. Lafayette once again went down four (65-61) after Johnson stripped Munoz in the backcourt and hit one of two at the line with 54 seconds to play.

The Leopards forced a jump ball and took possession with 27 seconds on the clock but Mower misfired on a three with 17 seconds to go and American hit four free throws to close out the game.

Lafayette returns to action when it hosts Navy on Saturday Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.

Notes:

Dan Trist has scored in double figures in three consecutive games.

Lafayette is now 1-9 this season when an opponent shoots better than 50 percent from the field.

The Lafayette and American coaching staffs participated in the Coaches vs. Cancer Suits and Sneakers awareness weekend, a collaborative initiative of the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

For a full breakdown of the game's stats, click here.

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Taylor, Owls Win Big Against Stephens College

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COLUMBIA - In a meeting of teams at the opposite ends of the standings in the AMC, the William Woods University women's basketball team stretched its conference winning streak to five, running out 65-46 winners over Stephens College on Saturday. Katie Scherder (Bowling Green, Mo.) led the Owls with 13 points on the afternoon, with Sharron Andrews (Oakland/Hayward, Calif.) and Ashlee Taylor (Dexter, Mo.) each shooting perfect from the floor (3-of-3 and 2-of-2, respectively) in the win.

The Owls jumped out to a 12-2 lead, spreading the offense around, but coming out of a timeout the Stars were able to knock down a trey as the shot clock expired and force a turnover to pull back to within five with 13:19 left.

The teams traded buckets over the next six minutes, but WWU was able to push its lead back out to double-digits at the eight minute mark and continue to pull away. Three consecutive treys for the Owls - back-to-back buckets from Scherder and a triple from Blake French (St. Charles, Mo.) put the Owls up 31-13 with just over five minutes left in the half.

Stephens was able to knock down a pair of free throws at the 4:59 mark, but the Owls defense continued to pester the Stars into bad looks, pulling out to a 20-point lead. Stephens was able to put in a single bucket at the 1:00 mark, but WWU took a 40-17 lead into the locker room at half.

The Owls opened the scoring in the second half, but through the opening seven minutes the Stars were able to keep pace. Stephens picked up a steal and a layup with 10:57 on the clock to narrow the deficit to 29-49, with Stephens head coach Bill Bixon calling a

timeout to try to rally his team.

Out of the break, however, Olivia Storjohann (Eldridge, Iowa) hit a three for the Owls to push the lead back to 52-29. Stephens was able to answer with a three of its own, but four straight points from WWU extended the lead to 24. Stephens was able to whittle the margin to 17 with 2:55 left, at 59-42, but the Owls were able to hold the Stars at arm's length, with a dagger from Paige Stewart (Ballwin, Mo.) at the buzzer giving William Woods a 65-46 win.

The Owls are back in action on Thursday night, taking on Missouri Baptist University. Tipoff for the game is slated for 5:30 p.m.

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The game was a rematch of the DHS homecoming two weeks prior; the Mules and Bearcats at the Bearcat Event Center in front of an energetic, capacity crowd.

The only real difference between the two contests was the stakes - part *deux* was for the 2012 SCAA Championship.

The Bearcats already held a 69-61 victory over the Mules; they concluded the season sweep of their 'next town over' rivals with a 54-40 victory for Dexter's second-straight SCAA Title.

"We jumped out early; I fully expected them to make that run and it be tight at the end. It's been a while since Dexter and Bernie played a game that didn't come down to the wire," Dexter head coach Rob Nichols said. "We were expecting that run, and luckily we were able to maintain that lead."

"I've watched several tapes on [Bernie], and it's always seemed like if you run them man-to-man, they run such good sets on offense that they'll still make shots," Nichols continued. "We tried to stay in a match-up zone and true zone and really tried to make them play and not use sets to score."

Nichols was also quick to compliment the Mules' effort in the scrappy contest.

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"There were a lot of loose balls, and our kids were just getting after it. I thought early in the game they scrapped and got those loose balls to set us up for some transition baskets," he said. "Bernie is a great defensive team, and it's not easy to get baskets on those guys by any means."

The Bearcats jumped out to a 13-8 lead after the first quarter, and used a six point second quarter effort from Jake Lee to carry a 28-18 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Mules got within nine points at the end of the third quarter, but just couldn't keep up with Dexter in the fourth; five more points from Lee and solid defense helped keep the Bearcat lead intact to the final buzzer.

“We really struggled offensively in every aspect tonight. Dexter really had their way with us and we didn’t fight back much at times,” Bernie head coach Brad Botsch said. "We really have to play smart basketball to compete with a good team and win, and tonight, we were really careless with the ball. Dexter really put it on us and was in complete control all night."

The Bearcats were led by senior Jake Lee with 16 points and 14 boards; the 6'3" post ended the tournament with double-doubles in all three games.

"Jake...sick, tired, hurt, whatever, he'll always come out and give you 110 percent of what's in his body," Nichols said. " I'm proud of him every game because of how hard he plays; he gets everything out of his body he can get. I'm glad to have him on the team."

The Bearcats were well-represented on the All-Tournament team, with Lee, Tyler Miller, and Chase Young all receiving the honor.

"I was glad to see Chase make the All-Tournament team; that told me people were actually watching the games this week, because he had three excellent games," Nichols commented.

David Baker and Bubby Schwent paced the Mules with 11 points apiece; Sam Turner added 10 points in the loss.

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