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On the closest thing to a national holiday in the college football offseason, Letters of Intent have been filed by high school athletes lucky enough to continue playing at the collegiate level. On top of the Missouri Tigers scoring the nation's top recruit, DHS alum Glen Johnson will welcome 19 new players to the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats next season.

BOLIVAR - SBU Bearcat football has announced the addition of 19 players for the upcoming 2012 season. The Bearcats are coming off of their third consecutive winning season and will rejoin the MIAA in the 2012 season.

"Our coaching staff has done another great job this year of signing student-athletes that understand what it means to be a Bearcat," head coach Keith Allen stated. "These signees can contribute to our team immediately, either by playing in a starring role or providing competition and quality depth at their position. We are very excited about the guys we have signed and the ten mid-year transfers that are already on campus."

The guys we have signed are not only great football players, they are quality people off the field as well. This recruiting class is exemplified by young men with great character, hard work ethic, solid academics and a burning desire to compete on the football field for the Bearcats.

Our immediate needs on offense were at the offensive line, running back, tight end and wide receiver positions. Defensively, we had immediate needs at the defensive line and

with the secondary. As you can see from our mid-year signees and current signing class, we have addressed these needs and will continue to find young men that can help this team.

Again, our coaching staff did a great job recruiting and I applaud their hard work and effort. I also appreciate all the support and help our athletic administration, faculty and staff gave us in recruiting such a strong class. We will be finalizing this recruiting class over the next few weeks with a few more talented student athletes. Our fans can expect another great season with this class."

Click here to see the full list of Bearcat Signees for 2012!

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SLIPPERY ROCK, Penn.- After a breakout 2011 season as a sophomore closer for the Palm Beach Atlantic University of baseball team, Alejandro De Moya appears keen on repeating the success he found last season as the Sailfish left-handed stopper in the late innings. His standout campaign helped him earn a selection to the Pre-Season All-Region Team released by the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association (NCBWA) on Tuesday.

The Sailfish are coming off a season in which they finished 27-26, a ten game improvement from the season before which was their first under head coach, Gary Carter. The Fish will begin the season just outside the top-ten of the NCBWA Regional poll as they finished in the receiving votes category.

A native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the crafty De Moya led the Sailfish or was near the top in almost every statistical category last season.

De Moya finished tied for the team lead in wins with five alongside fellow left-hander Kenny Frosch while proving more than capable of handling the ninth inning responsibilities by accumulating a team-best seven saves.

He would finish 5-1 on the season over the course of a team-high 19 games while logging a total of 32.1 innings pitched. Utilizing his strong repertoire of pitches, De Moya limited his opponents to just a .191 batting average while tallying 39 strikeouts and 14 walks.

The Sailfish baseball team opens play on Thursday, February 2nd when they host Lynn University at 7 pm. The two Palm Beach County rivals will be squaring off at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida, the Spring Training home of the Miami Marlins and defending World Series champion, St. Louis Cardinals.

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

Basketball fans at the Bearcat Event Center witnesses a showdown between two state-ranked teams on Tuesday night: the No. 7 Meadow Heights Lady Panthers and No. 4 Dexter Lady Bearcats. The Lady 'Cats were on a 14 game win streak heading into the contest, but the Panthers used excellent shooting to down the Lady 'Cats on their home floor with a 71-56 final.

Erin Bollman and Whitney Welker combined for 53 of the Panthers points, and wreaked havoc on the Lady 'Cats in the full-court press.

"Bollman and the Welker girl, they're both seniors and they have a lot of experience, and it showed tonight," LBB head coach Chad Allen said after the game. "Both those girls took over and had excellent games for them."

"Meadow Heights definitely have a good team, and they're well-coached," Allen continued. "We came out tonight a little flat-footed, and weren't very active."

Allison Jarrell knocked down a three at the 6:35 mark for LBB's first points of the contest, but a three point play from Bollman gave the Panthers a 7-3 lead. The Lady 'Cats struggled against Meadow Heights' press throughout the contest, and committed several turnovers in the first quarter. Jarrell would knock down three more treys, and Mollie Whitehead added her first of the game, but LBB trailed 25-19 after the first.

Taylor Cureton knocked down a three early in the second, but Dexter's defense was able to limit the Panthers to just nine points in the second quarter. Paige Patterson dropped in four points to help the 'Cats to cut the Panther lead to 34-31 heading into halftime.

An offensive board and stickback from Brittany Harris gave the Lady 'Cats their first lead of the contest less than a minute into the second half, but a 12 point effort from Bollman in the third gave the Panthers a 10 point advantage at the end of the third.

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Katelynn Frazier came up with a steal and layup early in the fourth to put the 'Cats down by eight, but the Panthers responded with a 7-0 run. Whitehead knocked down another trey midway through the frame, but no matter what the 'Cats did, the Panthers were able to maintain at least a 10 point lead.

Harris fouled out at the 3:00 mark, but Jarrell knocked down her fifth three of the game on the next possession. Cureton was able to pick off back-to-back inbounds passes by the Lady 'Cats for three quick points, and the Panthers rode out the clock for a 71-56 victory.

"I thought overall we didn't play aggressively tonight. We looked a little timid, and I know the girls can play better than that," Allen said. "The girls will learn from this and we'll get better."

"Our guards didn't get their heads up, and they did a great job of keeping us from getting the ball in the paint. We just didn't get our heads up to look for the open man inside," he continued. "I thought we should have got in there more. [Meadow Heights] definitely executed offensively and defensively tonight."

The Lady 'Cats fall to 17-3 on the season with the loss, and will be back in action on Thursday night when they face Kelly on the road. The contest will be a triple-header, featuring the Freshman Boys at 5:00, followed by the JV and Varsity girls.

Editor's Note: Paige Patterson cleaned up the boards all night, and netted a double-

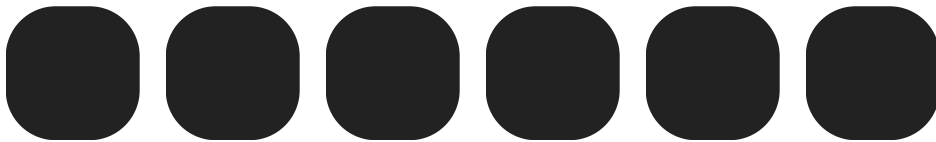
double with 10 points and 13 boards in the contest.

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DONIPHAN - When the Lady Bearcats and Doniphan Donettes met in the Lady Royals Christmas Classic, LBB emerged with a 56-point victory. On Monday night on their home floor, the Donettes put up a better fight, but ultimately fell 79-30 to the Lady 'Cats.

"I thought we played one of the best halves we've played all year in the first half; we did a really good job defensively, and offensively we really pushed the ball and got a lot of points in transition," LBB head coach Chad Allen said after the game. "We got a lot of points off turnovers, and I thought the girls did a really good job of being prepared for this game."

The Donettes were without the services of their starting point guard, Megan Hipps, due to injury, and Allen noted that as a key to the game.

"I told them yesterday that Hipps would be out, so we knew [that] coming in. Doniphan definitely has a rich tradition here in girls basketball, and they always put a good group on the floor," he commented. "You could tell early that without their starting point guard they were hurting, and we took advantage of that tonight."

The Lady
'Cats

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jumped out to a quick 8-1 lead after an offensive rebound and stickback from Paige Patterson. LBB's press was incredibly effective against the Donettes, and a late bucket from Sindra Morhman was Doniphan's only field goal of the first quarter. A three point play from Brittany Harris in the last minute, coupled with five rebounds in the first quarter, gave the 'Cats a 28-6 lead.

Allison Jarrell knocked down two threes early in the second quarter for the 'Cats to open up a 12-0 run. Raven Sturgeon hit a pair of free throws for the Donettes to kill the run, but LBB still put together a 49-12 lead heading into halftime.

Harris's two offensive boards in the first 90 seconds of the second half put her in double-double territory. Micah Smith knocked down a trey to spark the Donettes' best offensive quarter of the night, where they scored more points than they did in the entire first half, but Erica Cobb's 11 point effort in the third preserved the Bearcats' lead.

With a 73-28 lead heading into the fourth, the Lady 'Cats kept a running clock throughout the frame. Mollie Whitehead knocked down the only field goal of the quarter at the 3:35 mark, and good free throw shooting pushed 'Cats to a 79-30 decision.

"We started having a letdown in the third quarter," Allen said. "We let them score 12 points in the first half, and then they turn around and score 16 in the third quarter."

In JV action, the Lady 'Cats were led to a 18-12 decision by Taylor Owens' nine point

effort in a two-quarter contest.

The Lady 'Cats return to action for a rare late-season home game against Meadow Heights; the game should prove to be more competitive than LBB's recent contests, as the Lady Panthers are currently ranked No. 6 in Class 2.

"We've got a big game tomorrow night," Allen said. "I believe Meadow Heights is number six in Class 2; they're one of the better teams in the area, and it should be a tough ballgame."

"We haven't had any close games in a while, so hopefully our girls will be ready to come in and play the way we have the second half of our season," Allen continued. "They need to come in and be aggressive; we'll have to play well tomorrow night."

The JV squad will get things underway on Tuesday with a two-quarter contest, set to tip at 6:00 p.m. from the Bearcat Event Center.

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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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