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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

The Dexter Wrestling team put on a great show in front of their home crowd on Thursday night. The 'Cats took to the mats in a double-duel with Cape Central and Poplar Bluff; DHS split the match with a victory over the Tigers and a narrow defeat against the Mules.

"Effort-wise, it was definitely there. I thought we did a good job in front of our home crowd," DHS head coach Rick Schwab said. "We've been fighting some sickness and injuries here, so we couldn't put together a full, solid squad, and it ended up costing us against Poplar Bluff."

The 'Cats cruised to victory in their opening duel against Cape Central, with Wes Ashley (120 lbs.), Dylan Bazarian (152 lbs.) and Damian Glasener (195 lbs.) all picking up first-round pins.

The Mules were able to snap off three straight pins to open Dexter's second duel before state-ranked Trevor Waldner (126 lbs.) picked up a pin with :20 left in the third round.

Logan Quertermous (182 lbs.) was able to score a pin in the first minute of his match, and Zach Lacy (220 lbs.) pinned Trent Welborn 1:05 into the second round of his match.

Glasener put on one of the better matches of the night during his bout with Jacob Sliger;

the 195 pounders for Dexter and Poplar Bluff slugged it out in the first round, with neither one able to score a point. Sliger took control early in the second round before Glasener was able to get a reversal and pin at the 1:48 mark.

"Damien has been one of the one's that's been sick; he'd been out for an entire week with this bug that's been going around. Coming out and getting back after it tonight, it really turned the tide of [the match with Bluff]," Schwab said. "It was kind of down, and he picked it up and got the excitement back up."

"We've always been weaker in our light weights; we're really young, really inexperienced," Schwab noted after the bout with Bluff. "Once we get up into the middle and upper weights, we can really turn the tide and pick up the momentum. It's always saved us in the end, but tonight, Wick is out injured, Cole Dean is out sick, and Heflin is injured, so that got us tonight."

The match was the 'Cats last of the regular season; next up for the Bearcat grapplers is the district tournament. Schwab noted that his team has been tagged as the team to finally knock Ste. Genevive off the top slot in the district.

"Everybody has been talking about where we're going to be, and if we were going to be able to take Ste. Gen. this year. They've always been the team to win it, and we've always wound up in third or fourth, but everybody thinks we're going to be that team that can sneak up on them," Schwab said of his team. "It'll be tough; we'll have to bring our full game, and we're going to have to get back healthy to win the championship. I'd like to bring home the plaque, at least in the top two; I think it can happen."

Districts will be held next Friday and Saturday (Feb. 10-11) at DeSoto High School.

Editor's note: Cody Stevens and Trevor Waldner both broke the school record for takedowns in a season, previously set at 78 by Justin McCollough in the 2005 season. Waldner and Stevens are currently tied with 95 apiece.

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JUPITER, Fla.- With two outs and two strikes in the bottom of the ninth inning of Thursday's season opening game at Roger Dean Stadium, Palm Beach Atlantic University senior catcher Travis Murray delivered a walk-off single to lift the Sailfish to a 3-2 win over Lynn University. The situation and outcome seemed fitting as Palm Beach Atlantic head coach Gary Carter, who delivered in a similar situation in the 1986 World Series, was honored before the game with a standing ovation from the crowd.

With Cater battling brain cancer, his team honored their skipper with more than just a touching pregame ovation but also in finding a way to win in a late game situation.

Murray's walk-off single capped what was a great ballgame played between the two Palm Beach County rivals that featured some top-notch defensive plays, solid pitching, and some timely hitting.

Senior right-hander Logan Thomas earned the starting nod for the Sailfish in the opening game and he proved more than capable of handling the task. Now in his fourth season at PBA from Melbourne, Florida, Thomas logged an impressive eight innings while saving

his best work for last.

With the game tied at 2-2 in the eighth inning and Lynn having loaded the bases with nobody out, it wouldn't appear that Thomas and the Fish could escape without giving up the lead. That all changed quickly however when Thomas tallied a strikeout of LU cleanup hitter Anthony Boza and then got Knights catcher Joe Sharkey to bounce into an inning-ending double-play as the PBA right-hander exited the mound with full emotion on display.

With momentum now on their side it would take until their final strike before PBA could taste victory as Murray's slow groundball up the middle in the ninth inning snuck through the outstretched arms of a diving Kyle Radziewski, the Lynn shortstop.

The inning began with second-baseman Cody Higgins reaching on an error and moving ahead to second-base on a Luis Mejia groundout. Pinch-runner Jordan Carter would alertly swipe third-base before scoring on the Murray single.

Palm Beach Atlantic got on the board first as they plated a run in the bottom half of the first inning. Higgins began the game with a walk before moving to second-base on a Matt Perkowski single. Murray delivered a sacrifice fly later in the inning to give PBA the 1-0 lead.

Things would remain 1-0 in favor of the Fish until the top of the third inning as Alex Bello led off with a triple and then came in to tie the game on a Kamm Washington run-scoring single.

Lynn took a 2-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning as Cory Elasick singled then stole second and third base before coming in to score on a Jason Matusik sacrifice fly.

PBA tied things up in the bottom of the fifth inning on a Justin Sizemore sacrifice fly that plated Perkowski for a 2-1 Sailfish lead.

Both teams would have their chances down the stretch to plate a go-ahead run but it wouldn't be until Murray's single in the ninth that the outcome would be decided.

Sailfish junior Nic Kovacs earned the win in relief for PBA as he tossed a scoreless top half of the ninth while walking one and striking out one.

Thomas went eight strong innings while allowing seven hits and two earned runs. He

would strike out five while walking three batters.

The Fighting Knights saw three pitchers go to the hill with each tallying multiple innings. Shawn Kale went the first four frames while allowing one unearned run on three hits with four walks and six strikeouts. Andre Colon followed with three innings as he gave up one run and three hits. Jason Whalen took the loss after allowing the Murray single.

Both teams would register seven hits in the game as LU second-baseman Mike Diorio and Elasiik the third-baseman each tallied two hits. Mejia finished 2-for-5 on the PBA side.

Palm Beach Atlantic will host Warner University on Saturday at 3 pm for their next outing. The two teams will battle at Palm Beach Gardens High School in two seven inning contests. Those fans who cannot make it out in person can follow the game through a live broadcast on the Sailfish Sports Network.

[Click here for the game's full box score.](#)

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BENTON - After a disappointing home loss against the state-ranked Meadow Heights Lady Panthers on Monday night, the Lady Bearcats were out to prove a point on Thursday night at Thomas W. Kelly Memorial High School.

The Lady Bearcats, who struggled defensively in Monday night's loss, played with a much more unified effort and gave up just six shots from the floor - while only turning the ball over four times - during an 80-19 thrashing of the Lady Hawks.

The Lady 'Cats had the pedal on the floor from the get-go, and jumped out to a big lead early. Allison Jarrell knocked down a trey early in the contest on her way to a nine-point first quarter effort, and Brittany Harris dominated the paint for 10 points in the first quarter. LBB held a commanding 30-6 lead after the opening frame.

The Lady 'Cats didn't give up a field goal in the second quarter, and held the Hawks to a pair of free throws from Bridgette Chandler. Mollie Whitehead knocked down a trey, while Katelynn Frazier chipped in six points in the second to put LBB up 53-8 at halftime.

Jessica Worth hit Kelly's only field goal of the third quarter; four free throws from Chandler accounted for the rest of the Lady Hawk offense in the frame. Jarrell hit her second trey of the contest, and four point efforts from Harris and Paige Patterson put the Lady 'Cats up 68-14 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Samantha Ratledge had a chance for the old-fashioned three early in the fourth for the Hawks, but came up short on the free throw. Patterson added six more points for the Lady 'Cats, while Payton Jones was good on a three-point play for the Hawks. The Lady 'Cats cruised with a running clock in yet another contest, with a 80-19 decision.

The big win in the nightcap gave the Lady 'Cats a sweep of the Hawks; the JV picked up a 36-25 win in their game.

With the win, the Lady 'Cats move to 18-3 on the season; LBB will return to action on

Monday night, when they travel to Cape Girardeau to face off against district rival Notre Dame.

Tipoff is set for 6:00 p.m.

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FULTON - Coming to the halfway point of the AMC slate, the no. 23-ranked William Woods University women's basketball team travels to St. Louis to take on Missouri

Baptist University in a 5:30 p.m. tipoff. The Owls look to extend a five-game AMC winning streak and take sole possession of first place in the conference.

Quick Look - William Woods

After dropping its conference opener, William Woods has rallied to a five-game winning streak in AMC play. Sharron Andrews (Oakland/Hayward, Calif.) leads the Owls with 13.7 pts/gm in conference, and she also leads the team with 5.8 rebounds per game. Megan Aubuchon (Old Monroe, Mo.) adds 5.3 rebounds per game and 9.2 pts/gm on the conference slate. As a team, the Owls are shooting at a .416 rate against conference foes and have posted a .452 accuracy rate from 3-pt range within the AMC. Free throw shooting is the only statistical area where WWU is outperformed in conference action, although it's only on a percentage basis (.681 to .758) as the squad's seen nearly twice as many chances (113 to 66) from the stripe, but has hit on 27 more (77-50).

On the overall slate, the Owls are nationally-ranked in a number of categories, highlighted by strong defensive showings. WWU is ranked no. 16 among NAIA Division I teams in scoring defense, holding its foes to just 56.5 pts/gm on the year, as well as a no. 19 ranking in shooting defense (.359) and a no. 38 ranking in rebounding defense (37.0/gm). The Owls are also ranked in blocks, holding the 31st-best spot in both total blocks (69) and blocks per game (3.3) on the 2011-12 season.

Individually, Andrews is also ranked in the top 50 in three categories. The senior is 29th in the country in steals per game (2.6) and total steals (54) and her shooting percentage of .480 is 31st among NAIA Division I players.

Quick Look - Missouri Baptist

Although the Spartans have struggled to a 6-15 overall record and a 0-6 mark in AMC action, they are among the top performers in a few statistical categories for the NAIA. MBU is ranked 10th in the country in 3-pt field goal percentage, with a mark of .343 on the year and its 6.5 makes per game are good for 19th, with the total of 137 good for 23rd overall.

Individually, Andrea Seabaugh paces the Spartans with a NAIA top-50 (39th) performance of 15.0 pts/gm on the year, with her three-point shooting good for a pair of top-10 marks - total makes (6th/55) and per game makes (9th/2.6) - as well as a no. 21 ranking in accuracy at .401. Chelsea Prosser also ranks for the Spartans, with her total blocks mark of 33 good for 23rd in the country. Prosser is the leading rebounder for MBU

with 6.2 on the year.

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The relationship between a player and a coach can be a complicated thing to explain. For some, it's love-hate; for others, it can be pure love or pure hate. In the case of Charlie Spoonhour, however, the coach became a 'father-figure' for his players, and was loved by all.

Spoonhour was born in Mulberry, Kansas, on June 23, 1939, and died yesterday (Feb. 2, 2012) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina after a two-year battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a condition that causes scarring of lung tissue.

The style of play Spoonhour instilled in his players would eventually come to be known throughout the NCAA as ‘Spoonball’ featured tenacious defense and guards that could beat opponents down with a barrage of perimeter shots. This unique coaching philosophy led ‘the Spoon’ to a 373-202 record in the NCAA, including five NCAA D-II Tournament appearances with then-Southwest Missouri State and three D-I Tournament appearances with the St. Louis University Billikens. ‘The Spoon’ concluded his coaching career with a three-year stint at UNLV.

Spoonhour’s coaching career began in a much more humble fashion - he was an assistant coach for the Bloomfield Wildcats, starting in 1963. Longtime Dexter basketball coach Jim Hall, one of Spoonhour’s many great coaching friends, recalls his early days with ‘the Spoon’.

“Charlie started out in Rocky Comfort, Mo., before he came to Bloomfield in ’63, the year before I started coaching at Dexter,” Hall recollected. “We were both single and in our early 20’s - we were inseparable for nearly three years. [Charlie] went on from there to ‘bigger and better things’ you could say, but we remained close friends. We actually talked a few weeks ago on the phone; I’m glad I did, I had no idea the end was this close. You could tell from talking to him that he had lung problems.”

Hall described Spoonhour as a down-home Southern boy, and noted that even with his great successes as a coach, his personality never changed.

“He had a down-home Southern personality. You couldn’t keep from liking the guy if you met him; he was always laughing, smiling, joking. He could walk into room of 1000 people and within short time everyone would feel like best friend,” Hall said with a laugh. “[He had a] great personality, related to everyone. Never known of a soul that had anything bad to say about him. There was no ego about him, even after he became a big college coach at SMS and SLU. You’d have never known he was any different than when he was the assistant coach at Bloomfield in the 60’s. He was just as common as the day is long.”

Spoonhour brought his Southern demeanor back home in the summer of 2008, when he was the guest speaker at the annual Ben Kruse 18FORE Life Golf Tournament. Event organizer Scott Kruse also pointed out Spoonhour’s quick wit and great personality,

regardless of the occasion.

“About the time I was getting really into coaching, he was up at SLU and was putting on a coaching clinic,” Kruse said. “I’m in a room with a bunch of coaches there, and he’s up there leaning with his elbow on a podium. He goes on for about 20 minutes telling stories, and everyone is just sweating and crying from laughing, like he’s a comedian.”

“He got into basketball, and in a good sense; a [/images/Sports/2012/Misc./spoon \(1\).jpg](/images/Sports/2012/Misc./spoon (1).jpg) lot of times when ‘big-time’ coaches put on clinics, they present you with ideas that you can’t use on high school kids,” Kruse added. “His ideas were all basic, fundamental, down-to-earth stuff that he probably used when he was coaching at Bloomfield.”

Kruse noted that it was, in fact, Coach Hall that suggested getting Spoonhour to speak at the annual golf extravaganza.

“Coach Hall and Spoonhour were always really good friends; when I started 18FORE Life, I was talking to Jim and he said ‘Spoonhour would be great for a speaker’. So I called him in 2006, nervous as could be, and I asked him if he’d be the speaker. He said yes before he even knew what I was doing; he didn’t know me at all, my only ‘in’ was he knew that I was from Dexter,” Kruse recalled. “He said he would love to do it, but that was the weekend he and his wife took vacation every year. It didn’t sound like he was copping out or making an excuse; I legitimately felt it was the reason.”

“I took him at his word, and two years later, when we moved the tournament to the first weekend of June, I called him again. ‘I’d love to do it!’ he said; never asked for a dime, didn’t care if we booked his flight or not, he ended up riding with a buddy from St. Louis down here,” he added. “It was like having your great uncle come and speak; he fit right in. Norm Stewart was one of our previous speakers, and he was good, but Spoonhour was the kind of guy that literally could have talked for two and a half hours and nobody would have said ‘When is he gonna get done?’. He had probably four or five players from Bloomfield when he coached in the ‘60’s at the banquet that year.”

Kruse’s fondest memory of Spoonhour, however, came shortly after he spoke at 18FORE Life; when Kruse sent Spoonhour his payment for speaking, he received something back that, to this day, ‘still blows me away.’

“I didn’t know what to pay him [when he spoke],” Kruse recalled. “We flew him down here, and we put him up, but that was nothing. I remember thinking ‘I’ll just send him

\$2,000,' because when you start looking for an entertaining guest speaker, it gets insane. So I sent him \$2,000 and a 'thank you' note, and thought that was that. He sent me back a thousand dollar check, basically saying 'too much', and he said if we ever needed another guest speaker to call him, because he'd love coming back and he had more stories to tell."

Both Kruse and Hall recognized Spoonhour's many great achievements as a coach, as well as the genuinely great person that he was off the floor.

"Missouri State and SLU; he got to the tournament at schools that don't usually go," Kruse said, laughing. "When he went to UNLV, he tore it up out there, too. They loved him out there, and they loved him everywhere. I'd like to see what it would have taken to get the guy fired, he's just so personable."

"He came out to the course and walked around, hung out with everybody. He was a good 'ole boy," Kruse added. "He was the kind of guy that after five minutes, you'll have a friend and a guy you could look forward to hanging out with; he was the kind of guy you'd go grab a beer with."

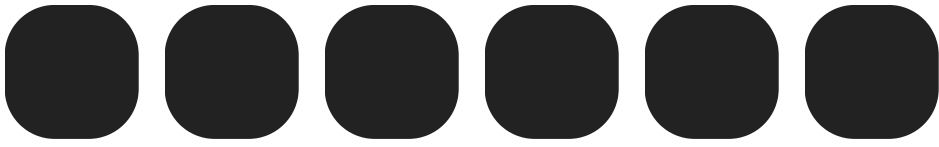
"The bottom line is this: he was one of a kind. He fit that mold; he had the best personality a person could have," Hall said. "He made you feel like you were the most important thing around him at the time when you were talking to him. [He was a] great person to be around; if you didn't know him, then you missed out on a lot."

Photos Above: top photo - Spoonhour delivering his address at the 2008 18FORE Life banquet (photo provided by 18FORE Life); bottom photo - Longtime friends Jim Hall (left) and Charlie Spoonhour (right) pose for a photo in Hall's Dexter home (photo provided by Jim Hall).

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