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The Dexter Bearcats have three wrestlers remaining in the MSHSAA Class 2 State Tournament.

Cody Stevens (160 lbs.) was the only Bearcat to win his opening match during Thursday's competition. Cole Dean (132 lbs.) and Trevor Waldner (126 lbs.) lost their first match, but were able to win their 'wrestleback' matches to advance to Friday.

According to DHS Wrestling coach Rick Schwab, Stevens will wrestle Makenna Cook of Kirksville in his opening match on Friday; the Cook qualified in his freshman year with a 48-2 record on the season. Dean and Waldner won't know who their next opponents will be until the conclusion of today's semifinal round.

Brad Wick (170 lbs.) and Dylan Bazarian (152 lbs.) have both been eliminated after recording two losses on Thursday. Wick's junior season saw his first trip to the State Tournament, while Bazarian qualified this year as a freshman.

UPDATE (10:51 a.m.)

Cody Stevens was pinned in the third round by Makenna Cook; he will wrestle Blake Joiner of Moberly, a sophomore with a 31-13 record in his 'wrestleback' match.

Trevor Waldner will face Wordell Morgan of Berkely, a senior with a record of 32-12.

Cole Dean will wrestle Jesse Sherman of Bolivar, a senior with a 44-4 record.

UPDATE (12:43 p.m.)

Stevens is the lone Bearcat remaining in the MSHSAA Class 2 State Wrestling tournament.

Dean and Waldner both lost their matches today, eliminating them from competition. Stevens will move on to face Braxton Todd of Excelsior Springs, who sports a 31-14 record.

If Stevens wins his 'bubble' match tonight, he will be guaranteed a medal, and will move on to Saturday's competition.

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