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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

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.

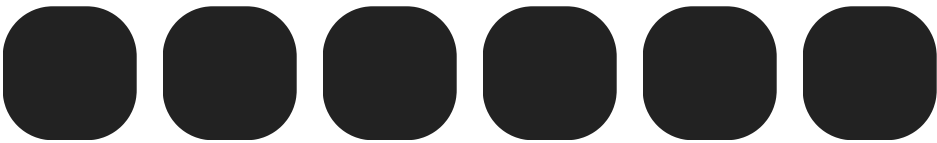
Dean and Waldner both lost their matches today, eliminating them from competition. Stevens will move on to face Braxton Todd of Excelsior Springs, who sports a 31-14 record.

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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BROSELEY - The Lady Bearcats closed out the regular season with a bang on Thursday night; LBB shot 48% from the floor on the way to a 70-33 rout of the Lady Royals on their senior night.

The Lady 'Cats got off to a slow start, but ultimately picked up the intensity on offense and utilized an overwhelming full-court press to pick up the big win.

"I thought offensively we got off to a slow start tonight," head coach Chad Allen said. "We didn't shoot the ball well out of the gate, but once we got on rhythm, we made a huge run."

"You could tell Twin Rivers came out with a lot of intensity. It was their senior night, so we knew they would," Allen continued. "They started to wear down midway through the first quarter, and our press started bothering them a lot, and that also helped us get on that big run."

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several shots from the paint in the first quarter. Tori Cole blocked two shots in the frame for the Lady Royals, but Dexter held a 14-9 lead after the first.

Alison Jarrell knocked down her second three of the night at the 6:00 mark to give the 'Cats a 29-11 lead. Erika Cobb added two treys in the frame, and a 15-footer at the buzzer from Taylor Owens gave the Lady 'Cats a 44-13 advantage at halftime.

The Lady 'Cats continued to run away with the game in the third quarter; Jarrell's seven point effort, including her third trey, nudged LBB to a 65-26 lead heading into the final eight minutes of play.

A running clock greeted the Lady 'Cats in the fourth quarter; Hannah Noe buried a three midway through the frame. The Lady 'Cats found themselves on top when the final buzzer

sounded with a 70-33 final.

The Lady 'Cats picked up a 29-23 victory in the JV contest for a sweep on the evening.

Cole collected a double-double for the Royals with 21 points and 11 blocked shots.

"Tori Cole is a very good player; she's long and athletic, and she caused some problems for us inside," Allen said. "She had around ten blocked shots, but Brittany and Paige battled all night."

Harris picked up a double-double for the Lady 'Cats with 10 points and 11 boards; Mollie Whitehead added 10 and nine, while Paige Patterson netted nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady 'Cats now look to the Class 4, District 1 tournament, where they picked up the No. 1 seed and a bye in the first round.

"I know our girls are going to be focused this week. We're going to take a couple days off, then get back in the gym on Sunday and Monday to prepare for districts," Allen said. "We'll definitely go take a look at the Ste. Gen-Perryville game Tuesday night. Both teams are similar, and it should be a good game between them. Ste. Gen beat Farmington earlier this year; we can't overlook anybody, and we're going to have to go in there and play hard."

"I think we've improved on a lot of aspects of the game; our guard play has gotten better throughout the year," Allen said of his squad. "Our inside presence has gotten better as well; Paige has really come a long way in the last year. A lot of it is gaining confidence; they've played more and are building confidence."

The Lady 'Cats will be in action again on Thursday, Feb. 23, when they take on either No. 3 Perryville and No. 6 Ste. Genevieve; tipoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. from the Sikeston Field House.

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.- After a nearly nine-month battle with brain cancer, Palm Beach Atlantic University baseball head coach Gary Carter passed away on Thursday, February 16th, 2012 at 4:10 pm.

Nicknamed "The Kid" for his infectious smile and enthusiasm, Carter spent the last two plus seasons coaching baseball for the NCAA Division II Sailfish following a Hall of Fame playing career in Major League Baseball. He was 57 years old.

Diagnosed with four small brain tumors in May of 2011, Carter had been receiving intense treatments of chemotherapy and other medical treatments as his type of cancer was deemed inoperable. Carter leaves behind an incredible legacy in many circles for his athletic abilities, charitable endeavors, and unyielding faith.

His most recent career path led him to join his daughter and son-in-law, Kimmy and Kyle Bloemers, at Palm Beach Atlantic University where Kimmy serves the University as its head softball coach and Kyle is an Assistant Athletic Director.

Inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 2003 following a brilliant 19-year playing career, Carter is known as one of the greatest catchers to ever play. Spending a majority of his career playing for the Montreal Expos and New York Mets, Carter helped lead the Mets to their only World Series Championship in 1986 as he started a two-out rally in Game Six to help propel the Mets to an improbable victory in seven games.

Following his playing career Carter went into coaching and managing within the minor league ranks and independent baseball before settling in as the Sailfish head coach in October of 2009. Carter's impact on Palm Beach County will forever be remembered as he has made it his permanent home since 1982.

The founder of the Gary Carter Foundation, Carter was instrumental in raising funds and awareness for such causes as juvenile diabetes, children with Autism, and in providing education resources to local schools.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandy with whom he was married to for 35 years. The couple has three children in Christy Kearce, Kimmy Bloemers, and D.J Carter. They also have three grandchildren in C.J. Kearce, Brady Kearce, and Alyse Bloemers.

Editor's Note - I exchanged a few brief text messages with Sawyer Smith this evening. Smith worked closely with 'Skip' during his freshman season, while he was furthering his abilities as a catcher. He said, "It's sad news, but we expected it."

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CAPE GIRARDEAU - The atmosphere was electric in the Show Me Center on Wednesday night as the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks played host to the No. 14 Murray State Racers. Donte Poole's 25 points led No. 14 Murray State (25-1, 13-1) to a 75-66 win over Southeast Missouri (14-12, 9-5). Murray State remained unbeaten on the road (11-0) en route to clinching its third-straight Ohio Valley Conference title.

Cold shooting early handed the Redhawks their first double-digit halftime deficit since trailing UMKC, 41-28, on Dec. 10. Southeast's .373 (22-of-59) field goal percentage marked a season-low. Southeast head coach Dickey Nutt was disappointed with the game's outcome, but noted the team still has several games remaining before the OVC Tournament.

"I'm disappointed we sent our fans home with a loss in this highly anticipated game," Nutt said. "We still have a lot of basketball left to play and I don't take anything away from our team."

Southeast struggled to get shots to fall in the first half, but even with the slow start, the Redhawks never trailed by more than four points until the last 6:22. Poole, however, hit all four of his three-pointers in the first half, including two during an 8-0 run that put Murray State ahead, 32-20, with :54 on the clock.

A pair of free throws from Marland Smith cut Murray State's lead to 32-22 at the half.

The Redhawks cut an 11-point deficit to five (33-28) at the 17:25 mark of the second half when Smith buried back-to-back treys, but that was as close as Southeast would get for

the rest of the night.

An Ed Daniel layup gave the Racers their biggest lead of the contest at 47-34 (10:47) before Murray State went on to pick up its second-straight win since getting upset at home by Tennessee State.

Southeast held Isaiah Canaan, the Ohio Valley Conference's second-leading scorer with a 19.6 average, scoreless for the first 17 minutes. Canaan finished with nine points on 2-11 shooting after netting 32 in the first meeting against the Redhawks on Feb. 2.

Poole led four Murray State starters in double figures, shooting 7-13 from the field, and adding four boards and two steals.

Leon Powell led Southeast with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Corey Wilford chipped in 12 points with three 3-pointers in the second half. Tyler Stone, the Redhawks top scorer with 15 points per game, was held scoreless for the first time this season in his 15 minutes on the court. Lucas Nutt and Smith followed with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"I want to credit Coach Nutt and Southeast Missouri," added Murray State first-year head coach Steve Prohm. "Coach Nutt has done a great job and Southeast Missouri is a good basketball team."

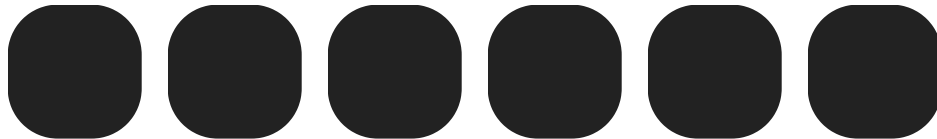
The Redhawks honored their seniors -- Powell, Marcus Brister, Logan Nutt, Zach House -- prior to tip-off. Tonight's home finale was the first time Southeast faced a ranked opponent at the Show Me Center, and it attracted the fifth-largest crowd in school history.

"There was nothing like the atmosphere tonight," commented Brister. "I really appreciate the support from our fans."

Southeast hits the road for its final three games of the regular-season. The Redhawks will step out of conference play to travel to McNeese State for a Sears BracketBuster matchup Saturday. Tip-off is set for 3:00 p.m.

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The Dexter Bearcats added another member to the ranks of past athletes moving on to play at the collegiate level on Wednesday afternoon at the Bearcat Event Center.

Zach Lacy, the son of Russ and Kim Lacy, will carry on his football career at Avila University next fall. The 6'1", 250-pound defensive tackle is one of 29 members of Avila's 2012 recruiting class.

Avila University is a Catholic University sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and is located in the Kansas City, Mo., area. The school boasts 1,200 enrolled undergraduate students, and is a member of the NAIA's Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC).

"They first contacted me back in November, after football season was over," Lacy recalled. "The coaches looked up some film on me on Hudl and called me."

"The biggest part of me wanting to play college was getting my education paid for," he said. "It was the icing on the cake, really; I wanted to keep playing, and Avila gave me the best offer."

Lacy was primarily an offensive tackle throughout his career for the Bearcats, but the Eagles sought him as a defensive lineman. DHS Offensive Line Coach Greg Lummukka noted Lacy's athleticism as a key factor in the decision.

"He's an explosive kid," Lummukka said. "He plays low, behind his pads, and has quick hands and feet. He's also very coachable."

The Eagles 'cleaned house' after the 2009-2010 season; Lacy will be a member of the second recruiting class under head coach Justin Berna, and will work closely with second-year Strength & Conditioning/Defensive Line coach Justin Wyatt. Wyatt's expertise on the D-Line is unquestioned; during his time at the University of Missouri (1994-1998), Wyatt was a four-year letterman for the Tigers and earned First Team All-Big XII honors in his senior season.

"I really liked all the coaches when I visited," Lacy said. "Coach Wyatt was a stud at Mizzou when he played, and definitely knows what he's doing. He's already helping me understand the differences between Avila's defensive scheme and what we did here."

Lacy just wrapped up his senior season as a member of the DHS wrestling team, and will graduate in May. He plans to pursue a degree in Business Administration at Avila.

Photo Above:

Zach Lacy signs his letter of intent to play football for the Avila University Eagles. With Zach are his father Russ (seated), DHS Head Coach Aaron Pixley (back row, left), and DHS Offensive Line coach Greg Lummukka (back row, right).

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