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Richland, Missouri - The Dexter Middle School basketball team traveled to Richland this week to take on the Rebels. The 8th Grade team continued their dominance over opponents extending their record to 4-0 on the season, while the 7th was able to capture a victory on the night moving to 3 -1.

The 8th grade 'Cats were led on the night by their strong performing Jason Jarrell. Jarrell has continued to be a strong force for the Bearcats on the middle school level and is an exceptional athlete.

He is surrounded also by other talent on the team such as Gavin Northcutt, Jackson Babb, and Riley Mason. This is an overall a good group of ball players that really work well together on the court. Most fans feel we will see this group continue to improve as they get more game time experience together.

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Rebels)", noted middle school basketball coach, Josh Dowdy. "We are doing a great job of making the extra pass which is resulting into easy buckets."

Jarrell ended the night with 22 points, with Northcutt having 11 and Babb with 9. Mason Riley and Ryan Mayo each contributed 4-points to the win. Bryce Simmons continues to be a strong person inside for the 'Cats, as he and Zach Potts each added two points on the night.

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quickly jumped out to a commanding lead in the 1st quarter creating a 16 to 4 margin. But the Rebels of Richland were quick to battle back with 16 points of their own in the 2nd quarter leaving the Bearcats a 3-point lead at halftime.

Richland continued to give the 7th grade Dexter team trouble in the 3rd by cutting the Bearcat lead by 1. But the Bearcats Nick Trout helped his team rally in the 4th quarter with 6-points combined with Bo McMullin's 4-points to give the 'Cats a 54 to 43 win over the Rebels.

"McMullin continues to be a workhorse for us all over the floor," commented Dowdy. "Marcus Woodson also came off the bench and provided a lot of energy. He hit some key buckets and played fearless tonight."

"Richland played well and hit a lot of buckets," Dowdy added. "We are not playing very good defense right now but it is to be expected since this is first time these kids have played man to man. We will improve with time as these kids want to get better."

The Middle School 'Cats will play again on Thursday night against the Bloomfield Wildcats at Bloomfield High School.

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