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Close Game for the Richland Rebels

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Essex, Missouri- Tuesday, December 4th was a busy day for the Richland High schoolers as the Beta Club put on a chili supper fundraiser, the Pep Band prepared songs to play at halftime, the Pep Clubbers painted their faces and put on all their red attire, and yes, last but not least, the Richland Rebel basketball team prepared for their first home game of the season.

The team this year is coached by Matt Cline and Tyler Feller, both teachers at Richland High. On Tuesday, they played the Campbell Camels in their own gym and it was a game that kept every fan in the gymnasium on the very edge of the bleachers.

The Rebels started their season off with two losses in the Oran Tournament in late November but that just showed them where their weak spots were so they could work harder to achieve success.

During the school day, the Pep Club and cheerleaders put on a pep rally to get the fans and students excited about the upcoming game where the Pep Club members dressed in red to “Red Out the Camels”. The cheerleaders performed a witty skit and music director, Amber Duley, did a fantastic job of introducing each and every basketball player.

The Rebels were missing two of their starters last night, but that didn’t slow them down. Senior Richard Forshee (#50) will hopefully soon be back on the court during their next game but had to sit out their last three games due to stressed tendons in his foot. Their other starter, junior Tyler Maddox, was at an absence but will also be participating in the next game.

The game against the Camels was definitely a game worth watching. It was a constant power struggle between both teams. The first quarter was 12 to 19 with the Camels in the lead. Both teams had to step up their defense due to their stronger players plowing through their defensive players.

The second quarter had the fans' heads whipping back and forth from one side of the court to the other as the ball flew into each net several times. The score of the second quarter was 33 to 34 with the Camels barely holding onto the lead.

During halftime, the Pep Band performed three of their more popular songs for the Richland audience: Party Rock Anthem, The Horse, and Crazy Train. The fans also got a special treat during halftime. With the big, gray hat, a fuzzy, white mustache, and a red suit, you would never be able to tell who was dancing in front of the crowd and helping lead the cheers. But it was "Colonel Red", Richland's first ever mascot to step foot onto the basketball court. The fans both young and old loved Colonel Red and we look forward to seeing him at each of our home basketball games this season.

The third quarter continued to grip the audience and the players as 

more shots were made. There was a constant struggle for strong defense on both sides of the court. Richland pulled ahead but lost their lead due to Campbell's multiple free throws, leaving the third quarter at 49 to 51.

The fourth quarter was definitely the most exciting quarter. The Rebels quickly took the lead away from the Camels and kept it throughout most of the quarter. The fans rose to their feet as the Camels began to catch up. It was a back and forth battle, with only a one or two point gap between the two teams just like the rest of the night. Due to multiple fouls on the Rebels, the Camels eventually pulled ahead and took the final victory of 65 to 71.

Sophomore Marcus Grayson made many incredible plays throughout the night and was the lead scorer, followed by sophomore Skyler Harper, senior Nick Daniels, senior Tyler Jacobs, and senior Jesse Barnes. Although they suffered a narrow defeat, the Rebels are still proud of their efforts and believe that the season will turn around very soon.

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Dexter 4th Grade Basketball Team Update

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Dexter 4th Grade Basketball Team Update

Dexter, Missouri- With the start of basketball season, it's easy to get swept away in the awe of the local high school basketball teams that have already made a great impact and have given us a great preview of what is to come throughout the winter. But we shouldn't forget about our little dribblers that will one day be those big high school ball players.

Dexter's fourth grade boys basketball team (class of 2021), has jumpstarted their very own season this year. The team recently kicked their season off at the Farmington Booster Club Tournament back on Saturday, November 17th. In pool play, they won their very first game against Farmington at 40 to 20. Their next victory was on the same day against the St. Genevieve Dragons, who were no match for the Bearcats who racked their points on the scoreboard, ending their second game at 34 to 19.

The team easily took two wins right in a row, which placed the fourth grade boys into the finals against the South Iron Jayhawks. Although the boys fought hard and played their hearts out, the Jayhawks took the final win of the day in Farmington, leaving the Bearcats with a 2-1 record and the score at 41 to 19.

The Bearcats have had a promising season so far with two humongous victories; be sure to mark your calendars so you can watch them play throughout the winter. The team will be participating in the Farmington fourth grade AAU league this winter, which makes their next game this Saturday, December 8th, at Farmington versus Fredericktown and St. Genevieve. Their following game will be played at Kelly on December 9th.

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Don't worry Bearcat fans, because the fourth grade team will also be playing right at home this winter in our very own gym against Charleston on Saturday, December 15th. They will also be playing a game at Chaffee the following Sunday.

The team is coached by Lloyd Hyten and the assistant coach is Dave Ellinghouse. They are looking forward to an eventful season with their team and many fun weekends filled with buzzers, cheering fans, and high scores.

The fourth grade basketball team has many successful players such as: Ryder Boles, Jackson Cade Allen, Andrew Ellinghouse, Dylan Sitze, Peyton Driskill, Ryan Collier, Riley Slusher, Carter Dorton, Zach Schaefer, and Austin Daniels. It's important to cheer these boys on as they tackle learning new skills, rules, and a love for a game that will last them a lifetime. So, we hope that they have a great season and bleachers full of fans at their upcoming basketball games!

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Bernie Defeats Scott City

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Last night the Bernie Mules took on Scott City in what was a much anticipated basketball match up.

The Bernie Mule fans weren't disappointed as both the junior varsity and varsity took victories over the Rams. The Bernie junior varsity finished with a huge 64-25 victory!

During the junior varsity game, a few players were unstoppable as they continued to drain baskets with ease throughout the game. Bernie's Ellenburg came up as the leading scorer with 19 points; Sparks not far behind with 18; and Vernon with 12 points.

The Bernie junior varsity holds a 2-0 record so far on their season. They will be playing Holcomb tonight at 6:30 in the Bernie JV tournament.

Many fans were highly anticipating the start of the Bernie Mules varsity game as they knew Scott City would have strong competition on the court. The game ended in Bernie's favor, however.

Just like the junior varsity, the Bernie varsity team took a solid victory over Scott City, but by a much smaller margin.

"We played well at times and struggled at times. We aren't very efficient offensively, and we've got to do a better job taking care of the ball and minimizing turn-overs," commented Bernie head coach Brad Botsch after the game.

The Bernie varsity is already off to an impressive start this season as they hold a record of four wins and zero losses so far.

The hard work being put into practice every day by the Mules showed during their game last night as they fought hard against Scott City to come up with a 69-53 victory.

“The kids are playing hard, and it’s still real early, so I think with continued emphasis on practice, we will start playing more efficiently and smoothly,” said Botsch.

Botsch continued by saying Bernie is just like any other team in the sense that they still have a lot of things to work on and get better at throughout the season.

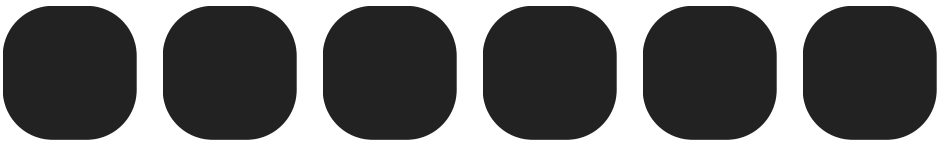
Bernie’s David Baker had quite the game as he continued going to the hoop throughout and ended up as the leading scorer with a total of 37 points. Sam Turner also stood out in last night’s game with nine points, and B.J. Jennings notched 8 points.

The next varsity game for the Mules is set for this Friday, December 7th against Gideon. Bernie hopes to have a big fan turn out as they travel to Gideon in hopes of continuing their undefeated record.

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BEARCAT Wrestlers post 66-12 Win Over New Madrid

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Bearcat wrestlers hosted the New Madrid County Central Eagles in a dual meet Tuesday and posted a 66-12 team win. It was an impressive outing across the spectrum of weight classes as there were only two losses; Jason Mattison in 195 and Damien Glasener in 285, who both lost by falls.

Dexter was also the beneficiary of four forfeits, in 106, 120, 152, and 170, while neither squad had a competitor in the 113 pound weight class.

The night was still filled with great wrestling excitement as Storm Massey, Trevor Waldner and Ethan Stevens muscled their opponents throughout the match. Each of these Bearcats were able to record victories, as well as Ty Harmon, Dylan Bazarian, Brad Wick and Brandon Wick.

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forward to the return of Senior Logan Quertermous in the 182 weight class.

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James Sneed. "Anytime we play New Madrid in any sport it's a big rivalry and I thought the kids rose to the occasion."

"We are real young," continued Sneed. "But they working hard everyday and their hard work is paying off."

Here are the Varsity results:

- 106 Brandon Twomey (D) won by forfeit
- 113 double forfeit
- 120 James Mullins (D) won by forfeit
- 126 Storm Massey (D) won by fall 3:56 over Riley Smith (NMCC)
- 132 Ty Harmon (D) won by fall 3:02 over Garrett Manley (NMCC)
- 138 Trevor Waldner (D) won by fall 2:50 over Bryce Smith (NMCC)
- 145 Ethan Stevens (D) won by fall 3:59 over Cole Nowell (NMCC)
- 152 Brandon Helm (D) won by forfeit
- 160 Dylan Bazarian (D) won by fall 1:25 over Alec Collier
- 170 Chance Jarrell (D) won by forfeit
- 182 Brad Wick (D) won by fall 2:52 over Austin Cummins (NMCC)
- 195 Jason Mattison (D) LOST by fall 2:55 to Blade Perkins (NMCC)
- 220 Brandon Wick (D) won by forfeit
- 285 Damien Glasener (D) LOST by fall :56 to Brandon Western (NMCC)

The Bearcats will be back in action Thursday December 6th as they host a triad meet featuring the Bulldogs of Cape Notre Dame and the Poplar Bluff Mules. Matches begin at 5 PM, so try to take some time after work to come out and show the grapplers that you support Dexter Bearcat wrestling!

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Bearcats Get Hot in 4th Quarter

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*by SMT writer
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Sikeston, Missouri- The Dexter varsity boys basketball team took their third trip to Sikeston in less than a week Tuesday night. This time the opponent was the Jackson Indians, and while the Bearcats still came out on the short end of a 64-38 final score, the beginnings of some improved play began to show in the second half.

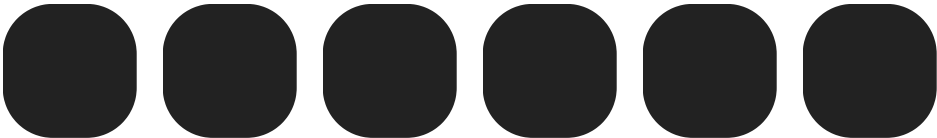
The game began in similar fashion to the previous night's blowout at the hands of tournament top seed Charleston, and in fact the Indians led the Bearcats 42-13 at halftime. But little by little the inexperienced Dexter squad began to find a range to the goal, getting three-point shots to fall on more than one occasion. Junior D..J. Dowdy led the offensive charge, really turning up the heat in the fourth quarter, assisted in the effort by senior Brad Potts. The Bearcats were able to put twice as many points on the board in the second half as they had in the first. Had the team played with this same intensity in the first two quarters, the final score might have been closer than anyone could have imagined.

So is this the start of a positive trend? Or just a one-time fluke? Only time will tell, and a turnaround can't come soon enough for the beleaguered Dexter fan base. Keep watching this space to find out!

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