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East Prairie, Missouri - The Bloomfield Wildcats traveled Friday night to take on East Prairie and found the Eagles to be a notable contest. After taking a few days off during the Christmas break, the Wildcats managed to put their game together and get the win over East Prairie by a score of 54 to 42 in varsity action.

"East Prairie really played us tough tonight," noted Head Coach Jason Karnes. "We were flat and not ready to play from the start, and it showed."

Brett Ruch continued his excellent performance for Bloomfield and led all scorers by posting 25-points on the night. Caleb Baker added 13-points for the Wildcats in the win.

Bloomfield dominated the first quarter of the contest but East Prairie battled back in first half to close the lead down to only 6-points. Bloomfield led at halftime by a score of 26 to 20.

Both teams

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came out sluggish after halftime only posting 7-points for the Wildcats and 8-points for the Eagles.

Caleb Baker was tested at the free throw line late in the game and was able to make five of six critical free throws during the fourth quarter. Ruch also got hot hitting one 3-pointer and three field goals during the final quarter.

The Bloomfield junior varsity team was also able to defeat East Prairie by a score of 62 to 29. Noah Vandiver led the JV Wildcats with 14-points followed by Kendrick McCollough with 11-points and Austin Bond with 10-points. The junior varsity team has a 9-3 record in the 2012-13 season.

The Wildcats had an excellent showing in their own Bloomfield Christmas Tournament. Bloomfield defeated the Malden Greenwave in the first round of the tournament with an overtime win 58 - 56. The Wildcats held Kennett scoreless in the final two minutes with Brett Ruch sealing the victory by traveling the full length of the court to deliver a swooping layup to win the game.

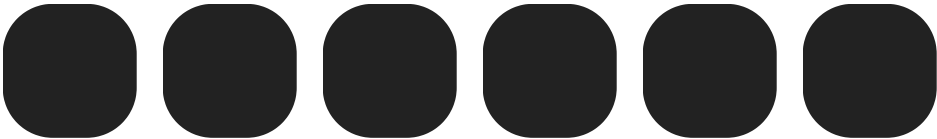
Bloomfield will continue their 2012-2013 season when they travel to the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter. The Wildcats put their 8-5 season record up against the Bearcats' 2-5 record. The Bearcats are coming off two regular season wins over Richland and Woodland and the game should prove to be a rival challenge for both teams.

(Pictures graciously provided by Jake Kreulen. Jake is offering a collection of team photos from the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament with proceeds going to support 18 FORE Life. Contact Jake via his Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/jakekreulen?ref=ts&fref=ts>)

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Lady Cats Win in St. Louis

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Dexter MO - Coach Chad Allen wanted to upgrade his schedule this year to get his Lady Cats ready for the postseason. One of those upgrades occurred Saturday as the Lady Cats traveled to DeSmet High School in St. Louis to take on the Webster Groves Lady Statesmen.

Webster Groves came out in a 1-2-2 zone defense in an effort to control the inside game of the Lady Cats. Brittany Harris spoiled that effort early on with a basket and 3 free throws. Paige Patterson also made an early basket to give the Cats a 7-6 lead. After a WG basket, Allison Jarrell hit the first of her 2 three-pointers on the night, to give the Cats a short lived 10-8 lead. A basket by Moran of the Statesman tied the game at 10 at the end of the first quarter.

The two teams continued to battle, with Jarrell making two free throws, Patterson making one and Harris making a short jumper to give the Lady Cats a 15-12 lead. Leah Brand then scored 5 straight points for WG to take a two point lead.

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Waldner bank shot tied the game, Brand scored the last two points of the half for the Statesmen, which would also be the last time they led the game. Allison Jarrell hit a three and Erika Cobb hit a three pointer with :02 left on the first half clock to send the Lady Cats to the locker room with a 23-19 advantage.

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The Lady
Cats opened

up a 9 point lead with baskets by Cobb, Mollie Whitehead and two big three pointers by Hannah Noe making the score 34-25. After two Lady Cat turnover, WG closed the gap as they scored twice to give the Cats a 34-29 third quarter lead.

A Paige Patterson basket and free throw opened the lead to 8 points and then things began to get interesting. Webster Groves put on a full court press that gave Dexter fits. The Cats turned the ball over three times and after Statesmen scores the Lady Cat lead was down to two.

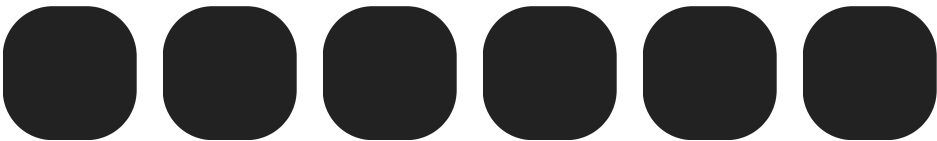
Erica Cobb steamed the tide with a basket. Rachel Sondag made two free throws and a basket to make the score 40-39 Dexter. The teams traded points and with a minute left the score was Dexter 42-41. The Statesmen had to foul the Cats and they responded making 6 of 8 in the final minutes (by Harris, Jarrell and Katelynn Frazier) for the 48-41 win.

With the win the Lady Cats improve to 12-1 on the season and will travel to Kennett Monday night to take on the Lady Indians. JV game time is 6 pm with the varsity game to follow.

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It was Winter Homecoming tonight in the Bearcat Event Center as the Bearcats took on the Woodland Cardinals in hopes to gain their second win of the season.

After two tough losses in the annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament, the Bearcats got back on the court for a few days of practice in hopes to turn things around soon.

The Bearcats did quite the turn around as they played their strongest offense all season against the Cardinals. The first quarter was frustrating for players and fans, as it seemed hard for the Bearcats to take a good shot.

Not too long into the second quarter the Bearcats came out on the court strong and showed fans what they'd hoped to see. Dexter stepped up their defense, and started making their shots on almost every possession.

At the half, Dexter led Woodland 30-10.

Things only got better during the third quarter for the Bearcats. The Dexter team turned up the heat with their defense and had a lot of steals that kept all the Bearcat fans excited.

There wasn't much that the Woodland Cardinals could do to turn it around and make it a victory for their team. Dexter jumped out ahead early and held onto the solid lead all throughout the whole game.

With the excitement of homecoming, a strong lead, and a crowded Bearcat Event Center, the Bearcats gained their second victory of the season as they ended with a whopping 64-23 win over Woodland.

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Dexter, Missouri - The 2012-13 season has not been an easy start for the DHS boys basketball team. Opening up the season against some of the top area competition of Sikeston, Charleston and Jackson, the Bearcats have been able to win only one game this season against the Richland Rebels.

Tonight, the Bearcats opened the 2013 portion of their season against the Woodland Cardinals. Most pre-game reports felt that the game would be competitive but most gave the edge to the Bearcats.

The varsity game gave every indication that the contest was going to low scoring and very close on the scoreboard. The first quarter remained in the single digits throughout most of the period, ending with a score of 10 to 6 in favor of the Bearcats. Austin Richardson for the 'Cats was able to hit a 3-point shot late in the quarter.

There was  little

improvement for the Cardinals in the 2nd quarter offensively as they were only able to add 4-points to their score. The Bearcats were able to discover a strong offensive attack

lead by point guard Chase Young. Young hit 10-points for the 'Cats of his own and was assisted by D. J. Dowdy with an additional 5-points and Senior Ryan Joyner with 3-points.

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Head
Coach

Rob Nichols increased the defensive pressure on the Cardinals by applying a full court press. That proved to be an excellent decision by the Bearcat's coaching staff as Dexter aggressively hustled on defense. The high pressure defense brought about one turnover after another by Woodland which the 'Cats were able to convert into layups. Dexter stretched the lead to 30 to 10 at halftime.

D. J. Dowdy certainly didn't cool off during the halftime break. Dowdy came out smoking offensively for the Bearcats in the third with 9-points. Richardson added another 3-point shot, while Young moved outside with him hitting two 3-pointers and a free throw. Brad Potts found an open lane to add his 2nd field goal of the night to give the Bearcats a 51 to 18 lead going into the final quarter.

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With the
mercy

clock running, the fourth quarter quickly passed. Coach Nichols allowed some of his younger talent to get some good varsity experience. Freshman Chandler Young (a brother to Chase) jumped in with his brother to tally up five of the 13-points in the fourth quarter. Chase Young and Myles Urhan accounted for the other portion of the points.

It was a
great

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night for Chase Young. It is certainly an asset to have him back healthy and in the starting line up. Nothing proves that more than the total points column of the score book showing Young with 27-points on the night. Junior D. J. Dowdy also had a strong offensive night putting up 15-points.

The Bearcats won the game by a score of 64 to 23. Overall it was a great second win for the Bearcats for the season and should give some confidence for the team.

The junior varsity game was much closer but the Bearcats were able to rally in the final quarter to defeat Woodland by a score of 41 to 36. There were several lead changes throughout the game, with critical fourth quarter free throws by Blake Horton helping to seal the win. Horton lead the JV Bearcats with 17 total points and was 5 of 7 on free

throws in the final quarter. Austin Chesser had 6-points on the night, followed by Ethan Flowers and Noah Kronk with 4-points each.

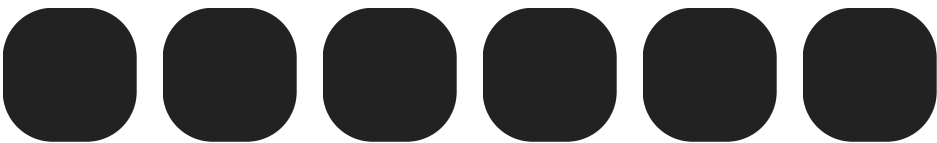
The Bearcats will be back in action with both junior varsity and varsity action against the Bloomfield Wildcats. The game will be Tuesday, January 8th at the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter and will begin at 6:00 PM.

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The Rebels Stomp The Cubs

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Essex, Missouri - Tonight was an exciting night for the Rebel fans as the basketball team played a tough game against the Bell City Cubs on their home court. The Rebel Rousers, Richland's Pep Club, showed their support by wearing crazy socks and shoes with their slogan "Kick Those Cubs to the Curb". The high school cheerleaders and the school's mascot, Colonel Red, kept the crowd cheering with excitement throughout the night.

This was the team's first Friday night game and their second home game of the season, which allowed the bleachers to fill up fast with fans from both schools. Richland quickly got on the court and got the ball and kept the lead throughout the first quarter, but only held it by one or two points. The Cubs constantly tied with the Rebels, sinking free throws left and right. The first quarter ended with the Rebels barely holding onto the lead at 19 to 17.

The second quarter was a definite power struggle for both teams. While Bell City hit nearly every free throw that they shot, Richland had trouble with their defense. Bell City took the lead due to senior Jerad Yates (#5), who was quick on his feet and had multiple chances to sink the ball through the net. Senior Richard Forshee (#50) quickly retrieved the ball on the rebounds and helped the Rebels keep up with the quick pace of the Cubs. In the last few seconds of the second quarter, the Rebels once again pulled ahead, keeping the score at a three point gap. Halftime began with a score of 33 to 30, with the Rebels leading again.

Just like every home game at Richland High School, the Pep Band led by Amber Duley, played a few songs to keep the crowd energetic and entertained. While the Rebels were in the locker room working on a strategy, the band played the *Hey Song*, *Land of a Thousand Dances*, *September*, and their favorite classic: *Go Big Red*. Colonel Red helped the cheerleaders with their cheers during the break as the crowd anxiously waited for the second half of the game to continue.

The next two quarters had the audience on the edge of the bleachers and their hearts racing. Senior Nick Daniels and sophomore Marcus Grayson played great defense for the Rebels as they slowly but surely took a larger lead from the Cubs. Sophomore Skyler Harper and Forshee also had multiple layups and great offense. Senior Jesse Barnes shot many free throws that helped out his team, bringing the third quarter into the Rebels' advantage of 56 to 40.

The last quarter was a total steal for Richland and the Cubs couldn't get their hands on the ball. With Grayson and Forshee constantly passing and scoring, the Rebels seemed to have a strong front as Bell City lost the ball to them nearly every time they tried to make a pass.

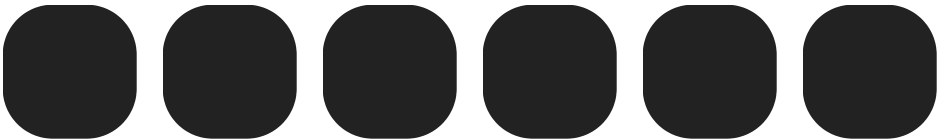
The Rebels recently lost each game in the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament two weeks ago, but after a few long and tiring practices, their efforts have paid off because their improvements as individuals and teammates have been phenomenal. These advances shined brightly during the fourth quarter of tonight's game when the Rebels played keep away with the Cubs and ended their second home game with a score of 83 to 55.

Tonight's game was a great way for Richland to start off the brand new year of 2013 and both the Rebel Rousers and the fans in the crowd went wild as the team celebrated their victory. The Rebel Basketball Team is currently preparing for the next home game on Monday, January 7th, against the Woodland Cardinals. The boys are also practicing hard to ready themselves for their upcoming Homecoming game on January 18th, against the Zalma Bulldogs.

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