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## Jammin' in January Tournament

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The girls' NSSC Volleyball Team was at Oakville High School, a suburb of south St. Louis this past weekend. The "Jammin' in January" tournament consisted of eight teams competing for the title.

Katie Niemczyk coaching for the girls as they played the Rockwood Thunder Volleyball Club, a powerhouse out of St. Louis. The girls went 6-0 in pool play and 5-1 in tournament play. They won first place in the gold division with a final set of 18-16.

This is an awesome group of girls who are from the Dexter, Advance and Marble Hill area. The NSSC Club teaches the girls to develop self-discipline, confidence and personal growth and to take pride in themselves and their team.

Volleyball is a great sport that can be enjoyed at all ages. Please support this group of talented athletes as their next tournament is Saturday, January 12th in Belleville, Illinois.

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## Bearcat Wrestler Get 2nd Place In St. Louis

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**St. Louis, Missouri** -The Dexter Wrestling team traveled to Park Hills Central High School early Saturday morning to compete in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Invitational Dual meet. Though the travel distance is always a struggle for the team, the competition found at this tournament is well worth the effort for the Bearcat athletes to build their skills for post season action.

The Park Hills Tournament is a highly competitive twelve team tournament with many of the teams coming from St. Louis area. As a one-day, twelve team tournament, a unique tournament format is required to make certain that all matches can be completed.

To do this, the twelve high school wrestling teams that are divided up into four wrestling pools of three teams to make up the first round matches. These matches basically operate in a team style dual tournament format with the top two teams from each pool advancing to the second level of the tournament.

Assigned to Pool B, the Bearcats were matched against two St. Louis teams from Lutheran South and Festus High School. Dexter started the day by defeating Lutheran South 66-10, and then defeated Festus by a score of 60-24 to advance from the initial pool.

With eight teams remaining, the Bearcats were set to compete against Brentwood High School. The Bearcats defeated them by a score of 60-24 advancing to the next round against the Park Hill Central Rebels.

The Park Hills contest proved to be the most exciting dual of the day as the Bearcats only held a slight lead over Park Hills of 33 to 31. With only two matches remaining, freshman Storm Massey (120 lb) defeated Dillon Ball by an overtime score of 2-0 giving the Bearcats a 36-31 lead going into the final match.

The last match of the dual pitted Dexter's James Mullins and Central's Jonathan Goheed in the 126 pound weight division. With time expiring in the match, Mullins found a third period flurry of moves to score a reversal with back points. Those points were just enough to give Mullins an 8-7 victory in his match but also secured the 39-31 team win for the Bearcats.

Poised for the finals against the DeSoto Dragons, the Bearcats found the competition to be difficult dropping the dual to the Dragons by a score of 49-28. The loss gave the Bearcats a second place finish in the tournament for the second year in a row.

"Overall, it was a good day for the Bearcat wrestling program," noted Head Coach James Sneed.

Junior Trevor Waldner has been dominate on the mat tallying up 5 wins on the day and moving his record this season to 26 -1. Trevor's only loss came in the prestigious Tiger Classic Tournament when he was defeated by a score of 13-4 by Tyler Rush of the Jackson Indians.

"Sophmores Jason Mattison and Dylan Bazarian had a great day today," added Sneed. "They were all 5-0 on the day, while freshman James Mullins was 4-0 but was unable to wrestle in the finals due to back spasms.

### **vs Festus Tigers:**

The Bearcats had a great showing in the matches against the Festus Tigers. Of the 14 overall matches, the Bearcats were gifted 5 matches by forfeit accounting for over half of the team points. The Festus team was unable to fill these weight classes for the competition forfeiting to Bearcat's Ty Harmon (132), Jason Mattison (195), Keith Craft (285), Brandon Twomey (106) and Storm Massey (120).

Trevor Waldner led off for the Bearcats and captured a pin over the Tigers Kade Stevenson in the 138# weight class. In the 145# weight class, freshman Ethan Stevens stepped in to pin Caleb Shepard at the 3:10 mark of his match.

These two wins were follow by Dylan Bazarian's impressive pin of Nathan Miller of Festus only 0:37 seconds into the first period of the 152 # weight division. Dexter's 128 pounder James Mullins pinned his opponent, Steven Williams in the second period and Steven Parks (113) was victorious pinning Toni Shephard only one minute into his match.

Bearcats won the dual against the Festus Tigers by a score of 60 to 24.

### **vs DeSoto Dragons:**

The Bearcats found a much more stiff competitor in the DeSoto High School Dragons. The Bearcats lost to the Dragons by a score of 49 to 28.

Dylan Bazarian continued his winning ways as he pinned 152 pound Randy West of DeSoto in the first period. In the 195# weight class, Jason Mattison also won his second match of the day as he stuck Dominic Huskey very quickly at the 0:27 second mark of the first period.

Two other Bearcats, Logan Quertermous (182) and Storm Massey (120) raised their hand without a match as DeSoto forfeited these weight divisions.

The big match of the day was in the 138 pound weight division as Dexter's Trevor Waldner was pitted against DeSoto's Logan Ott. The match went to the full distance of three 2-minute periods. Waldner came out the winner defeating Ott in a tough battle by a score of 11-1.

### **NEXT MATCHES:**

The Bearcats wrestling team will be back in action on **January 15th** as Dexter will host Anna/Jonesboro (IL) and Festus here at the Dexter High School gymnasium. Matches will begin at 5:00 PM.

The 'Cats Grapplers will remain busy as they prepare for the 2-day **SEMO Conference Tournament** on **January 18th and 19th**.

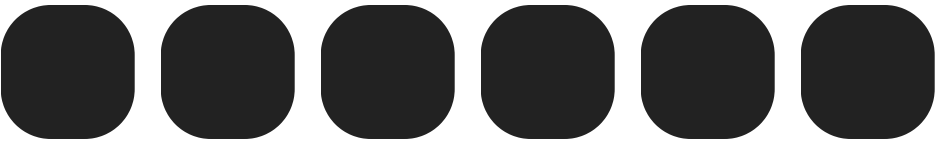
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# Bloomfield Defeats East Prairie Eagles

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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.

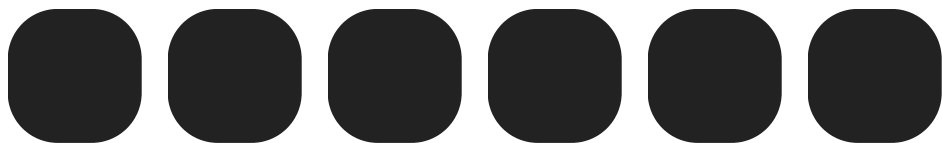
The Wildcats had an excellent showing in their own Bloomfield Christmas Tournament. Bloomfield defeated the Malden Greenwave in the first round of the tournament with an overtime win 58 - 56. The Wildcats held Kennett scoreless in the final two minutes with Brett Ruch sealing the victory by traveling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

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## Lady Cats Win in St. Louis

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### Lady Cats Win in St. Louis

**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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## Dexter Wins on Homecoming

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Dexter Wins on Homecoming

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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.



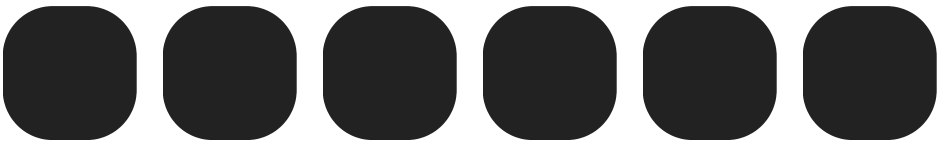
There wasn't much that the Woodland Cardinals could do to turn it around and make it a victory for their team. Dexter jumped out ahead early and held onto the solid lead all throughout the whole game.

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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