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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bloomfield Wildcats grab their first round win Tuesday night in a triple overtime victory over the Puxico Indians. The Wildcats won by a score of 72 to 66.

A low scoring first quarter, Puxico stepped out to gain a slim margin of only 2-point over Bloomfield. With a strong defensive performance by both teams, Puxico spread their 4 field goals over four members of their team. The Wildcats Brett Ruch got started on his scoring spree by capturing 4 of his game total of 31-points.

Puxico continued to maintain a slight lead of Bloomfield in the second period going in at halftime with a 21 to 14 score. The Indians Zack Tucker had the hot hand scoring 6-points. The Wildcats were only able to find eight points in the quarter.

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after halftime and dropped in 6-points for the Wildcats, outscoring Puxico by 1-point on the quarter. With a 31 to 25 lead, it appeared that the number five seeded Indians were well positioned for an upset over the number four seeded Bloomfield Wildcats.

But the Wildcats had other ideas for the outcome of this contest with strong performances by Brett Ruch, Caleb Baker and Zac Goode. Ruch added 8-points, while Baker contributed 6-points and Goode kicked in a three-pointer to tie the game at 47 by the end of regulation.

The same trio for the Wildcats continued their dominant performance throughout all overtime periods with Bloomfield pulling away in the third overtime by 6-points to take the win.

"I'm really proud of our guys for battling a very good Puxico team tonight," noted head coach Jason Karnes. "We never could get much going until the end, and we were fortunate we made a couple of shots to extend the game."

"We had some guys really step up in key situations, both offensively and defensively, to give us the opportunity to play in the semi-finals on Thursday," added Karnes.

Bloomfield will take on the number one seed Bernie Mules in the final game on Thursday night. Game time is 8:30 and will prove to be a great contest.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - As the Stoddard County Athletic Association tournament continues with first round action tonight in Bloomfield, the Dexter Bearcats junior varsity advanced with a strong win over the Bell City Cubs by a score of 56 to 28.

The final score was not reflection of the overall game as the junior varsity Cubs kept the game close in the opening quarters. The Bearcats were only able to find a 3-point lead at the end of the first quarter and only led at half time by a score of 20 to 14.

A low scoring half, the Bearcats' Blake Horton and Austin Chesser were able to nail a 3-pointer each in the opening quarter. Noah Kronk was able to contribute one field goal also. The 2nd quarter remained cold offensively with Horton and Jacob Murdock were able to drop in 2-points each from the field.

Fortunately for the Bearcats, they were near a perfect 5 of 6 at the free throw line. Chesser and Kronk added two of the free throws each and Austin Aldridge added one.

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came out ready and gave us all we wanted for the first half," commented JV coach Shawn Guethle. "They really outworked us."

With only one point in the first half, Austin Aldridge for the 'Cats had a dynamic second half scoring 10 additional points. Aldridge combined with the other Austin (Chesser) for 13 of the 24-points in the third quarter.

Having dominated the third quarter, the Bearcats began the final period with a 24 point lead. Jacob Pedigo lit up the night from three point land with two three-point shots in the quarter.

"In the second half, we turned up the defensive intensity and our depth started to wear them down a little," noted Guethle. "We started to play very unselfishly and spread the ball around to the open man very well."

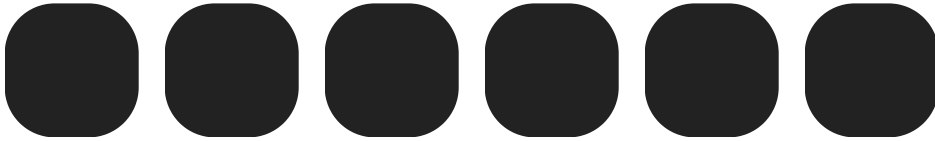
With the #2 seed in the SCAA tournament, the Bearcats Junior Varsity will be back in action on Thursday afternoon, January 24. Game time is at 4:00 PM when the 'Cats will take on the #3 seed Bloomfield Wildcats.

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The Lady Miners Defeat the UIS Prairie Stars

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Rolla, Missouri - The S&T Lady Miners Basketball Team is ecstatic about their latest win on January 19th in Rolla against the Prairie Stars from Springfield, Illinois. It was a tough game to play but the Lady Miners refused to back down from the fight. The Lady Miners has a winning season this far with 8-5, including the win that they recently took from the Quincy University Hawks on Thursday, January 17th.

Katelyn Heil (#15), is a senior at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla this year and has been on the basketball team for the past three years. She has been a big

part of the Lady Miners and their team throughout her collegiate basketball career but will be graduating in the spring. Heil is a graduate from Dexter High School and even though she is hours away from her hometown, she still has a large number of fans rooting for her that are from the bootheel.

In the basketball game against the Prairie Stars last Saturday, the Lady Miners struggled against their rivals as the Prairie Stars hit six three pointers in a row, quickly catching up to the eight out of nine shots that the Lady Miners had made when the game first started. The Lady Miners only led by six but the Prairie Stars quickly stole the lead with a free throw and barely held on, leaving the score at 29 to 28.

The Lady Miners quickly stole the lead as the next quarter began as a new play started. They pulled together and had a score of 33 to 31. The Prairie Stars missed their chance to catch up to the Lady Miners but failed when the ball was turned over, allowing a Lady Miner to snatch the ball and sink a free throw, keeping the lead and creating a bigger point gap with a score of 36 to 31.

The Prairie Stars made 44% of their shots in </images/Beth's Pictures/Katelyn Heil 2.jpg> the first half of the game while the Lady Miners made 54%. As the second half began, the Lady Miners scored one point towards their lead but missed two layups and quickly lost their chance to jump even farther ahead of their opponents. Three minutes into the third quarter, the Lady Miners lost their lead as the Prairie Stars scored five points, pushing the score to 37 to 36. The Lady Miners managed to make two layups and began to create a small gap between them and the Prairie stars but their competition was never far behind. The Prairie Stars were only behind by four points after the Lady Miners sunk another free throw.

It only took the Lady Miners six minutes to create a twenty-point gap between them and the Prairie Stars. It was overall the biggest lead of the night with a score of 69 to 49. The Prairie Stars continued to play hard but could not quite catch up to the Lady Miners who made 50% of their shots during the second half of the game. In the end, the Lady Miners took the win, adding another victory to their season with a total of nine wins. Katelyn Heil scored a total of three points during the game against UIS Prairie Stars and had an average of 4.4.

The Lady Miners are now headed to St. Louis on Thursday to play against the University of Missouri St. Louis Tritons. The team will be spending the weekend in St. Louis where they will prepare for their next game on Saturday, January 26th, where they will compete against the Maryville University Saints. The Lady Miners and Heil are excited for this weekend and hope to play hard against both opponents and keep up their winning streak.

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Travis Waldner Qualifies for AAU State Tournament

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Dexter, Missouri - Travis Waldner looks up to his siblings and their athletic abilities as he is an up and coming super athlete himself.

Travis wrestles with the Jackson USA Wrestling Team. This past Sunday, he traveled to St. Louis and competed in the AAU Ozark Districts Championship. This wrestling tournament is noted to be the oldest consecutive running tournament west of the Mississippi.

He was one of 18 kids in his weight class bracket and he finished 5th with a 6-2 on the

tournament. This qualified him for the AAU State Wrestling Tournament which will be held on Sunday, February 24th. Congratulations to Travis on his success!

Awards at the AAU State Tournament will be medals to the top 6 wrestlers in the Gold Division, a trophy to the Champion and medals for 2nd - 6th place in the Blue Division and a plaque for "Most Falls by Champion" in each age group in the Blue Division.

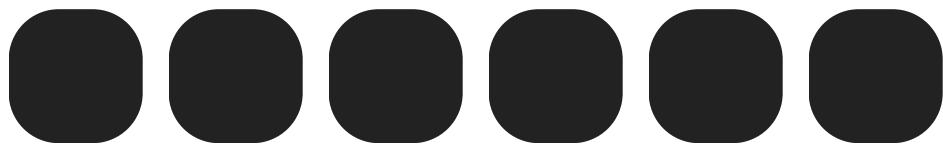
For more information about AAU State Wrestling call 314-827-4006 or go to www.moaustate.com. You may also contact Greg Kloepfel at greg@moaustate.com.

The ShowMe Times wishes Travis the best of luck!!

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Dexter, Missouri - Another great week of exciting match-ups, fierce rivalries and conference games as the only conference tournament of the week is the Stoddard County Athletic Association (SCAA) Tournament in Bloomfield, Missouri.

The Dexter Bearcats were on top of their game last night as they demolished the Woodland Cardinals in the first round of the SCAA Tournament. Final score Dexter 61 Woodland 31.

If the Bearcats had not scored one point in the second half they still could have pulled off the win. By half-time, Dexter had racked up a total of 43 points, still enough to beat the Cardinals who only had 11 points on the board.

Dexter had three players with double digits during this first round of SCAA Tournament play. Chase Young, #3 was the top scorer for the Bearcats with 17 points and D.J. Dowdy, #11 right behind him with 16 points. Ryan Joyner, #33 had 10 points for the Bearcats.

The Dexter Bearcats have been playing much better in recent weeks, despite the loss to NMCC last Friday night. If they can get past Advance on Thursday evening, they have a good shot at winning the SCAA Tournament. Dexter just recently won a great game against Bernie, who is considered to be the top seed to win the tournament.

Advance is going to be tough with their win over Richland in their first round of action by a score of 82 to 38 as they are on a winning high for this tournament. Game time is Thursday January 24th at 7:00 p.m. when the Dexter Bearcats try to take the sting out of the Advance Hornets.

Tonight's match-ups are Bernie vs Bell City at 7:00 p.m. and Bloomfield vs Puxico at 8:30 p.m. These should be some awesome games to watch tonight at the Bloomfield High School.

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