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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - The Bloomfield Wildcats traveled to Poplar Bluff, Saturday afternoon, February 9th to play the Gideon Bulldogs at the Three Rivers College.

At the end of the 1st quarter, the Wildcats were leading by one, 12 to 11. The defensive tactics for both teams were keeping the players from scoring and really challenged the offense. Only Brett Ruch #21 and Thomas Sanders #24 were able to score for the Wildcats in the first few minutes of the game. The second quarter was really no better, each team kept up with their defensive playing as both teams scored 14 points apiece. At half the Wildcats were still leading 26 to 25.

After half-time, the Bulldogs seemed to have some renewed strength as the 3rd quarter seemed to go their way in scoring. Players, Adams, Goin, and Lawrence made some key shots that sent them up and over the Wildcats. By the end of the quarter they were leading 43 to 40.

The Wildcats tried to hang on, but the Bulldogs seemed to come alive in the 4th quarter and keep their defensive strategy strong. Only Bret Ruch was able to score for Bloomfield. At the end, the Bulldogs were able to defeat the Wildcats 58 to 49. This brings the Bloomfield Wildcats to 12-12 on the season. Bloomfield's Caleb Baker #2 had 11 points for the afternoon including one 3-pointer along with top scorer Brett Ruch #21 with 16 points. Brett also had one 3-pointer.

The Wildcats will be in action again, Tuesday night, February 12th as they travel to Portageville. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

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