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Essex, Missouri - The Bernie Mules traveled to Essex Tuesday evening to try and bring their record to 20 wins on the season and they did just that. The Richland Rebels were forced to mark their last home game of the season as a loss against their opponents but the boys on both sides of the court played an overall outstanding game.

"It is nice to reach the 20 win plateau," stated Coach Brad Botsch of Bernie. "With the schedule we play, 20 wins is certainly an accomplishment. Our kids are working hard preparing for districts."

David Baker #31 and Sam Turner #45 both shooting for the Bernie Mules were in double digits. Baker had 24 points with 11 baskets and 2 field goals. Turner scored 18 points including four 3-pointers.

The first quarter was quite difficult for the Rebels after losing the tip off to Turner, allowing the Mules to score the first of the points. The visiting team pulled ahead and the Rebels slowly fell farther and farther behind. In the first quarter, the Mules seemed to dominate with baskets. By the end of the first half, the Bernie Mules were leading 37 to 22, proving to be a major challenge for the home team.

In the second half, the Rebels stepped up their offense a bit, but not enough to overtake the state ranked Mules. The Rebels showed a bit of hope during the third quarter, closing in on the point gap. The home team almost turned things around but lost multiple points due to turnovers and rebounds they weren't able to catch. The Mules showed great defense throughout the game and had energetic players who were standing ready and quick on their feet.

In the end, the home team counted their final home game of the season as a loss and the Mules took their twentieth win of the season, which is an amazing honor for any basketball team. The final score of the night was Bernie with 69 and the Rebels with 52.

Richland Rebels' Richard Forshee #50 was the top scoring player with 20 points for the night, including six field goals from Bernie fouls. Skyler Harper #1 and Nick Daniels #22 were also in double digits with 13 points and 11 points respectively. The only other player to score for the Rebels was Marcus Grayson #23 who had 8 points in the second half.

The Rebels gave it their all and it was an overall exciting game for the many fans that came out last night for the Tuesday game. The bleachers were filled with both visitors and Rebel fans who were very energetic throughout both games, which was a delight for the boys that got the opportunity to play on the court.

The JV Mules increased their record to 21-2 on the season and are doing quite well. Ellenburg was the high scorer for the game with 16 points. The final score for the night was Mules 36, Rebels 24.

Both teams are currently preparing for districts, which will take place within the next couple of weeks, where the basketball season will officially come to an end.

"I like the things we are doing together, and I think we will be ready for districts. We couldn't have a better game to help prepare for that atmosphere than with Sikeston on Friday night," stated Coach Botsch. "They can bury you in a hurry and we must compete at an unbelievable level every single possession if we want to stay in the gym with the Bulldogs. I hope our guys will be ready to compete!"

Catch the Bernie Mules at home on Friday night against state ranked Sikeston Bulldogs. Game time is 6:00 p.m. This is a game you won't want to miss!

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DHS Bearcats Head to State Wrestling Tournament

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Dexter, Missouri - Seven members of Bearcat Wrestling team will be traveling to Columbia, Missouri for the upcoming State Wrestling Tournament. They will be competing at the Mizzou Arena on Thursday, February 14th, Friday, February 15th and the Championship rounds on Saturday, February 15th.

The State Championships consist of the top four competitors in each weight division. So there are going to a lot of matches over the next few days. Tyler Wagner from YHCtv stopped by the Dexter High School to interview these talented athletes and their coach yesterday. The ShowMe Times was on hand to hear the interviews and chat with the wrestlers.

Head Wrestling Coach Sneed stated, "We will have three district champions representing Dexter on the mats at the State level. We also finished second at the Class2, District 1 Tournament this past weekend in Ste. Genevieve."

Storm Massey is a Freshman at Dexter High School and is in the 126 lb weight class. He placed 3rd in the Districts and this is his first time going to the State Championships. His record is 23-13 for the season.

James Mullins is also a Freshman at Dexter High School and is in the 120 lb weight class division. He placed 2nd at Districts and this is also his first time going to Columbia for the State Championships. His record is 24-12 this season.

Another Freshman at Dexter High School and is also his first time competing at the State level is Ethan Stevens. He will be competing in the 145 lb class division and placed 1st at the District level. His record is 33-13 on the season.

"We have a very talented group of Freshman and I see more success as they get better and more experienced," commented Coach Sneed.

Cameron Craft, a 285 lb weight class competitor is a Sophomore at Dexter High School and this will be his first time competing in Columbia at the State level.

Dylan Bazarian, who was not present during the YHCtv interview with Tyler Wagner, is also a Sophomore at Dexter High School and this is his second time competing at the State level. He finished 1st at Districts and competes in the 152 lb weight class division.

Trevor Waldner is the only Junior at Dexter High School that is competing this year at State. He has had an awesome season this year with a record of 45 wins and only 2 losses. He placed 1st at District in his weight division and this is his 3rd year to compete in Columbia. He is ranked #4 in the State for his 132 lb weight class.

Logan Quertermous is Dexter's only Senior competing this year at the State Wrestling Championships. He placed 2nd at District and is ranked 17th in Class 2. His weight class is 182 lbs. During his interview with YHCtv he stated, "This should be a good match and I am very excited about being at the State level. It's the first time for me."

Coach Sneed expressed his exuberance as he is taking seven wrestlers this year, two more than last year. "I expect several of these boys to bring home a medal or two. We have a

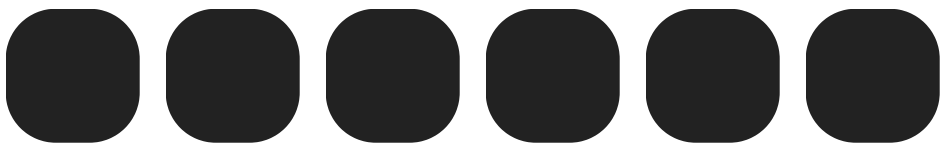
very talented group of young men and I am proud of each and every one of them for getting to this level."

The Dexter community and wrestling fans from all over wish them much luck as they head to Columbia for State Championship Wrestling!

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Portageville, Missouri - The Bloomfield Wildcats traveled to Portageville Tuesday evening to take on the Bulldogs.

"I thought we competed and battled against a tough Portageville team tonight with out a couple of guys in the line up," commented Jason Karnes, Head Basketball Coach for Bloomfield.

Caleb Baker, #2 for the Wildcats had a very frustrating night with Portageville continuously fouling him. He scored 21 points with 9 points coming from field goals. He did an awesome job keeping his cool and hitting the basket.

Zach Goode, #4 stepped into action for the Wildcats as he had 17 points of which four were 3-pointers. He too was fouled a few times hitting adding 5 field goal points.

Thomas Sanders, #24 was also in double digits for the Wildcats. He scored 12 points including two 3-pointers and four field goals.

Karned continued to say that, "Portageville did a good job of speeding us up and we had trouble adjusting to it."

This game could be called a game of field goals and field goal attempts with 49 field goal attempts made, 32 points were made from the line. The Wildcats were able to capture eighteen points off of their 30 attempts while Portageville making fourteen of their nineteen attempts.

Coach Karnes stated, "Proud of my guys for the effort and toughness they played with, but we still didn't get the job done. Got to get back at it tomorrow to prepare for a very good Advance team."

The final score was Bloomfield 54, Portageville 63. The Wildcats are 12-13 on the season.

The JV Wildcats did not fair any better than the varsity team on Tuesday night as they lost to Portageville 49 to 45. Noah Vandiver had a pretty good night with 26 points followed by Nathan Newell with 8 and Tyler Battles with 6 points. The JV Record is now 15-8.

The Wildcats are competing at home on Thursday, February 14th against Advance. Game time 6:00 p.m. The Hornets are looking for a win as they just lost to Oran on Tuesday. Advance is 5-1 in their district and 18-7 for the season.

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The Lady Miners vs. The Missouri-St. Louis Tritons

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Rolla, Missouri - Katelyn Heil, a graduate from Dexter High School, had a great game the other night on the S&T Lady Miners Basketball Team in Rolla, Missouri, where they battled it out against the Missouri-St. Louis Tritons on their home court. Although the team lost to their rival in over time by a mere four points, Heil and her teammates still played a great game of basketball and proved their strength and endurance for a majority of the night to their fans and coaches.

This is the second game that the Lady Miners have lost on their home court in past week but things will hopefully be looking up for the team and players later in the week when they travel to Springfield, Illinois to play their old opponent the Prairie Stars. As the basketball season draws closer to an end, it is believable that the players are getting anxious as they enter into their final games of the year. Things will soon look up for the

Lady Miners as they prepare for the Great Valley Conference Tournament that will take place early next month on March 3rd.

In the game against the Tritons, the Lady Miners lost due to multiple turnovers. The Tritons dominated the Lady Miners on their home court by receiving a total of thirty-eight points from the home team due to turnovers, while the Lady Miners only received thirteen points from their opponent.

The game was quick paced and a bit frustrating for both teams due to the turnovers and fouls. For most of the game, the home team held a strong lead but began to slip in the final quarter. In the fourth quarter with only five minutes left on the clock, the Lady Miners were above their competition with a score of 56 to 47. The Lady Miners began to lose track of the ball and the opposing team successfully scored ten straight points not allowing the Lady Miners to score at all and officially pulling ahead of the home team by only one point.

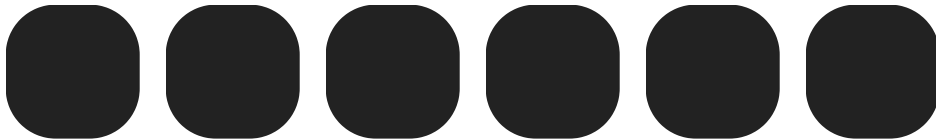
In the final seconds of the game, the Lady Miners purposely fouled an opposing player to buy some time in hope of a rebound. One out of the two shots was made and the Lady Miners got the rebound and was able to tie up the game after another foul and a number of free throws. With only one second left on the clock, the Tritons almost took the win but were called for a double dribble.

When overtime began, the home team quickly took the lead but the lead was reversed minutes later when the Tritons pulled out another five point streak by the making of two free throws and a three pointer. Heil attempted to make a three pointer but the ball circled the rim slowly. With the help of her teammate, the ball nearly went in but the attempt had failed and the Triton's defense, quickly swooped in to get the rebound.

Heil fouled a Triton player and her team got the rebound but lost the ball in a turnover, which was their main fault earlier in the game that had cost them many points. The Tritons eventually took the win in the end. Heil made a total of five points and helped her team out tremendously during their battle against the Tritons. The Lady Miners will be playing in Springfield, Illinois on Valentine's Day (Thursday) and will hopefully turn their season around.

The Dexter community is proud to have Heil representing them in Rolla at S&T as she plays her final year of basketball for the Lady Miners team.

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Bernie Mules Take a Ride on the Green Waves of Malden

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Bernie, Missouri - The Malden Green Wave team traveled to Bernie, Missouri on Friday night, February 8th to try and drown the Mules.

David Baker #31 was impressive and lead his team to the win with his 40 points on the evening. He sunk sixteen baskets, one 3-pointer and made five of six field goal attempts. What an awesome night for David Baker.

"Our Seniors stepped up tonight. After the Hayti loss, we have really talked about having a sense of urgency going into districts. for the seniors, it is their last opportunity. they have to go all in and make everyone follow them. I thought int he second half, they did

just that," state Coach Brad Botsch, Head Basketball Coach for the Bernie Mules.

"Coach Long really challenged them at half time to provide the spark and be the energy for us and they answered," continued Coach Botsch.

Sam Turner #45 also had a pretty good night for the Bernie Mules. He scored 22 points hitting four 3-pointers. Turner also was perfect at the line with two field goals.

B.J. Jennings #12 was also in double digits for the Mules as he scored 10 points during the game. Jennings hit two 3-pointers, one in the second quarter and one in the fourth quarter.

Coach Botsch stated, "We played with much more focus on the defensive end tonight. We must continue to work hard this coming week in anticipation of districts. If we play well, I think we're a good enough team to win it. We are going to look forward to the challenge."

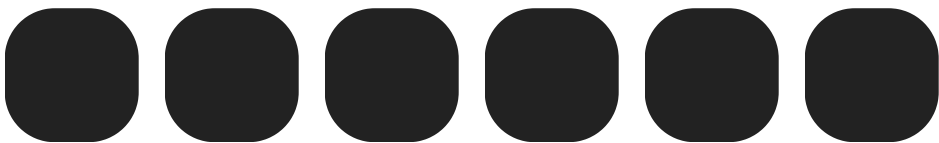
Bernie's record is improved to 19-5 for the season and are the #2 seed for the District Tournament at Bloomfield on February 18th where they will play against Senath-Hornersville at 5:30 p.m.

The Bernie Mules are in action again tonight, Tuesday, February 12th playing the Richland Rebels on their court. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

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