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**Dexter, Missouri** – What a great season the Dexter Bearcat Wrestling team had this year! Coach James Sneed and Coach Cody Boyer took seven Bearcat Wrestlers to the State Championships last weekend in Columbia, Missouri.

"We had a very good showing," stated Head Coach James Sneed. "This is the first time and I have been doing it now eleven years, that we came in second in the District. Getting to Columbia has been a goal for the boys and here we are!"

Assistant Coach Cody Boyers said, "The last time Dexter finished second at district was my Junior year in high school (2000-2001) so it has been twelve years since we took second."

Junior Trevor Waldner, Sophomore Dylan Bazarian and Freshman Ethan Steven all won District Championships at St. Genevieve and qualified to go to state. Other team members qualified by placing in the top four or higher were Senior Logan Quertermous, Freshman James Mullins, Freshman Storm Massey, and Sophomore Cameron Craft.

"They seven guys are grade kids to wrestle with," commented Coach Sneed. "This will be Trevor's third year going back to state. As a freshman he did not win a match. Last year as a sophomore he went 1-2. This year he went all the way, won a medal and finished 4th. I can't wait to see what he does his Senior year!"

Ethan Stevens competed in the 145 lb weight class and finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. "I can't remember a Freshman winning a match at State, but it has been quite a while. I expect BIG things out of Ethan and the other two Freshman State qualifiers, James Mullins and Storm Massey." stated Sneed. Way to go Ethan, Storm and James!! Three Freshman at State. This is a great accomplishment for the wrestling program at Dexter High School.

Storm Massey competed in the 126 lb weight class and finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. We expect more from Storm over the next couple of years! Way to go Storm!

James Mullins competed in the 120 lb weight class and finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. Way to go James!

Dylan Bazarian competed in the 152 lb weight class and finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. "Dylan is a Sophomore and had a good tournament after a rough start. He came back and pinned his second round opponent and had his next opponent on his back, but just couldn't seal the deal," said Coach Sneed. "I look for Dylan to medal next year. He is right on the verge and with hard work in the weight room and on the mat it will show next year." Way to go Dylan! We will see great wrestling from you next year as well.

Logan Quarterman, a senior at Dexter High School competed in the 182 lb weight class and finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. "He met his goal of going to State and I am proud of him for that," stated Sneed. "Logan is a hard worker and a really good team mate. We're gonna miss him as he graduates this year." Way to go Q!

Coach Sneed said, "Cameron took both of his matches deep into the second period before losing and his first round opponent earned a medal. He is starting to use his body and is improving every time he gets out on the mat." Cameron Craft competed in the 285 lb weight class and finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. Way to go Cameron!

Trevor Waldner took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the MSHSAA state high school wrestling

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tournament. Trevor is a junior and competed in the 132 lb weight class and finished the season with a record of 48-4 and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. "Trevor is the highest placed Bearcat Wrestler since 1998. He wrestled well at State and was close to being in the finals." said Sneed.

His Semi-final match against John Williams was a hard fought match. The match was 0-0 after the first period and Trevor went to the down position to start the second and almost got a reversal late in the second which would have changed the whole match. He didn't and they went into the third period still 0-0. Williams a second place finisher last year got the escape for a 1-0 lead and then got a late take-down to seal the 3-0 final.

"I look for Trevor to be in the finals next year. That is his goal and he will be a Senior next year as well." stated Coach Sneed. Way to go Trevor!!

Coach Sneed went on to say, "I couldn't ask for a better group of kids in my first year as Head Coach at Dexter Senior High School. They worked very hard and have given us the effort it requires to be successful. Our program is really improving and maturing."

When asked what's next for these wrestlers, Coach Sneed commented, "We will try and wrestle some this summer and I would like them to go to camp as well. We are looking to upgrading our schedule and giving them better competition that will help them become State Tournament competitors again next year."

The Dexter wrestling fans are so very proud of these young men and their accomplishments. We look forward to next year's matches and tournaments. Go Bearcat Wrestling!!

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## Bernie Mules Win District SemiFinals

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - The #2 ranked Bernie Mules traveled to Bloomfield to play in the District Semi-Finals last night and they came to win! They wasted no time building a lead against the #3 seeded Holcomb Hornets in the Class 2, District 1 boys semifinals.

"The Holcomb Hornets are a great team and they are well-coached." stated head coach Brad Botsch of the Bernie Mules. "They always play hard-nosed disciplined basketball."

The Mules were on fire as they scored three 3-pointers within the first few minutes of the game, giving the crowd something to really cheer about. The crowd standing on their feet, roared as each ball sank into the basket!

B.J. Jennings #12 hit two 3-pointers along with a 3-pointer from Sam Turner #45 to make it an 11 - 3 in just the first three minutes of the game. Within just two more minutes the Bernie Mules were leading by a score of 19 - 3. The Hornets didn't know what hit them and the game was extremely fast paced from the beginning. The Mules maintained a 26-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"We had a very focused effort tonight. This time of the year, it is all on the line and our kids came in loose from the start and executed what we wanted to do." Coach Botch stated. "Our guards really played well from the get-go, and got us going early and our kids stepped up and hit some shots early. We just game out of the gate scoring!"

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After a short break between quarters, the Holcomb Hornets seemed to a little more confident in their strategy as they cut the deficit to 26-12 at the 6:28 mark. However the Mules fought back and increased their lead to 38-22 by halftime.


Coming out of the locker room at half-time seemed to give the Hornets some much needed confidence and to turn up the defensive pressure, but never got closer than nine point allowing Bernie to secure a spot in the District Finals on Friday night.

"We were just a step slower than Bernie tonight," state Holcomb's Head Coach Seth McBroom. "It was a tough game and we have had a tough week with some adversity. No one wants to hear excuses. They played hard and I am proud of each and every one of them."

The Bernie Mules had four players in double digits. B.J. Jennings, #12 lead the Mules with 20 points, Tory Kirkpatrick, #14 had 16 points, David Baker, #31 had 13 points and Landon Woods, #10 rounded out with 10 points on the evening.

B.J. Jennings hit three 3-pointers, five baskets and four field goals to lead the Mules to an awesome win. Troy Kirkpatrick wasn't far behind him with his 16 points which included four 3-pointers and he was four for four from the free-throw-line.

"The Mules were unbelievable in the first half and really throughout the game," Coach McBroom added. "They know how to play ball and it is a testament to them and their coach. You have to tip your hat to them tonight!"

 Coach Botsch said, "I am really proud of my guys for getting this win, but we must keep our eye on the ultimate goal. It is so difficult to win district championships, and the opportunity to get another one is there for us. South Pemiscot will be ready and they are a very good team. We will have to play very well to win!"

Hornets senior Jamie Massey #32 scored a team-high of 27 points with 19 of those points in the second half. Massey finishes his high school career with 2,019 points. "What an amazing career with 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and over 300 blocks," McBroom stated. "He has unbelievable character."

Holcomb finished its season with a record of 23-5. They won the 16-team Bloomfield Christmas Tournament for the first time in school history. They also finished undefeated against Tri-County Conference teams and won the Tri-County Conference Tournament

for a second straight season. "Everyone in the school needs to thank them," Coach McBroom said of their accomplishments. I can't thank them enough or tell them I love them enough as they know that because they are part of my family. It has been an awesome four years with those seniors!"

Holcomb will be graduating Tyler Lewis #5, Chase Davis #1, Aaron Sikes #14, Lance Ruff #21, James Vance #30, Jamie Massey #32 and Michael Glover #33 from its historic 2012-2013 team.

Final Score Bernie Mules 70, Holcomb Hornets 49.

The Bernie Mules will be back in action on Friday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. They will look for their fourth district title in the last five seasons as they compete against the South Pemiscot Bulldogs out of Steele, Missouri for the District 1 Championship Title for Class 2. South Pemiscot is ranked #5 and has upset 4th seeded Portageville Bulldogs and top-seeded Hayti Indians to advance to the district tournament finale.

The Bernie Basketball team has a Facebook page, Bernie Basketball. Send them your best! Go Bernie Mules! They are Souled Out!

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# Dexter Falls Hard to Notre Dame

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Dexter Falls Hard to Notre Dame

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Going into last night's game, Dexter knew it was not competition to be taken lightly. The Dexter Bearcats traveled to take on Notre Dame last night for their next to last regular season match up.

Besides the fact of the Bulldogs being on their home court, it was also senior night for the Notre Dame basketball players and cheerleaders. The seniors were announced prior to the Varsity game.

Despite the tip off going in Dexter's favor thanks to Senior Brad Potts, the first few possessions were totally owned by Notre Dame. The Bulldogs took off with the ball numerous times leaving the Bearcats speechless on the other end of the court.

Many Bearcat fans hoped that a break before the second quarter began would help the Dexter team to regroup and take control of the competition. The plays during the second quarter went a little more towards the Bearcats side than in the first quarter, but it was never enough to catch up to Notre Dame's lead.

Free throws seemed to be all that were keeping the Bearcats alive in the first half of last night's game. Dexter and Notre Dame parted ways at halftime with ND leading Dexter 41-20.

Dexter and Notre Dame fans both were entertained during the halftime break by the Notre Dame Dance Team routine.

After the Bearcats had time to visit the locker room and have a talk with Coach Nichols, they stepped back out onto the court ready to play their best throughout the third and fourth quarters.

Turnovers began to add up quickly for the Bearcats. Many passes were made right to a Notre Dame player, who then ran to their side of the court to make an easy lay-up.

It wasn't hard to see the frustration on the Bearcats' faces as the mercy clock began to run during the fourth quarter. The Dexter Bearcats' defense had an off night last night, and Notre Dame's offense was almost flawless.

The Bearcats walked away last night with a 35-76 loss to Notre Dame. Despite the loss, Dexter fans were pleased with how their Bearcats continue to play just as hard in the fourth quarter as they did in the first no matter the score.

The Dexter Bearcats will be playing in their last regular season game on Friday as they travel to take on Cape Central. Junior Varsity will begin at 6:00 P.M. with Varsity following directly after.

Good luck, Bearcats!

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# Bernie Mules Win Over Senath-Hornersville Lions

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - The Bernie Mules had a great start to their Class 2, District 1, Boys Basketball Tournament on Monday night beating #7 seeded Senath-Hornersville.

The #2 seeded Mules were behind in the first quarter with two minutes left; however Bernie pushed forward and was able to hold the Lions back. They were tied going into the locker room at the half 26 to 26.

After locker room chatter and coaching encouragement, the Bernie Mules were fired up when they hit the court and opened the second half with a 10-0 run and never trailed again.

"I thought they had more intensity than we did in the first half and played a lot harder than us," commented Bernie Coach Brad Botsch. "Out struggles had to do with how hard they were playing, but I think our guys didn't want to see their season come to an end and they started playing more fundamental basketball. We got some better looks and some of them went down for us in the second half."

Troy Kirkpatrick hit five 3-pointers in the third quarter leading the Mules with 28 points. David Baker scored 17 points for Bernie along with Landon Woods and B.J. Jennings who tallied 11 points each.

"Troy really got hot and things started opening up in the 3rd quarter. He is a streaky guy and tonight he was on! I hope that continues because he is a hard working kid and he deserves it," stated Coach Botsch.

The Senath-Hornersville Lions finish their season with a record of 8-16. Coach David Heeb said, "It was a rebuilding year for our program. I am really proud of my kids. We had one goal all year and that was to win a game in our district because to win a game in our district you are going to have to beat one of the top 10 teams in the state."

"And what can I say about Kirkpatrick? He just caught fire tonight!" continued Coach

Heeb.

Final score Bernie 73, Senath-Hornersville 53. A great win for the Mules!

**Bernie (21-6) will play its District Semifinal on Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. against #3 seeded Holcomb Hornets.** This should be a great game between these two schools. Come out and cheer for the Mules! Show your school spirit for Bernie and wear your blue!

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## Bearcats Take on Notre Dame Tonight

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It's hard to believe the 2012-2013 high school basketball season is coming to an end, but it is approaching quickly.

The Dexter Bearcats only have two regular season games left before they will begin competing in district competition.

Tonight, the Bearcats will travel as they take on Notre Dame in what is expected to be a very tough competition for the Dexter team.

Although tonight's games are away, the Dexter Bearcats are hopeful of a large crowd in attendance for their next to last regular season game.

The Junior Varsity will start things off at 6:00 P.M. with the Varsity directly following.

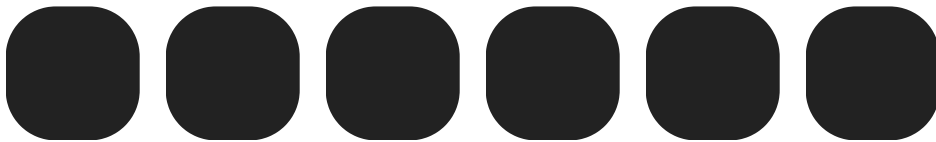
The Bearcat's last regular season game will be played Friday against Cape Central, which is also an away game.

Good luck, Bearcats!

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