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Dexter, Missouri - The Poplar Bluff Lady Mules came out strong in the first half and it was a matter of who wanted the win more! The Lady 'Cats dug their heels in and came back to win 70-48.

Poplar Bluff led the Bearcats at the end of the first quarter by two.

"Coach Chronister always has a great game plan and I thought they did a great job against us tonight," Dexter coach Chad Allen said. "Defensively, they were very aggressive and active. I thought our girls did a great job of adjusting that second half. I thought the main difference in the game was we wore them down. We eventually got a lot of steals off our press and offensively we were much more active the second half."

The second half definitely belonged to the Bearcats. Paige Patterson tallied 16 of her game-high 20 points during the last two quarters of the game.

"I thought Paige did a good job for us inside tonight," Allen said. "She looked to post and posted hard. She wanted the ball and our guards got her the ball. She does a lot of good things for us. She can not only score, but she can kick it out to our shooters as well. She's tough in there with her size."

Hannah Noe scored 16 points including one 3-pointers. Erika Cobb hit 13 points and also sunk a trey. Dakota Reynolds scored 11 points and also added a 3-pointer. Alison Jarrell contributed two 3-pointers.

"I thought we worked really hard defensively," Allen said. "We wore them down by how hard we played. We want to keep concentrating on our defense and have our conditioning right to play hard defensively the entire game."

The Dexter Bearcats (19-3) travel to Twin Rivers on Thursday, February 20th with game beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Final Score Dexter 70 Poplar Bluff 48

Poplar Bluff	16	11	9	12	-	48
Dexter	14	17	23	16	-	70

Poplar Bluff (48) - Megan Knuckles 2, Lexi Hafford 2, Soley Webb 2. Halle Huffman 2, Cassidy Harris 10, Courtney Raulston 14, Katelynn Bratcher 2, Samantha Gatewood 6, Katelyn Slaughter 8. FG 21, FT 4/9, F 9. (3-pointers: Courtney Raulston 2. Fouled Out: none)

Dexter (70) - Dakota Reynolds 11, Hannah Noe 16, Melanie McKuin 2, Alison Jarrell 6, Erika Cobb 13, Paige Patterson 20, MaKayla Waldner 2. FG 30, FT 5/7, F 13. (3-pointers: Dakota Reynolds 1, Hannah Noe 1, Erika Cobb 1, Alison Jarrell 2. Fouled Out: none)

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Bernie, Missouri – The Mules needed this win! They wanted this win! And they got the win! The Bernie Mules hosted the Hayti Indians and whoever won this game would earn the #1 spot in the Class 2 District 1 basketball tournament seedings to be released this week.

"It was good to see some fire in our kids tonight," Bernie coach Brad Botsch commented in a press release. "We've been playing without much emotion or passion and we simply aren't talented enough to play that way. I've said all year 'our margin for error is small,' and tonight our kids came out and really executed well and played with intensity and confidence."

Junior guard Brandon Sparks came out of the gate scoring and never let up! He had a game-high 24 points for the Mules. He hit four 3-pointers and was perfect at the charity stripe sinking all eight of his free throws in the last quarter. He was on fire!

"I thought Brandon really stepped up for us," continued Botsch. "We need all of our guys to step up. Hopefully, this is a great confidence builder for him."

B.J. Jennings tallied 12 points and Jake Wagner had 11 points including 3 treys.

Fans were excited to see Troy Kirkpatrick back in the game. He tallied 9 points. This was his first game back after being injured early in the season. Coach Botch said, "It was awesome to see Troy back on the court. He's a great kid and competitor and he has worked hard to get back."

"We took care of the ball much better than we have been and rebounded extremely well," Botsch said. "Hayti is one of the most talented teams we've played all year, and our kids did a great job of competing tonight against them. We really got a lift from Brandon Sparks tonight. Our seniors stepped up as well and players like Bubby Schwent and J.R. Pregel while they may not have scored a point, they got so much done defensively and toughness wise for us, and that isn't reflected in a box score."

The Mules will travel to South Iron on Thursday. Game time 5:00 p.m. Don't forget to mark your calendar for SENIOR Night on February 18th. Game time 6:00 p.m.

Final Score Bernie 63 Hayti 50

Hayti 11 12 13 14 - 50

Bernie 9 16 16 22 - 63

Hayti (50) - Kenyatte Brooks 8, Darieon Betton 2, Devan Riddick 6, Cedrick Harris 6, Indaquel Presberry 6, Brandon Burden 11, Demetrius Luster 5, Frankie Burden Jr. 6. FG 17, FT 13/20, F 23. (3-pointers: Brooks 2, Riddick 1. Fouled out: Brooks, Luster)

Bernie (63) - Brandon Sparks 24, Jake Wagner 11, B.J. Jennings 12, Troy Kirkpatrick 9, Justin Stanfield 1, Devin Trammell 2, Joey Walker 4. FG 16, FT 22/25, F 16. (3-pointers: Sparks 4, Wagner 3, Kirkpatrick 2. Fouled out: none)

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Class 2 seedings have been released for the district basketball tournaments. Several Stoddard County schools are slated to compete in the tournaments.

The Bernie Mules have earned themselves the #1 seed in Class 2, District 1. They will play at Bloomfield on February 24th at 4 p.m. against either Cooter or Campbell.

The Bloomfield Wildcats are seeded #7. Their first game will be against Hayti on February 24th at 8:30 p.m.

Advance boys are seeded #3 in Class 2, District 3 and will play at Chaffee.

The Puxico boys are seeded #4 in Class 2, District 2 and will play at Van Buren.

Good luck to all of the teams in the district tournaments.

Below is the 2014 Boys Basketball Class 2, District 1 Tournament bracket. Games will be held at the Bloomfield High School beginning February 22, 2014 with the Championship game to be held on February 28th at 7:30 p.m.

The ShowMe Times will be there and bring you the latest on scores and stats throughout the week.

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Bell City, Missouri - The 10th Annual Little Stoddard County Tournament will be held Saturday, February 15th. The Bell City Athletic Booster Club is pleased to host this event and thanks to the support of each school in the Stoddard County Conference this tournament continues to grow and prosper.

Advance, Woodland, Richland, Bell City, Dexter, Bernie, Bloomfield, and Puxico schools are participating in the annual tournament.

They would like to invite you to visit their concession stands located in the multi-purpose building and high school gymnasium cafeteria. This event is a fundraiser for their athletic booster club, which helps to buy equipment, uniforms and sponsors other athletic related activities.

Sportsmanship is of the utmost importance in our tournament. The Bell City Athletic Booster Club's first goal is to provide a positive atmosphere for the players, coaches and fans alike. They ask that you would respect the officials who are there to provide equality and fairness in each game.

The Bell City Athletic Booster Club would like to thank everyone for your attendance and hope that all of you have a positive experience from the tournament.

Previous 5th Grade Little Stoddard County Champions

2005	Dexter	42	Bloomfield	22
2006	Bernie	27	Bloomfield	21
2007	Dexter	39	Bernie	33
2008	Dexter	28	Advance	23
2009	Dexter	37	Bloomfield	23
2010	Dexter	31	Bloomfield	29 (OT)

2011	Bloomfield	30	Bernie	26
2012	Dexter	32	Bernie	11
2013	Dexter	20	Bernie	12

Previous 6th Grade Little Stoddard County Champions

2005	Advance	37	Richland	33 (OT)
2006	Dexter	51	Bernie	43
2007	Dexter	50	Advance	42
2008	Dexter	35	Puxico	29
2009	Advance	34	Bernie	29
2010	Dexter	41	Bloomfield	18
2011	Dexter	50	Bloomfield	34
2012	Bernie	44	Dexter	38
2013	Bernie	22	Dexter	19

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Dexter, Missouri – The Lady Bearcats girls' varsity team hosted the Saxony Lutheran girls' varsity basketball team Wednesday evening at the Bearcat Event Center. It was a match-up of two of the top teams in southeast Missouri. Dexter 17-3 and Saxony Lutheran 17-4 were expected to have a very close tight game, but it was all Dexter dominating Saxony Lutheran defeating them 76-40.

"Saxony is definitely a really good team," commented Dexter's head coach Chad. "They are No. 1 in their district and have played some tough teams pretty close this year. I know they played Notre Dame to single digits both times they played them."

Dexter hit double figures in each of the four quarters with a game-high fourth quarter scoring 29 points. The Bearcat's defense held Saxony Lutheran extremely well. They managed to score only 22 points in the first half. Half-time score 29 – 22.

It was the second half where the Lady 'Cats opened up with a rigorous scoring tallying 47 points and holding Saxony Lutheran to just 18 points.

"I felt like the second half we really picked up the pressure and got after them and that's when we started making that huge run," continued Allen.

Hannah Noe #10 was amazing on the court scoring a game-high 27 points for the Bearcats. Noe also hit two 3-pointers,

Alison Jarrell #12 and Erika Cobb #15 tallied 15 points each. Jarrell hit five 3-pointers. Cobb added one. Paige Patterson #22 also was in double figures adding 12 points to the board for Dexter and was 2 for 2 at the charity stripe.

Brianna Mueller #15 was the only Saxony Lutheran player in double figures. She had a team-high 12 points hitting two 3-pointers. Grace Mirly #10 also added a trey.

Dexter is currently ranked third in Class 4. Way to go Bearcats!!

The Lady 'Cats will be back in action tonight hosting Cape Central Lady Tigers at 7:00 p.m. The Freshman boys basketball team will play at 6:00 p.m.

Dexter 10 19 18 29 - 76

Saxony 7 15 7 11 - 40

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