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Dexter, Missouri – This is the first time in the history of Dexter High School that 10 wrestlers qualified for the state finals in Columbia, Missouri. Dexter also finished second behind Ste. Genevieve in the Class 2, District 1 Tournament which included a total of 14 teams who participated in the District.

“It’s pretty good,” stated Dexter’s wrestling coach James Sneed. “We are getting better. Ste. Gen is definitely the class of the district. They beat us last year by 104 points and this year they only beat us by 57 points. We cut the gap in half and increased the gap we had over other people. We had a strong tournament.”

Brandon Twomey, Storm Massey, Trevor Waldner, Gaven White, Dylan Bazarian, Ethan Stevens, Jacob Mattison, Micheal Hurst, Jared Deal and Cameron Craft left Dexter on Wednesday with a send-off from T.S. Hill Middle School students. They lined the front of the building cheering “We Are Bearcats!” as the boys drove by in their rental vans. As they passed Southwest Elementary, Mrs. Shannon Putnman’s class had a special send-off for the wrestlers and their favorite wrestler, Trevor Waldner, who has been student teacher with their class. Decorated posters also lined One Mile Road in front of the pond with each student’s name and weight class.

Once they reach Columbia they will have just one evening to mentally prepare for Thursday, Friday and Saturday matches. "The top four kids out of District 1,2,3, and 4 qualify for state in each weight class," continued Sneed. "There is a 16-team bracket for each weight class. To win the tournament you have to win four straight matches. If you lose a match you can still finish as high as third."

There are five returning qualifiers headed to Columbia and five that will get their first bid at the finals. Trevor Waldner, a senior, Dylan Bazarian, junior, Storm Massey, sophomore, Ethan Stevens, sophomore, and Cameron Craft, junior are all going to leave it all on the mat and hopefully bring home a few medals.

Trevor Waldner, 138 pound weight class has travelled to State for the fourth and final time of his high school career and expectations are quite high. His current record is 36-3 and is slated to compete against Mexico junior Jadin Taylor in his first match on Thursday. As for his goal....."I would like to be in the state finals," commented Waldner. We sure hope so! Congratulations and good luck Trevor!

Sophomores, Ethan Stevens and Storm Massey are making their second trip to State. Ethan 152# weight class placed first at the district level by defeating all three of his opponents. His record is 29-5 and is matched against Fulton's Andy Baysinger in the first round.

Storm who is wrestling at 132-pound weight class is slated to wrestle John Heimann of Moberly. Storm's record is 22-14.

Dylan Bazarian is making his third trip to state. He finished second at district in the 160-pound weight class. He will be wrestling Jacob Boyd in the first round. His record is 34-4.

Cameron Craft is wrestling in the 285-pound weight class and is slated to wrestle Shawn Beeson in the first round. Craft stated, "I just want to win my first match. I hope I can do it."

For the five who are getting their first chance at a medal may not be seasoned like the other five, but that won't stop them from giving their all on the mat. Four sophomores and one junior have asked for guidance and look to their fellow wrestlers for advice on how to win at the state level.

Jason Mattison will be competing in the 195-pound weight class and this will be his first time at State. "I just want to compete and do my best," according to Mattison. "I am going to try the defensive side and if my opponent makes a mistake I want to capitalize on it." He will be competing against undefeated wrestler Makenna Cook in his first match.

In the 220-pound weight class, Jared Deal will be representing Dexter for the first time at State as well. He finished second at District. "I was up against this kid from Central that had beat me twice and I pinned him in the third," Deal commented. "I knew I had to go in there tough-minded and I beat him!"

He will wrestle Tommy Williams in his first match at State.

Sophomore Gaven White is wrestling in the 120-pound weight class and will face St. Charles senior Reid Hanmore in his first match. "My first match is against a senior with a great record," commented White. "It will be a tough match."

Brandon Twomey is representing Dexter in the 113-pound weight class and will take on Monett sophomore Sean Jastal in his first match. "I want to go up there and hopefully win a couple of matches," Twomey said of his first trip to State. Twomey finished third at District and his record is 21-14 this season.

In the 182-pound weight class, Michael Hurst will be representing the Bearcats. This is his first time at State. He will wrestle Zachery Gorman in his first match. "We made goal sheets and stuff at the beginning of the season," stated Hurst. "This is where we want to be."

We wish all the Bearcats good luck and will be following their matches throughout the tournament. The ShowMe Times will post on our Facebook page periodically the results of each match.

GO WRESTLERS AND LEAVE IT ALL ON THE MAT!

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Bernie, Missouri – It was senior night for the Bernie Mules basketball team and they finished the evening with their best scoring of the season defeating the Richland Rebels 97-21.

The Mules completed the first quarter with 36 points and never looked back as they were in double figures the next three periods. The Mules’ defensive strategy seemed to work well for them holding the Rebels to just single digits in each of the four quarters.

Six Bernie players were in double figures and they all just happen to be SENIORS!

B.J. Jennings #12, a 6'0" Senior, led the Mules with a game-high 17 points along with one 3-pointer.

Jake Wagner, #5 Senior guard tallied 15 points including one trey.

6'0" Senior guard Troy Kirkpatrick #14 added 10 including his two treys.

6'0" Senior Justin Stanfield #15 scored 11 points and also had two 3-pointers.

Senior forward J.R. Pregel #22 tallied 11 points and hit a 3-pointer.

6'0" Senior Bubby Schwent #24 added 10 points.

Joey Walker #40, a 6'3" Senior battled it out in the paint and scored 8 points.

Matt Vernon #2 a junior and JV player Blake Gilmore each hit one trey.

"I thought our seniors and the rest of the team did a great job tonight," Bernie coach Brad Botsch said. "I think it was good for our psyche to get back on the winning side and gain some confidence back in ourselves."

Bernie (21-4) will travel to Sikeston to take on the Bulldogs Friday, February 21st.
Game time 6:00 p.m.

"We have a very tough opponent Friday night in Sikeston," Botsch stated. "I want our kids to have two great days of practice and be ready to compete as hard as they can Friday night. With districts right here upon us, we have to leave everything on the floor every time we lace em up. I hope we can go over there and compete well Friday night."

Final Score Bernie 97 Richland 21

Richland 8 5 6 2 - 21

Bernie 36 17 28 16 - 97

Richland (21) - Skyler Harper 9, Garet Phillips 2, Preston Tilley 2, Josh Thornton 6, Adam Lane 2. FG 8, FT 4/6, F 12. (3-pointers: Skyler Harper 1. Fouled Out: none)

Bernie (97) - Matt Vernon 5, Jake Wagner 15, Brandon Sparks 1, B.J. Jennings 17, Troy Kirkpatrick 10, Justin Stanfield 11, J.R. Pregel 11, Bubby Schwent 10, Devin Trammell 4, Joey Walker 8, Brock Brown 2, Blake Gilmore 3. FG 39, FT

10/14, F 15. (3-pointers: Matt Vernon 1, Jake Wagner 1, B.J. Jennings 1, Troy Kirkpatrick 2, Justin Stanfield 2, J.R. Pregel 1, Blake Gilmore 1. Fouled Out: none)

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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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Mules Roll Over Hayti 63 - 50

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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.

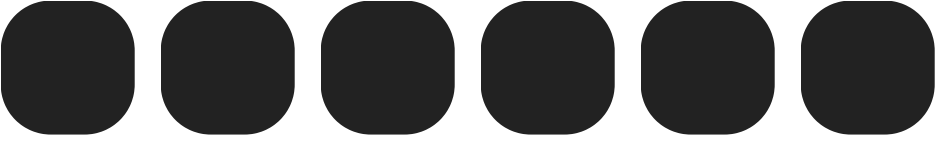
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