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Dexter, Missouri - Top seeded Dexter Middle School Bearcats defeated second seeded Bernie Jr. High Mules 40-24 in the 7th grade championship of the SCAA Jr. High Boys Basketball Tournament held at the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter on Tuesday evening.

"The team is having success because of their defense right now which is always good to see," commented Coach Josh Dowdy. "I though we handled their full court pressure better this time around. Coach Williamson has spent a lot of time teaching the boys a new press offense and the kids executed it very well. The kids were pretty fired up in the locker room after raising that trophy.....we are proud of them!"

The Bearcats jumped out to a 6-0 lead and never looked back. The closest the Mules would get would be in the third quarter when they rallied scoring 11 points and managed to cut the deficit to 27-20.

Powerhouse Brodie Pollock was too much for the Mules. He scored a game-high 15 points and managed to get numerous rebounds.

"Pollock is such a presence on top," continued Dowdy. "The rest of the team is doing a much better job rotating in the back of the press and getting in the right

position. Little ole Scruggs had a great game for us too last night handling the ball and knocking down some shots. Haden, Henson, Warren, and Wyman continue to do a good job as well carrying out their duties and understanding their role."

Jack Scruggs tallied 11 points including one try and Garrett Henson added 6 points for the Bearcats. Garrett Henson also hit a 3-pointer.

Blake Harty scored 15 points for the Mules for a team-high record that included one trey. Kade Burk also hit a 3-pointer.

Final Score 7th Grade Championship: Dexter 40, Bernie 24

Bernie 2 7 11 4 - 24

Dexter 8 9 10 13 - 40

Bernie (24) – Blake Harty 15, Kade Burk 5, Skyler Schwent 2, Braylin Jankowski 2. FG 10, FT 2/4, F 11 (3-pointers: Harty 1, Burk 1. Fouled out: none)

Dexter (40) – Jack Scruggs 11, Spencer Warren 4, Haden Hillis 2, Logan Wyman 2, Garrett Henson 6, Brodie Pollock 15. FG 17, FT 4/8, F 12. (3-pointers: Scruggs 1, Henson 1. Fouled out: none).

Congratulations Bearcats on a fine performance on the court! They will be back in action on Thursday when they host the Sikeston Bulldogs. Game time 6:00 p.m. #GoBearcats!

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