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Jackson, Missouri – The Lady Cats of Dexter were eliminated in the Class 4 sectional on Tuesday with the North County Raiders winning in overtime 66 – 61.

“It was definitely a battle back and forth tonight between two good teams. Coach Arnold does a great job at North County,” commented Dexter coach Chad Allen. “I know he is hanging it up this year, but he’s a great coach and has been around a long time.”

“We went out and battled,” stated Melanie McKuin, junior Lady Cat. “We tried our hardest throughout the whole game, but they made plays and we didn’t.”

Dexter led at the end of the first quarter by only one point. At the end of the second quarter the Lady Cats led by two 25 – 23.

“Offensively, we really wanted to look high-low and tried to get it inside to either Hannah or Garrison so they could get something easy and score,” stated Allen. “I thought we did well at that and also did a good job of penetrating and kicking out to our shooters.”

Hannah Thurmon recorded 14 points and Krysten Garrison finished with 12 points.

Dakota Reynolds paced the Bearcats with 18 points including three treys.

“Dakota came out on fire, offensively,” continued Allen. “She hit some big 3’s. She’s been such a great point guard for us this year scoring and looking to penetrate and get others involved.”

At the end of the third period the girls were tied 46 – 46. They were propelled into overtime tied at 57 – 57. Both teams scored double digits in each period prior to overtime.

“It was a close game,” Allen said. “We would get up a little bit, but then they would come right back. We stayed up until the fourth quarter when they finally got the lead. Then we adjusted, started pressing and got the lead back. We just came up short in the end of a tough game.”

“We got better throughout the year,” continued McKuin. “We improved so much. This is a great team. If we would have played North County earlier in the year they would have blown us out so we have a lot to be proud of and hopefully next year we can pull out the game.”

“We played hard,” commented junior point guard Dakota Reynolds. “It is just really rough tonight. I hope we can make it to quarterfinals next year and even state.”

North County (20-7) will advance to play MICDS (24-2) in the Class 4 quarterfinal on Saturday at the Farmington Civic Center. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

The Lady Cats finish their season with a record of 17 – 10 and will graduate one senior, Miss Katie Reiker.

“We are definitely excited about what we have coming back next year,” Allen said. “We don’t lose but one senior and she is such an awesome girl and I know Katie will be successful in life in whatever she does.”

Final Score North County 66, Dexter 61 in overtime.

North County 11 12 23 11 9 - 66

Dexter 12 13 21 11 4 - 61

North County (66) – Martha Peacock 2, Madison Binkard 7, Emily Eaton 15, Marianna Falls 9, Courtney Kekec 15, Allie Hammack 3, Holly Forbes 15. FG 23, FT 14/25, F 15. (3-pointers: Binkard 2, Eaton 2, Kekec 1, Hammack 1. Fouled

Out: None)

Dexter (61) – Dakota Reynolds 18, Melanie McKuin 9, Sydney Rogers 2, Hannah Thurmon 14, Krysten Garrison 12, Harley Allen 6. FG 23, FT 9/14, F 18. (3-pointers: Reynolds 3, McKuin 1, Allen 2. Fouled Out: None)

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