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Dexter, Missouri – The 8th grade girls' volleyball team defeated the Kennett Indians on St. Patrick's Day in front of a terrific hometown crowd of Bearcat fans!

The middle school Lady 'Cats moved to 3-0 remaining undefeated.

Anna Bishop led the team in points serving 8 in the first set and 7 in the second set. They beat Kennett 25-16, 25-17.

"This was our first time playing Kennett at the Jr. High level so we didn't know what to expect," stated middle school head volleyball coach Melissa Hahn. "However, we always tell our players to play their game, to play good fundamental volleyball, and to always play with enthusiasm and energy."

"We had some rough spots every once in a while, but overall we were pleased with their game," continued Hahn. "Both Coach Christian and I noticed several things they were doing well that we had been working on in practice. We will continue to work on quicker transitions and consistency. This group of 8th grade girls are very coachable and a pleasure to work with. They are leaders in our school, the classroom, and on the court."

In 7th grade girls' volleyball action they defeated the Kennett Indians 25-10, 25-14 .

Madilyn Hampton paced the little Lady 'Cats with 13 consecutive points served! Way to go Madilyn!

"I was extremely pleased with how the 7th grade team played tonight," commented Middle School head volleyball coach Melissa Hahn. "We were more consistent in every aspect of the game. Our communication was better, our passing was good and we ran our offense! We played aggressively at the net as well."

“I suspect this team will continue to improve throughout the season and make a great showing in the middle school SCAA Tournament,” continued Hahn.

The 7th grade T.S. Hill Middle School Lady ‘Cats are undefeated with a record of 2-0.

Both teams will be back in action on Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in Sikeston against the Bulldogs!

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North County Eliminates Lady Cats in Overtime

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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

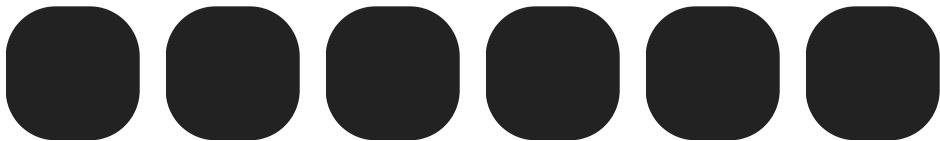
North County (66) – Martha Peacock 2, Madison Binkard 7, Emily Eaton 15, Marianna Falls 9, Courtney Kekec 15, Allie Hammack 3, Holly Forbes 15. FG 23, FT 14/25, F 15. (3-pointers: Binkard 2, Eaton 2, Kekec 1, Hammack 1. Fouled Out: None)

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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Lady Cats Win Fifth Straight District Title!

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Sikeston, Missouri – The Dexter Lady Cats won the District Title for the 5th time in a row! They defeated the Sikeston Lady Bulldogs 51 – 38 after falling behind in the first quarter 12-10.

“Sikeston came out aggressive,” stated Lady Cats junior Melanie McKuin. “They came out and punched us in the face and we weren’t ready for it. We were getting mad at ourselves for the score being as close as it was and we just really buckled down on defense.”

And buckled down they did in the second period holding the Bulldogs to just 4 points; two points on free throws and one regular bucket. Half-time score put Dexter on top 26 - 16.

“Defensively, I thought we did a good job tonight, especially collapsing in on Peet and Mitchell,” commented Dexter head basketball coach Chad Allen. “Those two girls are great players that are hard to stop. I thought we did a good job denying inside and also helping when they dribble-penetrated.”

When asked how did it feel winning a District Title. “It feels a lot different this year,” stated Dexter junior Dakota Reynolds. “This year I had to step up and help out more than last year. We had four really good players last year and this year me and my partner Melanie had to step up and take over.”

Melanie McKuin paced Dexter with 20 points including one trey.

“I thought Melanie did a great job, especially with Dakota getting in foul trouble,” continued Allen. “In these kind of games she thrives. It seems like the bigger the game, the better she plays. I thought she did an outstanding job handling the ball for us, penetrating to get others open and knocking down shots when she had opportunities.”

Hannah Thurmon recorded 14 points including one 3-pointer. She also finished with a game-high 15 rebounds.

Krysten Garrison finished with 13 points.

“Hannah and Krysten are just phenomenal athletes,” McKuin said of her teammates. “They are very talented and it was really nice to see them both do really well tonight!”

Dexter (17-9) will take on North County on Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the Class 4 sectional at Jackson High School.

“We haven’t watched the play,” Reynolds said. “But we will probably watch film on them the next practice we have.”

“I filmed them early in the season when they were playing a preliminary game at Jackson,” Allen said of the North County team. “They are a great team and have a good player in Kekec. They are also well rounded; it’s not just her. They have got a pretty good team and hopefully we can develop a good game plan going into Tuesday night. We will see how we do!”

Final Score Dexter 51, Sikeston 38

Sikeston 12 4 8 14 - 38

Dexter 10 16 13 12 - 51

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Dexter Middle School Volleyball Begins Monday

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Dexter, Missouri – The T.S. Hill Middle School girls volleyball season will begin Monday, March 9th with a home game. The Woodland Cardinals will travel to Dexter with a game time of 6:00 p.m. at the middle school.

[The Annual Hits for Hope game hosted at the Bearcat Event Center will be Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m.](#)

The 7th grade girls' team will participate in the Poplar Bluff Tournament slated for March 21st with times to be announced.

The 8th grade girls' team will participate in the annual Bernie Tournament slated for March 30th and 31st with times to be announced.

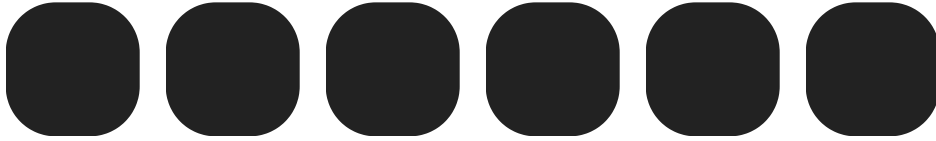
The 2015 SCAA Tournament will be held in Advance on April 11th to April 14th.

Below is a schedule of the 2015 Spring T.S. Hill Middle School Schedule.

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Lady Cats Begin District Play Tuesday

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Sikeston, Missouri – The Lady Cats begin their quest for a District Championship tonight at the Sikeston Fieldhouse. Dexter is the number one seed in girls Class 4, District 1 and will play Cape Central at 6:00 p.m.

Cape Central seeded #4 eliminated #5 seeded Kennett Lady Indians 58 – 33 in round one on Monday.

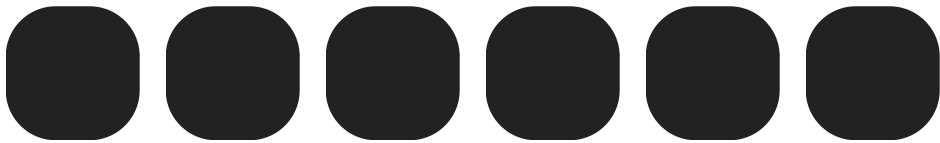
Notre Dame seeded #3 defeated #6 seed Perryville 68 – 24 and will play the #2 seed Sikeston Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

The District Championship is slated for Friday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

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