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**Dexter, Missouri** - On January 28, 2016 during the semi-final game against the Bloomfield Wildcats in the Stoddard County Athletic Association Tournament, Dexter High School athlete Ethan Flowers broke the Career 3-Point Record for Dexter Senior High School.

Ethan currently has 162 three-pointers in his career as of publication date. He beat previous Bearcat boys basketball athlete Shawn Guethle who held the record at 142.

"I was a senior at Dexter High School, Class of 2000, and I guess I established the 3-Point Record of 142," commented Shawn Guethle, former Dexter High School alumnus. "I also hold the most 3-pointers in a season with 81 total my senior year."

Ethan is the son of Tim and Kim Flowers of Dexter.

Shawn has known Ethan and his family for years. "I am extremely proud of him and if I had to give up the record then I am glad it went to a kid like him. He is modest and humble on and off the court."

"When Ethan was in 3rd grade his coaches were Chris Guethle and Chris Hyten," stated Guethle. "When Ethan was in about the 5th grade I was coaching at the high school level and began watching the younger athletes."

"Then in 7th grade I coached middle school basketball and there was Ethan Flowers," continued Guethle. "Had him a couple years in junior varsity, but I have known him and family for many years!"

It takes a lot of dedication to the sport and a multitude of hours in the gym practicing to become a great shooter. Ethan is devoted and passionate about the game.

"Ethan has really put the time and effort into his game," commented Dexter head boys basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "To have somebody with those kinds of work ethic accomplish something like this, that's what you want to see. Those are the types of people you want to see break records and Ethan certainly fits that bill nicely. The way he goes about his business is to be admired. He is a definitely a role model for all future Bearcats."

Ethan also leads the Dexter boys basketball team in assists. "I don't think you will find that on most teams...a guy that leads his team in assists and three point shots," stated Dowdy. "He lets the game come to him. In fact, I have asked him recently if he has ever had a three point shot blocked. He told me ... no. That was my attempt of trying to encourage him to shoot it more."

Ethan has had a pretty good career at Dexter. He had tied the Single Game Record of 8 treys against Sikeston. Six of those eight came in the 4th quarter. he currently has 65 3-pointers for this season. The record is held by Guethle at 81, but there are still two games left and a District Tournament. Fans will be cheering Ethan from the sidelines.

"Before our first game of the SCAA Tournament, my parents told me I had like 8 to tie and 9 to break the record. I guess they told me a little lie," stated Flowers in an interview after the Bloomfield vs Dexter semi-final game. "I hit a couple in that first game and then hit five tonight. After the game, My brother, Owen, came up to me and told me I had broke it."

"I wish Mr. Guethle had been here for this game since he was the record holder," continued Flowers. "We have been 'trash talking' a bit about me beating his record."

Guethle was on hand Tuesday night for the presentation and acknowledgement of Ethan's accomplishment.

"I got to watch him all these years and he has worked hard on his shot," continued Guethle. "He was always asking how to tweak his shot or what he was doing wrong. He wanted to be a good shooter and he worked until he got it. This was his night! "

"There is no doubt that he will be successful in his future. If he decides to play ball in college, he will be successful."

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If you have ever had a chance to watch Ethan right before a game, he is methodical about his 3-point shots. Each game he goes around the perimeter shooting threes usually twice and when he makes his last shot he heads to the bench ready for the game.

"I try to go around a couple of times," explained Ethan with a grin. "It felt great knowing all the practicing and shooting is paying off, something I have been aiming towards."

Ethan is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of America, and the Varsity Tennis. He also earned the 2014 Most Rebounds Award and the 110% Award in 2015 at Dexter High School.

Ethan will be back on the court at the Bearcat Event Center on Tuesday, February 23rd when they host Notre Dame. His last DHS home game will be Friday, February 26th against Cape Central. It will be SENIOR NIGHT!

**"Our games are numbered now and I will miss seeing #24 letting it fly," Dowdy said. "I think I can speak on behalf of our entire team and town.....WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HIM!"**

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