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Bloomfield, Missouri - It's been five years five years since Dexter has won the SCAA boys basketball Tournament trophy. They defeated Bernie 54-40 in 2012. On Monday night the #2 seeded Bearcats cruised past # 7 seeded Puxico 66 - 33.

Dexter jumped out to a 7-0 lead and allowed one field goal in the first quarter to secure their placement in the semifinals of the SCAA Tournament slated for Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Gabe Jackson, 6'4" forward, tallied 20 points and 11 rebounds in the first half. He led all scorers with 27 points, including 14 of Dexter's 20 points in the second quarter.

"Gabe was tremendous tonight," stated Dexter boys basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "He posted much better and called for the ball."

"When Gabe Jackson does that, he is difficult to stop," continued Dowdy. "He also did a great job cleaning up the boards on both ends. Our team was excited to see that effort out of him tonight."

Junior Dawson Kasting also had a successful night at the rim. He had Dexter's other six points in the second quarter. He was 100% at the free-throw line shooting 4/4 and recorded four 2 -pointers.

All eight varsity Bearcats scored against Puxico tonight. "We were very unselfish tonight. Gabe made it real easy for our guys to throw it in there."

"We came out and played another complete game," stated Dowdy. "That is two games in a row that we were efficient on offense, played good team defense and just played with great effort. We are getting contributions from everyone with a Dexter uniform on."

Levi Woods was the top scorer for Puxico. He led with 16 points and was the only player in double digits. He sank 4 treys. Dalton King had 7 points including his one 3-pointers in the third quarter.

Dexter (12-5) will face the winner of the #3 Bloomfield/#6 Woodland game on Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. Bloomfield will play Woodland on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Puxico has been eliminated from the tournament.

Final Score Dexter 66, Puxico 33

Dexter 15 20 16 15 - 66

Puxico 3 8 7 15 - 33

Dexter (66) - Jason Jarrell 4, Alan Pippins 8, Ben Sindler 6, Clay Mullins 5,, Dawson Kasting 12, Ryan Mayo 2, Chad Smith 2, Gabe Jackson 27. FG 26, FT 10/12, F 7. (3-pointers: Alan Pippins 2, Ban Sindler 2. Fouled Out: None).

Puxico (33) - Levi Woods 16, Braiden Jones 4, Dalton King 7, Brent Geohagan 6. FG 13, FT 2/2, F 9. (3-pointers: Levi Woods 4, Dalton King 1. Fouled Out: None).

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The #7 Richland Rebels handed the #1 seeded Advance Hornets a tough first quarter, but that's all they had and eventually they ran out of steam. Five players scored double figures for the Hornets as they eliminated the Rebels 80-46 in the first round of the SCAA boys basketball Tournament on Monday in Bloomfield.

Advance and Richland were tied 6-6 early on. At the end of the first quarter Hornets 20, Rebels 15.

Dawson Mayo, 6'4" senior led all scorers with 22 points for the Indians. He recorded half of Advance's first quarter points.

Michael Hood recorded both of his 3-pointers in the second period and finished with 17 points.

Preston Wuebker added 14 points. He sank one 3-pointer in the second quarter and one in the fourth quarter.

Armani Vermillion finished the night with 11 points. He hit one trey in the second period and was 100% from the charity stripe adding two.

Carson Miles also tallied 11 points. He scored ten 2-pointers and two free-throws.

Clayton Harriel led Richland with a team-high 21 points. He was 3/4 at the charity stripe and hit nine 2-pointers.

Hunter Walker tallied 13 points on three treys and two 2-pointers.

Josh Thornton finished with 11 point.

Richland (2-14) is now eliminated from the tournament.

Advance (15-3) will face the winner of the Tuesday's semifinal between #4 Bernie and #5 Bell City on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in game #10 of the 2017 SCAA boys basketball Tournament.

Final Score Advance Varsity 80, Richland Varsity 46

Advance 20 23 21 16 - 80

Richland 15 10 8 13 - 46

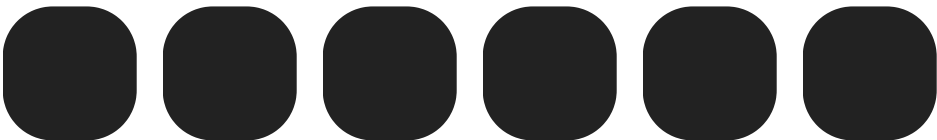
Advance (80) - Armani Vermillion 11, Preston Wuebker 14, Michael Hood 17, Brendan Crader 5, Carson Miles 11, Dawson Mayo 22. FG 32, FT 11/18, F 8. (3-pointers: Armani Vermillion 1, Preston Wuebker 2, Michael Hood 2, Fouled Out: None).

Richland (46) - Josh Thornton 11, Luke Rhodes 1, Hunter Walker 11, Clayton Harriel 21. FG 19, FT 5/8, F 16. (3-pointers: Hunter Walker 3. Fouled Out: None).

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The 2017 SCAA Bloomfield boys basketball tournament got off to a great start for the Dexter Junior Varsity Bearcats. They took an early 10-3 lead in the first four minutes of the game against the #7 seeded Advance JV Hornets.

Dexter JV seeded #2 shot well in the first half and held Advance to single digits in each of the four periods. Half time score Dexter 42, Advance 17.

Playing on the Advance Junior Varsity are freshmen Garrett Crader, Jack Below, Bryce Cook, Hunter Curtis, and Zach Simms; sophomores are Wes Shelby Parker Chubb, Seth Whittley, and Ian Eggimann. Coached by Dennis Wheatley, Asst. Coaches are Chris Asmus, Ethan Barr, and Dalton Wilson.

Playing for the Dexter Junior Varsity are freshmen Spencer Warren, Brodie Pollock, Logan Wyman, Haden Hillis, Phillip Toledo, and Garrett Henson. Sophomores are Joe Rice, Nate Gargas, Braxton Foster, and Justin Kenley.

Dexter had four Bearcats in double figures.

Freshmen Haden Hillis recorded a game-high 16 points on three treys, one from the charity stripe and three 2-pointers.

Brodie Pollock, 6'2" freshman, tallied 14 points with his six buckets and two free-throws.

Braxton Foster, 6'3" sophomore, finished the game with 12 points all on field goals. Phillip Toledo, 6'4" freshman, contributed 10 points on five buckets.

Final Score Dexter JV 68, Advance JV 27

Dexter 24 18 16 10 - 68

Advance 9 8 4 6 - 27

Dexter (68) - Joe Rice 4, Spencer Warren 4, Brodie Pollock 14, Nate Gargas 4, Haden Hillis 16, Phillip Toledo 10, Braxton Foster 12, and Garrett Henson 4. FG 29, FT 3/6, F 17. (3-pointers: Haden Hillis 3. Fouled Out: None).

Advance (27) - Garrett Crader 4, Wes Shelby 7, Jack Below 5, Seth Whittle 6, Hunter Curtis 3, Ian Eggimann 2. FG 9, FT 7/12, F 10. (3-pointers: Wes Shelby 1, Hunter Curtis 1. Fouled Out: None).

Advance Junior Varsity has been eliminated from the tournament. Dexter Junior Varsity will play #3 Bloomfield or #6 Woodland on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Game #9 of the 2017 SCAA boys basketball tournament. Bloomfield JV and Woodland JV play each other on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

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Trout may be harvested from Rotary Lake in Jackson, Giessing Lake in Farmington and Legion Lake in Perryville beginning Feb. 1.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) says trout may be harvested from Rotary Lake in Jackson, Giessing Lake in Farmington and Legion Lake in Perryville beginning Feb. 1.

According to Mike Reed, MDC fisheries management biologist, fishing has been variable this winter due to weather extremes.

“If the lakes don’t freeze, we should have an excellent opener to the trout harvest season at both lakes,” Reed said.

Reed said MDC stocked trout in November at the start of the catch-and-release season.

“These fish provide a tremendous amount of fishing opportunity through the fall and winter months when warm water fishing is at a lull,” Reed said, adding that in addition to catchable-size fish, a few “lunker” trout were also stocked at each lake.

Perryville’s Legion Lake is the newest addition to the popular winter trout fishing locations in Southeast Missouri and has quickly become popular with local anglers reported Paul Cieslewicz, MDC fisheries management biologist.

Reed reminds anglers they must release trout caught now through Jan. 31.

Anglers age 16-64 must have a valid Missouri fishing permit and a trout permit to harvest trout. The limit is four trout and any lure or bait is allowed.

“An amazing number of trout can typically be caught the first week of trout harvest season,” Cieslewicz said.

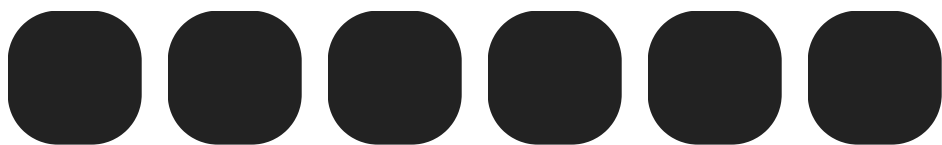
Many anglers frequently catch limits of trout using light weight or ultra-light fishing tackle or fly tackle. Cieslewicz recommends anglers use 2-4 lb. test line, small hooks and little or no added weight to their line. Popular baits include almost any type of small spinner, small crank baits, natural baits such as worms and cheese and commercially produced dough baits.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats boys basketball team won their 8th straight game defeating rival Puxico Indians with five double-digit scorers to a dominating 75-45 win on Tuesday evening.

"It was a good win for us," stated Dexter coach Josh Dowdy. "We came in here against a Puxico team with a couple nice players and we were wanting to neutralize those guys from a defensive stand point. I feel like we got that job done."

Levi Woods proved to be Puxico's top player as he is their primary scorer, but was held scoreless in the first half and only three points the entire game.

"Levi scored almost 90 points in three games at the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament," Dowdy said. "We felt like if we could take him away it would make them do some things they are not used to doing on offense. Hats off to Clay Mullins, Ben Sindle, and Dawson Kasting. We had to throw about everyone we had on the bench at them."

Dexter led 42 -17 at the half.

"They played zone in the first quarter and we got off to a slow start, but we picked it up," continued Dowdy. "They switched to man and we ran our stuff real well. We mixed a bunch of kids in the game tonight and were still able to run our offense real well. That was neat to see."

Puxico rallied in the third quarter had the Indians within 22 points, but a comeback was not in the cards.

Dexter scored seven straight points at the beginning of the fourth quarter to push their lead by 29 points.

Matt Bollinger led Puxico with 16 points. Dalton King recorded 14 points. Levi Woods, Shane Haynes, and Braiden Jones each contributed one 3-pointer each.

Junior Gabe Jackson and Ben Sindle finished with game-high 18 points each with Jackson recording 13 rebounds.

Sindle recorded all his points on six treys.

Jason Jarrell tallied 14 points, Clay Mullins and Dawson Kasting added 10 points each.

Dexter (10-5) on the season will face Puxico again in the first round of the SCAA Tournament on Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield High School gym. Dexter earned the #2 seed while Puxico received the #7 seed.

On Friday, Dexter will travel to New Madrid County Central high school. The Bearcats fell to NMCC 50-36 in the SEMO Conference Tournament at Sikeston early in the season.

"I want to think we are a better team now than we were at that time," stated Dowdy. "We need to go down there and play well. I told the kids this game was a big test to get us ready for Friday."

Final Score Dexter 75, Puxico 45

Puxico 10 7 10 18 - 45

Dexter 16 26 14 19 - 75

Puxico (45) - Levi Woods 3, Shane Haynes 3, Braiden Jones 5, Dalton King 14, Brady Hart 2, Brent Geohagan 2, Matt Bollinger 16. FG 21, FT 0/0, F 12. (3-pointers: Woods 1, Haynes 1, Jones 1. Fouled Out: None).

Dexter (75) - Jason Jarrell 14, Ben Sindle 18, Clay Mullins 10, Dawson Kasting 10, Ryan Mayo 3, Chad Smith 3, Gabe Jackson 18. FG 31, FT 7/11, F 8. (3-pointers: Sindle 6. Fouled Out: None).

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