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Ste. Genevieve, Missouri - The fourth seeded Dexter boys basketball team for the second time this season beat the Perryville Pirates with a 69 - 57 victory in the MSHSAA Class 4, District 1 quarterfinal at Ste. Genevieve on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

Dexter trailed Perryville by as much as 6 points in the first quarter similar to their game earlier in the season. The Bearcats battled back and by half-time they led 30 - 24.

They scored nearly half of their points off of offensive rebounds including several in the third quarter when they made their biggest point run of the evening.

"I just believe we were in the open floor, ahead of them and it seemed like we had a lot of 3-on-2, 4-on-3 opportunities and we just took advantage of the situations," commented Dexter head basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "If we didn't make the first basket we followed it up nicely. They ran us and it allowed us to spread the floor and get to the rim a little more in the third quarter."

Clay Mullins finished with a game-high 22 points for Dexter. He had nine two-pointers and was 4/8 at the charity stripe.

Dawson Kasting performed well as the sixth man against the Pirates. He came off the bench scoring 14 points and five take aways for the Bearcats.

"I hate to mention just one player of a game, but my goodness our sixth man came off the bench and put on a show for us tonight," Dowdy said of Kasting. "He always gets minutes, but he is better off the bench and he is waiting his turn. He's just an energy guy and he played his role. Whatever he ate today, he needs to have it again on Monday."

Gabe Jackson tallied 12 points for the Bearcats. He had six field goals.

Dexter (17-10) will face top-seeded Sikeston in the MSHSAA Class 4, District 1 semifinals at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2017 in Ste. Genevieve.

"We just appreciate the opportunity," Dowdy said of battling against the Bulldogs. "We have had a great season and I am proud of the kids. We are just going to come play the game and you never know what could happen." Sikeston's record is 21-4.

Final Score Dexter 69, Perryville 57

Dexter 19 11 23 16 - 69

Perryville 14 10 16 17 - 57

Dexter (69) - Jason Jarrell 8, Ben Sindle 9, Clay Mullins 22, Dawson Kasting 14, Ryan Mayo 4, Gabe Jackson 12. FG 30, FT 6/11, F 11. (3-pointers: Sindle 3, Fouled Out: None)

Perryville (57) - Aaron Mueller 7, Garrett Dix 10, Josh Robinson 15, Jeff Reisenbichler 19, Chase Brown 4, Brandon Renaud 2. FG 25, FT 3/6, F 13. (3-pointers: Dix 1, Robinson 1, Reisenbichler 2. Fouled Out: None).

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DHS Hires Aaron Pixley As Activities Director

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Dexter, MO - Dexter Public Schools announced today the hiring of Aaron Pixley to fill the newly formed full-time position of Activities Director.

Fondly known as "Coach Pixley" and "Coach P", Aaron returns to his alma mater after 4-years as the Head Football Coach for the Kennett Indians from 2013 to 2017. Prior to that, Aaron was the head coach of the Dexter Bearcats for a 13-year tenure, recording 78 wins as the Head Coach of the Bearcat football program from 2000 to 2013. He is noted as the winningest coach in the history of Dexter High School football.

The administration and the Dexter School Board have considered a change in the Athletic Director position for several years. Currently a part-time position held by the assistant principal at both T S Hill Middle School and the Dexter High School, the responsibilities were not only over the students during the school week, but also over all the scheduling, coordination and execution of all extra-curricular activities at both buildings. There were actually two full-time positions rolled up into one full-time assistant principal position. With this transition, the district's goal was achieved in combining both the Middle School and High School Athletic Director position to the new Activities Director position.

"This move will allow our assistant principals to gain a stronger focus on our students' daily interaction, academics and course instructions," noted assistant superintendent Gavin Miller. "Our number one goal is the academic achievements of our students."

The selection process was grueling with many very strong applicants. A committee of seven staff members from throughout the district made their final recommendation to the board after several weeks of the interview process. Deciding between long term athletic

program experience and familiarity with the district and community were key focuses of the committee.

"This was not an easy decision and was very difficult with the quality we had in many of those that applied for this position," added Miller. "Our district is filled with teachers of high character and integrity, so the bar was placed pretty high in our attempts to fill the Activities Director position."

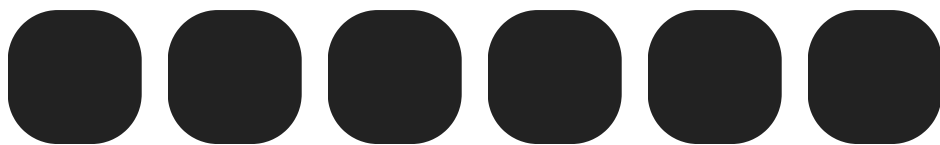
Many who are familiar with Aaron Pixley know well his character and dedication to the community and Dexter High School. He is a family man with a strong desire to be a positive influence on the youth and willing to invest himself in the young men and women in the community. His passion to encourage others spreads throughout the entire community and lifts others up to higher standards from his very presence. The dedication to success lies in sticking to basic fundamentals and working hard to create an environment of achievement.

Aaron will return to Dexter to assume his new role on July 1, 2017.

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Bloomfield Beats South Pem in Round One of District Tournament

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South Pemiscot, Missouri - The Bloomfield Wildcats easily secured their first win of the Class 2, District 1 boys basketball tournament on Saturday. The Wildcats defeated South Pemiscot 64-35.

Timmy Hector had a game-high 22 points for the Wildcats.

Below are the box scores for Bloomfield and South Pemiscot as submitted information.

Bloomfield 9 18 21 16 - 64
South Pem. 6 6 15 8 - 35

Bloomfield(15-11)

D. Phillips 3(0) 2-2 8, T. Hector 6(3) 1-1 22, Anderson 6(0) 1-4 13, M. Gibbs 1(0) 1-4 3, Bell 2(1) 9-10 16, Monroe 1(0) 0-0 2, A. Gibbs 0(0) 0-4 0. Totals 19(4) 14-25 64.

South Pem.

Smith 1(0) 0-0 2, Burton 3(1) 2-4 11, Dameworth 2(2) 2-2 12, Mullen 0(1) 0-0 3, Johnson 0(0) 1-2 1, Johnson 1(0) 1-1 3, Herron 1(0) 1-3 3. Totals 8(4) 7-12 35.

Playing in the Class 2, District 1 Boys Basketball #1 Hayti, #2 Bernie, #3 Puxico, #4 Bloomfield, #5 South Pemiscot, #6 Campbell, #7 Senath-Hornersville, and #8 Holcomb.

Hayti defeated Holcomb 73 - 41, Bernie defeated Senath-Hornersville 59 - 40, and Campbell beat Puxico 70 - 54.

Bloomfield (14-11) will play Hayti (16-11) at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st in a semifinal game.

Bernie (14-12) will play Campbell (15-9) at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st in the other semifinal game.

Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 will be the Championship game for Class 2, District 1 boys basketball.

Photo is from the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament earlier this year.

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Bullpen Club Donates to Dexter High School

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Dexter, Missouri - Members of the Dexter Bearcat Bullpen Club presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Dexter Public Schools on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Assistant Superintendent Gavin Miller and High School Principal Dan Pollock were on hand to receive the donation on behalf of the school. The Bullpen Club was started in 2016 to help in an effort to raise funds to support the renovations to the baseball field as well as provide additional opportunities for the athletes involved in baseball.

Dexter Bearcat Bullpen Club officers are DHS Baseball Coach Brian Becker, Caleb Miller, Natalie Riley, and Tory Hillis.

The Bearcat baseball team will kick-off their season when they host their annual jamboree on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Shown in the photo from left to right are: Gavin Miller, Dan Pollock, Brian Becker, Caleb Miller, and Tory Hillis.

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Class 4, District 1 Girls Basketball Tournament Seeds

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Class 4, District 1 Girls Basketball Tournament Seeds Released

Ste. Genevieve, Missouri - The 2017 Class 4, District 1 girls basketball tournament seeds were set at a meeting in Ste. Genevieve early Saturday, February 18, 2017.

The Lady Cats of Dexter earned the #1 seed and received a bye in the first round of play.

Notre Dame earned the #2 seed and also received a bye in the first round.

Ste. Genevieve (16-7) received the #4 seed and will play the #5 seed Cape Central (10-14) on Saturday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Sikeston (10-13) received the #3 seed and will play the #6 seed Perryville (6-17) on Saturday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m.

Dexter (17-8) will play the winner of the Ste. Gen/Cape Central game on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Notre Dame (15-8) will play the winner of the Sikeston/Perryville game on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m.

The Class 4, District 1 Final will be played on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The District games will be played at the Ste. Genevieve High School located at 715 Washington.

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