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Sikeston, Missouri - With fans on their feet in the final seconds of the biggest upset in the SEMO Conference Tournament history, the #7 seeded Dexter Bearcats finally upset the #2 Charleston Bluejays in a thriller game. It was the first time since its inception in 2006 that the 'Cats have advanced to the semifinals. Final score 59-54!

It was also the Bearcats' first win over Charleston since 2004.

Dexter scored the game's first eight points and never trailed throughout. They were able to slow the game down and methodically take care of the ball and run their own offense.

"Tonight they received a well deserved win," said Coach Josh Dowdy of the Dexter Bearcats. "I thought we showed a lot of fight tonight. I will not forget the smiles in that locker room tonight! We understand it is just a first round win of a tournament but for our program it is a HUGE WIN!!!"

"We have practiced real well this year. The boys are trying to do what we ask of them each day," continued Dowdy. "In fact, there are times I feel like we are pushing them to their limit. They just keep coming back for more. We are just trying to convince them that whatever they put in is usually what they will get back."

Dexter senior Gabe Jackson scored a game-high 19 points. Jackson was instrumental inside and made the biggest impact setting the tone on just how the 'Cats wanted to

physically attack the Blue Jays man-to-man defense.

"Gabe was real good tonight. He has played fine this year, but tonight was a monster effort," stated Dowdy. "He grabbed rebounds, loose balls, and just played more physical tonight. Gabe will have to continue to give us those kind of minutes for us to compete with the best teams around here."

Seniors Ben Sindle and Clay Mullins each added 11 for the Bearcats.

"Clay Mullins continues to play real well. We are asking him to do so much for our team and he has been terrific," continued Dowdy. "He handles the ball and he stepped up and took a big charge that I felt was one of the highlights of the game. He is playing with more toughness this season!"

Sindle sank a trey just under 4 minutes left in the game to give Dexter their largest lead of the night 47-36. Nine of the next ten points came from the charity stripe where Dexter shot 8 for 10 and Charleston 4 for 6.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Charleston brought them within 3 points and that were it got a little scary for the Dexter Bearcats. Many fans were on their feet holding their breath or just praying that they could hold on for the win. With just 20 seconds left in the game Charleston closed the gap to just 2 points, but the Bearcats would not give up and it was Sindle and Alan Pippins who finished the final 10 seconds perfect from the free throw line going four for four. Free throws definitely made a difference in the 4th quarter. Dexter shot 15 for 18 in the last period and was 17 for 22 in all.

"We really focused on stopping their transition game tonight," Dowdy said of Charleston's efforts. "In game one, they outscored us by 20 points in transition. Our defensive effort especially in the first three quarters was good tonight. We had a lot of help off the bench tonight due to foul trouble. Braxton was real good. He came up with some key loose balls and held his own guarding Clark. Our free throws down the stretch helped us to keep the lead and nail down a victory."

Dexter will play in the SEMO Conference Boys Basketball Tournament semifinal for the first time in the school's history. They will compete against the #6 seed Notre Dame who upset the #3 seeded Jackson Indians just prior to the Bearcats' performance on Monday evening. Game will be on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

"Playing on a Thursday this week is new for us," commented Dowdy. "We will practice hard over the next two days and see if we can come over here and compete like we did tonight. I will be surprised if this group doesn't lay their heart on the line again."

Final Score Dexter 59, Charleston 54

Dexter 16 10 7 26 - 59

Charleston 6 15 8 25 - 54

Dexter (59) - Seth Rogers 7, Nate Gargas 2, Alan Pippins 2, Braxton Foster 2, Ben Sindle 11, Clay Mullins 11, Dawson Kasting 5, Gabe Jackson 19. FG 21, FT 17/22, F 22 (3-pointers: Seth Rogers 1, Ben Sindle 3. Fouled Out; Seth Rogers, Braxton Foster).

Charleston (54) Terridean Bogan 3, Samuel Bledsoe 5, Demarcus Sharp 14, Mardareyon Clark 17, Jeremy Tucker 11, Delontre Gillespie 2, Ke'Sean Griffin 2. FG 17, FT 1/24, F 21. (3-pointers: Terridean Bogan 1, Samuel Bledsoe 1, Demarcus Sharp 1, Jeremy Tucker 1. Fouled Out: Bogan, Porter).

Dexter will play Notre Dame at 7:30 p.m. at the Sikeston High School in the semifinals of the SEMO Conference boys basketball tournament on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

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Dexter, Missouri - The last time Dexter and Sikeston faced off in boys basketball was back on February 27th when the Cats nearly beat the Bulldogs in a semifinal district game losing 56-54.

Sikeston senior Fred That scored a game-high 29 points and had 11 rebounds and six steals to lead the Bulldogs to victory.

The Bulldogs forced 21 turnovers sank 13 treys.

Dexter came out hot and created a 15-11 lead early in the first quarter at the Bearcat Event Center on Friday night.

In the second quarter the Bulldogs just exploded earning 30 points in the second quarter

"Tonight we came out and executed well on both ends of the floor early in the game," commented Dexter head boys basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "In the second quarter, we had three costly turnovers in a row that sparked their run. When we turn the ball over, we are scrambling on defense and Sikeston thrives in those situations."

Ben Sindle led the Bearcats with 22 points, including 5 3-pointers. Clay Mullins added 20 points.

"We are not lacking in effort and the guys are trying to do what we ask of them. In order for us to improve, we are going to have to have a few guys step up and help in a number of roles....rebounding, defense, and ball handling," continued Dowdy.

Tonight's loss marks the 20th straight win for Sikeston over Dexter dating back to 2004.

"Sikeston has a very good team this year. They are a tough matchup, but when they hit 13 of 28 three pointers they are even more difficult to control. We won't have much time to breathe-we face Charleston again on Monday," Dowdy stated.

Final Score Sikeston 90, Dexter 59

Sikeston 19 30 23 18 - 90

Dexter 18 11 21 9 - 59

Sikeston (90) - Fred Thatch 29, Payton Howard 17, Trey Jenkins 10, Kevin Jones 10, Don Larry 9, Owen Long 9, Dylon Mills 5, Parker Long 1. FG 30, FT 17/23, F 26. (3-pointers: Payton Howard 3, Owen Long 3, Don Larry 2, Fed Thatch 2, Kevin Jones 2, Dylon Mills 1. Fouled Out: None).

Dexter (59) Ben Sindle 22, Clay Mullins 20, Gabe Jackson 10, Seth Rogers 5, Joe Rice 2. FG 19, FT 16/31, F 23. (3-pointers Ben Sindle 5, Fouled Out: Seth Rogers)

Junior Varsity Contest

The Sikeston Junior Varsity have won 5 in a row with their 72-48 win over Dexter.

Payton Howard led the Bulldogs with 20 points, nine assists and four steals. Clark Steward had 12 points and ten rebounds.

Final Score Dexter 48, Sikeston 72

Sikeston 18 18 14 22 - 72

Dexter 16 14 8 10 - 48

Sikeston (72) - Payton Howard 20, Clark Steward 12, Riley Glass 10, Colby Henson 10, Lontas McClinton 5, Vashawn Upchurch 4, Nick Harrison 4, Leroy Atkins 3, Kenyon Smith 2, Daniel Lawrence 2. FG 26, FT 13/17, F 16. (3-pointers: Colby Henson 2, Payton Howard 1, Leroy Atkins 1, Vashawn Upchurch 1, Riley Glass 1. Fouled Out: Kenyon Smith).

Dexter (48) - Garrett Henson 17, Carter Dorton 9, Logan Wyman 5, Peyton Driskill 5, Ryder Boles 3, Haden Hillis 3, Andrew Ellinghouse 2, Riley Slusher 2, Spencer Warren 2. FG 20, FT 2/9, F 16. (3-pointers: Carter Dorton 3, Ryder Boles 1, Logan Wyman 1, Peyton Driskill 1. Fouled Out Haden Hillis).

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Dexter Wrestling Team Beats NMCC 57 - 15

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New Madrid, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcat wrestling team traveled to New Madrid County Central high school on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 and defeated the Eagles 57 - 15.

Dexter (DEXTER) 57.00 Central (New Madrid County) (CENTRLNM) 15.00
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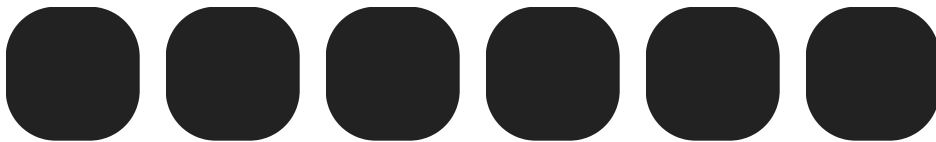
- 106: CJ Greene (DEXTER) over (CENTRLNM) (For.)
- 113: Bryston Pemberton (DEXTER) over (CENTRLNM) (For.)
- 120: Drew Soule (DEXTER) over Austin Perry (CENTRLNM) (Dec 9-2)
- 126: Travis Waldner (DEXTER) over Kannon Nowell (CENTRLNM) (Fall 5:46)
- 132: Wyatt Parker (DEXTER) over Keilan Gibbs (CENTRLNM) (Dec 8-3)
- 138: Mason Keena (DEXTER) over Hunter Bailey (CENTRLNM) (Dec 10-5)
- 145: Corey Hawkins (DEXTER) over (CENTRLNM) (For.)
- 152: Jacob Wicker (CENTRLNM) over Wyatt Chastain (DEXTER) (Fall 4:59)
- 160: Darren Duckworth (CENTRLNM) over (DEXTER) (For.) 170: Parker VanSlyke (DEXTER) over (CENTRLNM) (For.)
- 182: Jett Featherston (DEXTER) over Herman Jackson (CENTRLNM) (Fall 4:42)
- 195: Caleb Coons (DEXTER) over Brett Gerecke (CENTRLNM) (Fall 2:51)
- 220: Colten Gibson (DEXTER) over John Michael Stanley (CENTRLNM) (Fall 0:41)
- 285: Jay Maltbia (CENTRLNM) over Christian Yarber (DEXTER) (Dec 8-6)

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Charleston, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats gave their all for three quarters before falling to the Jays on their home court in Charleston on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 by a score of 62-53.

Dexter has lost 12 straight season openers to the Charleston Bluejays. Though the Jays were down as much as 9 points at one point in the first minutes of the game thanks to some impressive shooting from the Bearcats hitting their first five shots from the field leading to a quick 11-2 advantage.

"We came out early in the game and executed offensively in the halfcourt very well," stated Dexter head boys basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "That was encouraging. We also took care of our defensive assignments too."

Demarcus Sharp led the Jays with a game-high 22 points. Jeremy Tucker added 11 points and Terridean Bogan tallied 10 points.

"Charleston is a good team," continued Dowdy. "We have competed real well with them the last two years. We have not been able to finish the game off, but the boys gave a great effort tonight."

Clay Mullins finished with 15 points and five rebounds for Dexter. He had a four-point play at the end of the first quarter to give the Bearcats a 15-13 lead.

"Clay had a big night for us handling the ball," stated Dowdy. "He has really improved since last season."

Seth Rogers set the scoring run for the second quarter with a 3-pointer right out the gate. He finished the game with seven points.

Ben Sindle recorded 6 treys for a team-high 18 points.

"Our team chemistry is good and these boys are a fun bunch to be around," Dowdy said. "Despite coming up short, our performance tonight is something we can build on."

Final Score Dexter 53, Charleston 62

Dexter 15 16 8 14 - 53

Charleston 13 17 11 21 - 62

Dexter (53) - Seth Rogers 7, Braxton Foster 2, Ben Sindle 18, Clay Mullins 15, Dawson Kasting 3, Gabe Jackson 6. FG 18, FT 9/15, F 14. (3-pointers: Seth Rogers 1, Ben Sindle 6, Clay Mullins 1, Fouled Out: None)

Charleston (62) - Terridean Bogan 10, Samuel Bledsoe 3, Demarcus Sharp 22, Mardareyon Clark 9, Jeremy Tucker 11, Delontre Gillespie 7. FG 25, FT 8/12, F 18. (3-pointers: Terridean Bogan 2, Samuel Bledsoe 3, Jeremy Tucker 1. Fouled Out: None).

Dexter will host the Sikeston Bulldogs, another powerhouse SEMO Conference team on Friday, December 1, 2017. Charleston will be on the road at Notre Dame on Friday.

In JV action the Charleston Blue Jays also defeated the Dexter Bearcats 59 - 54

Dexter 4 14 16 20 - 54

Sikeston 15 15 20 9 - 59

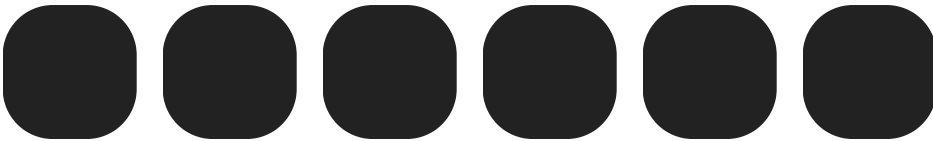
Dexter (54) - Carter Dorton 11, Logan Wyman 2, Andrew Ellinghouse 11, Peyton Driskill 11, Haden Hillis 8, Riley Slusher 2, Garrett Henson 7, and A. Daniels 2. FG 21, FT 8/15, F 15. (3-pointers: Carter Dorton 3, Peyton Driskill 1; Fouled Out: Haden Hillis).

Sikeston (59) - Sam Bledsoe 3, Torridean Bogan 10, Preston Moore 5, Isaia Gillispie 6, Elmer Davis 8, S. Fitzpatrick 2, Brian Viser 5, Javontrey Wiley 11, Blessin Kimble 8. FG 23, FT 8/19, F 22. (3-pointers: Bledsoe 1, Bogan 2, Viser 1, Wiley 1; Fouled Out: None).

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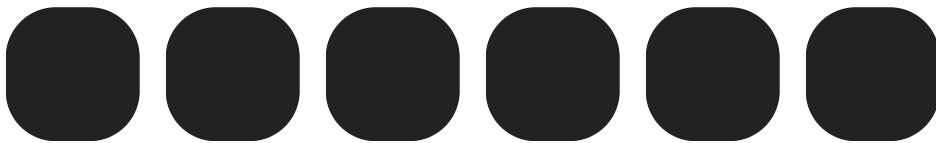
Missouri- Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 7,728 deer during the antlerless portion of the fall firearms deer season, which ran Dec. 1-3. Top harvest counties were Callaway with 250, Macon with 212, and Pike with 205 deer checked. Last year's harvest total was 6,503.

MDC reduced the length of the antlerless portion of fall firearms deer season starting in 2016 from 12 to three days so harvest numbers prior to 2016 are not comparable to this season.

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