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## Wildcats Win 2015 Bernie Basketball Tournament

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#### Wildcats Win 2015 Bernie Basketball Tournament

**Bernie, Missouri -** Top seeded Bloomfield Wildcats exploded in the first half putting 31 points on the board to secure their victory over Campbell 54 - 24 in the Championship game of the Bernie Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament.

"Good week for our boys," commented Bloomfield head basketball Coach Jason Karnes. "Thought we played and competed very well. Kind of got off to a slow start Friday, but we were able to find our rhythm and get to a 10 point halftime lead."

The Wildcats held Campbell to just 3 points in the second half with their amazing defense. Senior Dakota Adams made Campbell's only bucket of the half. The Camels later recorded one free throw.

"We had a tremendous defensive effort the second half," continued Karnes. "We were really able to extend out lead. Proud of our guys and their effort."

Offensively the Wildcats had two great quarters. They tallied 21 points in the second period and recorded 15 points in the fourth period to bring home the win.

Noah Vandiver tallied a game-high 12 points including one 3-pointer.

Nathan Newell tied with Noah for a game-high12 points, all on 3-point baskets.

Caleb Pulley contributed 11 points including 2 three pointers.

Tim Hector recorded one trey and Tyler Battles added two treys.

#### Final Score Bloomfield 54, Campbell 24

Campbell 12 9 2 1 - 24

Bloomfield 10 21 8 15 - 54

**Campbell (24) -** Jason Bowman 2, Dakota Adams 6, Tommy Steward 5, Riley Peters 4, Dylan Adams 7. FG 10, FT 4/11, F 17. (3-pointers: None. Fouled Out: None).

**Bloomfield (54) -** Tim Hector 3, Caleb Pulley 11, Peyton Bell 5, Nathan Newell 12, Austin Bond 2, Tyler Battles 7, Noah Vandiver 12. FG 19, FT 6/10, F17. (3-pointers: Tim Hector 1, Caleb Pulley 2, Nathan Newell 4, Tyler Battles 2, Noah Vandiver 1. Fouled Out: Phillips)

"We have to work get back to work on Monday as we play a good Kelly team on Tuesday." Stated Karnes.

The undefeated Bloomfield Wildcats (3-0) will be back in action on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> when they host the Kelly Hawks. Game time 6:00 p.m.

Photo submitted by Dawn Vandiver.

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# DHS JV Boys Basketball Team Takes Down Bluejays

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DHS JV Boys Basketball Team Takes Down Bluejays

**Dexter, Missouri -** The Dexter junior varsity Bearcats took down the mighty Bluejays on Tuesday night in Charleston.

"We got off the bus ready to play," commented Dexter JV Coach Josh Dowdy "We were diving on the floor, talking on defense, and played with great enthusiasm."

Seth Rogers paced the Bearcats with a game-high 21 points including one 3-pointer.

"Seth played with great composure and fearlessness," Dowdy said of Rogers. "He took it right at the defense and put them on their heels."

The Bluejays fell behind by five points nearing the half and never recovered, securing the Bearcats first win of the season 45-36.

"The kids were real excited to get their first win," continued Dowdy. "It took us a little bit to get them settled down after the game...they were all over the place. The energy was great, even the guys that did not see the floor as much were joining in. It was truly a team effort."

#### Final Score Dexter 45, Charleston 36

Charleston 9 11 11 5 - 36

Dexter 12 13 8 12 - 45

**Charleston (36) -** Jaquavis Rodgers 7, Preston Moore 6, Jakeith Browning 6, Richard Ware 2, Latrell Porter 5, Mykondray McCain 3, Clifford Johnson 1,

Delontre Fisher 6. FG 13, FT 5/15, F 19. (3-pointers: Rodgers 1, Moore 2, browning 1, McCain 1. Fouled Out: None)

**Dexter (45) -** Kole Kelley 2, Marcus Woodson 2, Seth Rogers 21, Nate Gargas 9, Dawson Kasting 7, Chad Smith 1, Braxton Foster 3. FG 17, FT 10/22, F 15. (3-pointers: Seth Rodgers 1. Fouled Out: None)

"While we are glad to get our first win, our goal is take on possession at a time and build off of it," commented Dowdy.

The Dexter JV Bearcats will be back in action at their first home game of the 2015 season on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Bearcat Event Center against the Sikeston Bulldogs. Game time 6:00 p.m.

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# DMS Wrestling 2015 Team Photo, Roster, and Schedule

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DMS Wrestling 2015 Team Photo, Roster, and Schedule

**Dexter, Missouri -** The T.S. Hill Middle School wrestling team has already won their first match of the season against Poplar Bluff at their only home match.

They compete in Cape Girardeau on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Match time 5:00 p.m.

Wrestling for the middle school are: Bottom row left to right: Wyatt Parker, Cutter Cornett, Brayden Barnett, Drew Soule, Travis Waldner. Middle row left to right: Alex Townsend, Dylan Homan, Steven Cupp, Brett Pollock, Mason Keena. Top row left to right: Corey Hawkins, Parker Vanslyke, Cory Ezell, Ethan Harmon, William Beauchemin.

#### 2015 Season Schedule for December

November 24, 2015 Poplar Bluff (Home) 6:00 p.m. (WIN!)

December 1, 2015 Cape Girardeau (Away) 5:00 p.m.

December 3, 2015 Sikeston (Away) 5:00 p.m.

December 5, 2015 Farmington (Away) 9:00 a.m.

December 9, 2015 Cape Girardeau (Away) 5:00 p.m.

December 12, 2015 Cape Girardeau (Away) 9:00 a.m.

December 14, 2015 New Madrid County Central (Away) 5:00 p.m.

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# DHS Boys Basketball 2015 Season

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DHS Boys Basketball 2015 Season

**Dexter, Missouri -** The Dexter varsity boys basketball program open their 2015-2016 season against powerhouse Charleston Bluejays on the road. They have a season group of athletes ready to take the court this year and coach Josh Dowdy expects his athletes to give all they have on the court to bring home the win.

The varsity team is comprised of five seniors, two juniors and two sophomores.

Seniors Ethan Flowers and Jacob Pedigo along with junior Jason Jarrell started the majority of the 2014 season and are expected to have a great season for the Bearcats.

"We return Ethan Flowers, Jason Jarrell, and Jacob Pedigo," commented head basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "Ethan will return as our shooting guard. He is an excellent outside shooter who led our team in 3-point shooting last year. Jason

will again help us in many different roles. He was our point guard last year and led our team in scoring and rebounding. Jacob is a returning guard who has a nice jump shot with active hands on defense. I believe Jacob is poised to have a real good senior season."

Other returning starts for the Dexter Bearcats are seniors Adam Webb, Jacob Crumley, and Tyler Heil, junior Ryan Mayo, and sophomores Gabe Jackson and Dawson Kasting.

"Gabe Jackson will play in the paint for us this year," continued Dowdy. "With the addition of Gabe's strength and size, we will be able to play more of an inside/out style on offense instead of settling for perimeter shots."

"Tyler Heil, Adam Webb, and Ryan Mayo all return and will be key contributors off the bench. All of these guys provided us some valuable minutes at our recent jamboree. Senior guard Jacob Crumley has also joined us this year."

The Bearcats open their season on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 against Charleston, a SEMO Conference game. On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> they will host their home opener against the Sikeston Bulldogs, another SEMO Conference game.

Dexter received the #9 seed in the SEMO Conference Tournament. They play #8 seeded Notre Dame at Sikeston on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

"The history and success of the SEMO Conference really speaks for itself," stated Dowdy. "There were some great players who graduated, but there are new guys ready to fill their shoes. Sikeston is obviously the cream of the crop."

Dexter will also host the Stoddard County Athletic Association Tournament in January. The Bearcats took 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the Bernie Mules in the 2014 season.

"Our primary goal is to practice hard enough to have a chance to compete for a Stoddard County Conference title," Dowdy said.

"The SCAA Tournament will be balanced once again," Dowdy said. "Bloomfield will have a real good group this year. They return all of their guys from last season. Advance brings back most of their team, and I expect them to have another good year. Woodland returns most of their guys as well. Their two big guys will be a handful. Bell City will be tough also. I would not count anyone out. Coach Botsch will have his team prepared along with Coach Walk at Puxico. It

should make for another exciting year for all involved. I don't think anyone would want it any other way."

Dexter will compete in the Class 4, District 1 at Sikeston at the end of the 2015 season against other teams in their District including Cape Central, Notre Dame, Perryville, Sikeston, and Kennett. Notre Dame won last year's district championship.

"Our attitude towards practice has been much better this year," explained Dowdy. "We are further along right now than we were at this same time last year. The key for us to compete at the level we expect is to improve defensively by finding a way to grind out stops and make good, sound decisions with the ball. We will only improve as we truly commit to getting stops. That is where we are placing our focus."

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#### Pictured in the top photo is the Dexter varsity boys basketball team.

Members of the team front row from left to right: #24 Ethan Flowers, #11 Jason Jarrell, #21Jacob Pedigo, #12 Jacob Crumley. Back row from left to right: #15 Dawson Kasting, #33 Ryan Mayo, #10 Adam Webb, #35 Gabe Jackson, #25 Tyler Heil.

#### Pictured in the bottom photo are the Dexter Varsity Seniors:

#24 Ethan Flowers, #25 Tyler Heil, #10 Adam Webb, #21 Jacob Pedigo, #12 Jacob Crumley

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## 2015 Bernie Boys Basketball Invitational Tournament

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2015 Bernie Boys Basketball Invitational Tournament

**Bernie, Missouri -** The 2015 Bernie Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament begins Monday, November 30, 2015 in the Mule Barn.

The Bloomfield Wildcats received the #1 seed and will play #8 seeded Risco at 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

Bernie seeded #4 will play #5 seeded Puxico at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

On Tuesday Twin Rivers with the #2 seed will play #7 seed Holcomb at 6:00 p.m. and the #3 seed Campbell will play #6 seed Piggot, AR.

Games will continue on Thursday with the semifinals and the Championship game will be played on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.

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