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## Mules Booster Club November Athletes of the Month

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri -** The Poplar Bluff Mules Booster Club has selected soccer player Jeffry Hardin and cross-country runner Katie Sliger as Athletes of the Month for November.

Sliger was the Poplar Bluff Invitational and Jackson Invitational sophomore champion. She made All-Conference, All-District and was also a state qualifier. She is the first female at Senior High to break 20 minutes in the MSHSAA Class 4 state meet – a 5k. In the classroom, Sliger maintains an 11.40 GPA, including honor classes.

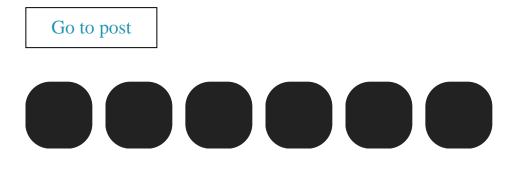
"One of the hardest working athletes I know, (Sliger) is extremely self-disciplined and goal oriented," cross country coach Beth Lewis-Muse said.

Hardin, a junior, scored 19 goals and 14 assists during the 2015 season, adding to his career total of 63 goals and 38 assists. He was an All-State honorable mention in 2015 and made the second team in 2014; All-Regional and All-District first team during the 2014/15 season; and first team All-Conference in 2015 and second team the previous year.

Soccer coach Steve Edwards described Hardin as a leader on the field, adding: "He brings the level of play up for everyone he is around."

Presenting the awards last week is Booster Club President Jason Smothers.

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## Dexter Middle School Wrestling Results

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Dexter Middle School Wrestling Results

**New Madrid, Missouri -** The T.S. Hill Middle School Wrestling Team traveled to New Madrid Monday evening for their last match of the 2015 season.

Below are the DMS Wrestling Individual Results:

Drew Soule (D) beat Kannon Nowell by points 8-3 Travis Waldner (D) beat Devon Thomas by points 18-2 Wyatt Parker (D) beat Maliq Smith by pin Alex Townsend (D) beat Chandler King by points 8-0 Corey Hawkins (D) beat O'Carres Haney by pin Parker VanSlyke (D) beat Kevin Robinson by pin Mason Keena (D) beat Jacob Wicker by points 14-2 Travis Waldner (D) beat Kannon Nowell by points 15-0 Wyatt Parker (D) beat Devon Thomas by pin Dylan Homan (D) beat Maliq Smith by pin Brett Pollock (D) beat Chandler King by points 11-2 Parker VanSlyke (D) beat O'Carres Haney by pin William Beauchemin beat Kevin Robinson by pin Cory Ezell (D) beat Jacob Wicker by pin

Dexter also wrestled 3 matches against their own teammates! Drew Soule beat Brayden Barnett 17-2 Cutter Cornett beat Corey Hawkins by pin Parker VanSlyke beat Steven Cupp 3-2

The Dexter Middle School wrestlers had an awesome season!

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**Paragould, Arkansas -** The Dexter Lady Cats knocked off the Jonesboro Lady Hurricanes 49-40 in the 2015 McDonald's Shootout in Paragould, Arkansas on Saturday.

Dexter scored double digits in each quarter to secure their 3rd McDonald's Shootout trophy.

It was a close game in the first half with Dexter and Jonesboro tied 25 all. It was the third quarter that Dexter pressed and held their opponent down.

The Lady Cats swelled to a 37 - 27 lead at the end of the 3rd holding the Hurricanes to only 2 points.

"We went on a 9-0 run to start the 3rd quarter which was huge," continued Allen. "It was the difference in the game. I thought during that run and most of the 3rd quarter we did a good job of taking away driving lanes and covering shooters. Jonesboro is a very quick and good shooting team."

The Bearcats got a 25-point performance from 5' 10" sophomore Krysten Garrison.

"I thought Krysten had a really good tournament," commented Dexter head basketball coach Chad Allen. "She seems to be getting better as the season progresses. She did a really good job of reading the defense and making cuts/drives to the basket."

Fellow Lady Cat senior Melanie McKuin added 10 points and 6 rebounds.

Natalie Sitze and Chaylea Mosby each contributed a trey for the Bearcats.

The Lady Bearcats have won the McDonald's Shootout the last 3 of 4 years they have been in it.

"The Paragould shootout is one of our favorite tournaments," Allen said with a little grin. "It is extremely competitive and has an unbelievable atmosphere and most importantly a great hospitality room."

#### Final Score Dexter 49, Jonesboro 40

Dexter 10 15 12 12 - 49

Jonesboro 8 17 2 13 - 40

Dexter (49) - Dakota Reynolds 4, Natalie Sitze 3, Melanie McKuin 10, Kyrsten Garrison 25, Chaylea Mosby 7. FT 13/23, FG 17/51, F 7. (3-pointers: Natalie Sitze 1, Chaylea Mosby 1. Fouled Out: None).

Jonesboro (40) - Star Taylor 10, Matte Curtis 2, Khiandra Perry 9, Amber Hatchett 9, Donita Webb 4, Shanel Sloan 2, Kiana Williams 4. FT 2/2 FG 17/41 F 17 (3-pointers: Khiandra Perry 1, Amber Hatchett 3. Fouled Out: None).

#### Dexter Lady Bearcats will be back in action on Saturday in the 2015 Lady Royals Christmas Classic Tournament in Broseley, Missouri. They earned the #2 seed and will play #15 Senath-Hornersville at 10:00 a.m.

"We will get some rest on Sunday and Monday and then start getting ready for the Christmas Tournament on Tuesday through Friday."

Photo submitted by Jill Allen! Thank you!

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# 2015 Lady Royals Christmas Classic Seedings Released

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2015 Lady Royals Christmas Classic Seedings Released

**Broseley, Missouri -** The 2015 Lady Royals Christmas Classic Tournament is slated to begin Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Twin Rivers High School.

The seedings are as follows: #1 Neelyville, #2 Dexter, #3 Naylor, #4 Twin Rivers, #5 Doniphan, #6 Greenville, #7 Chaffee, #8 Kennett, #9 Clearwater, #10 Malden, #11 Charleston, #12 Portageville, #13 Kelly, #14 New Madrid County Central, #15 Senath-Hornersville, #16 East Carter.

- #1 Neelyville vs #16 East Carter at 9:00 a.m.
- #2 Dexter vs #15 Senath-Hornersville at 10:00 a.m.
- #8 Kennett vs #9 Clearwater at 11:30 a.m.
- #5 Doniphan vs #12 Portageville at 1:00 p.m.
- #4 Twin Rivers vs #13 Kelly at 2:30 p.m.
- #6 Greenville vs #11 Charleston at 4:00 p.m.
- #3 Naylor vs #14 at 5:30 p.m.
- #7 Chaffee vs #10 Malden at 7:00 p.m.

Winners will advance to round two to begin on December 21<sup>st</sup> with semifinals on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Championship game on December 23 at 7:30 p.m.

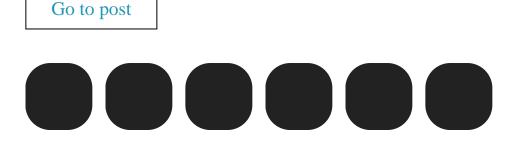
Winner bracket quarterfinals will be at 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> with the consolation side beginning at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m. that morning.

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Dexter defeated Twin Rivers 79-61 in the 2014 Championship game and in 2013 the Lady Cats defeated Neelyville 63-45 in the Championship. They also won the 2012 and 2011 Lady Royals Classics.

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# 59th Annual Christmas Tournament Begins December 26th

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**Bloomfield, Missouri -** It's been 50 years since the Bloomfield Wildcats earned a #1 seed in their annual boys basketball Christmas Tournament. This may be their year, but for now the title is up for grabs.

The Wildcats will begin play at 10:00 a.m. against the #16 seed Richland Rebels on

December 26th in game 1 of the tournament.

Game #2 will be between the #2 seed Kennett Indians and the #15 seed Holcomb Hornets at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, December 26th.

#3 seeded South Pemiscot will play #14 Van Buren in game three at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Game #4 will begin at 2:00 p.m. with #4 seeded Doniphan against #13 Bernie on Saturday.

At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday game #5 will feature #5 Malden and #12 Portageville.

#6 seed Saxony Lutheran will take on #11 seed Puxico at 5:00 p.m. in game #6 on Saturday afternoon.

Game #7 will begin at 6:30 p.m. with #7 Hayti and #10 East Prairie squaring off on Saturday.

The final game of the evening will begin at 8:00 p.m. with the #8 Dexter Bearcats and the #9 seeded Twin Rivers.

The 2014 Champions, the Bernie Mules are seeded 13th this year. Kennett won in 2013 and is seeded #2 and Holcomb won in 2012 earning a 15th seed this year.

The 2015 Championship game will be played on December 30th at 8:30 p.m.

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