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**Dexter, Missouri -** Fourteen athletes who lettered for the first time were recognized at the Dexter High School Winter Sports program on Thursday, March 10th.

In boys basketball Ryan Mayo received a letter.

Dalton Green, Wyatt Chastain, Dawson Jones, John Tucker, Jeff Featherston, and Rachel Huntsman received a letter in wrestling.

Rae-Ann Riddle received a letter in cheerleading.

Haley Cornett, Amber Scott, and Hannah Smith earned a letter in dance.

Cidney Gathings, Chaylea Mosby, and Olivia Sitzes received a letter in girls basketball.

Shown in the photos from left to right: Haley Cornett, Rachel Huntsman, Dawson Jones, Wyatt Chastain, Ryan Mayo, Amber Scott, and Chaylea Mosby. Not available for photo were Dalton Green, John Tucker, Jeff Featherston, Rae-Ann Riddle, Hannah Smith, Cydney Gathings, and Olivia Sitzes.

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# Iberia Escapes Fast Paced Wildcats in Final Four Action

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**Columbia, Missouri -** Iberia scored all 14 of their overtime points from the charity stripe in overtime to secure their 65-58 win over the Bloomfield Wildcats in the MSHSAA Class 2 semifinals at the Hearnes Center in Columbia, Missouri on Thursday.

"The funny thing is, if we would have made our free throws in regulation, we wouldn't have needed those 14 free throws," stated Iberia's head basketball coach Steve Scholfield.

The Wildcats were on a 16-game winning streak allowing about 44 points per game on average this season.

"That's the first time we have given up 60 points in the whole year," commented Bloomfield head basketball coach Jason Karnes. "Overtime of a semifinal game, well that's still pretty good."

The referees gave Bloomfield several fouls allowing Iberia a chance to pull ahead with eight free throws in the first two minutes of the overtime portion of the semifinal game.

Tim Hector sank a 3-pointer early, but the Wildcats didn't score again until the final few seconds.

There were 52 fouls called in the game, 32 against Bloomfield and 20 against Iberia. Iberia went on to sink 14 of 18 from the charity stripe during the extra four minutes sealing their win.

"A lot of ball pressure and they were physical," said Scholfield of the Bloomfield Wildcats defense. "I think that's kind of a Southeast Missouri thing, which is fine. They just wouldn't let us run our stuff and they made us use patience."

Alex Gibbs put two on the board first for the Wildcats in under one minute of play to start the first quarter. He finished with five points; four rebounds, and was 3 for 8 from the field before fouling out.

Bloomfield remained on top at the end of the first quarter 13-10 and was only down by one at the half. At the end of regulations it was 51-51 and so began the 4 minutes of overtime.

Defensively the Wildcats were able to hold Iberia's leading scorer, Riley Halley, scoreless in the first half and to only 14 points for the entire game. He had been averaging 23 points per game.

Bloomfield held Iberia's 6'10" monster, Dexter Frisbie, to 18 points before he fouled out with a little over four minutes of regulation left.

Wildcat senior, Noah Vandiver, recorded a game-high 27 points on three 3-pointers and was four for five at the charity stripe.

#### Final Score: Bloomfield 58, Iberia 65 in Overtime

Bloomfield 13 10 10 18 7 - 58

Iberia 10 14 14 13 14 - 65

Bloomfield (58) - Tim Hector 6, Nathan Newell 8, Austin Bond 4, Tyler Battles 5, Noah Vandiver 27, Peyton Bell 2, Alex Gibbs 5, FG 24, FT 14/23, F 32 (3-pointers: Tim Hector 1, Noah Vandiver 3. Fouled Out: Tim Hector, Noah Vandiver, Alex Gibbs).

Iberia (65) - Azhary Roark 12, Lane Luttrell 15, Devyn Bloodgood 3, Riley Halley 14, Dexter Frisbie 18, Carter Halley 3. FG 19, FT 31/47, F 20 (3-pointers: Lane Luttrell 4, Fouled Out: Dexter Frisbie).

Rebounds: Bloomfield 28 (Noah Vandiver 9, Nathan Newell 4, Tim Hector 3); Iberia 34 (Riley Halley 16, Zachary Roark 6, Dexter Frisbie 5).

The Wildcats will face Wellington-Napoleon at 4:15 p.m. Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mizzou Arena. Hartville defeated Wellington 63-22 in their semifinal.

Special Note: If Bloomfield wins third place, they match the 1964-65 team. The 1965-66 basketball team took fourth place. It's the senior Wildcat's last game and the entire Stoddard County community is extremely proud of their accomplishments! Leave it all on the court and good luck in your final high school game! #WildcatPride

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# 2016 Dexter High School Baseball Team and Schedule

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**Dexter, Missouri -** Spring sports begin next week. Introducing your 2016 Dexter High School Baseball team roster and schedule! A full preview article will be available on ShowMe Times next week.

Shown in the photo are Front row: Tristan Williams, Dawson Jones, Luke Thurston, Seth Harris, Tyler Wright, Caleb Stearns, Trenton Willis and Caleb Hoggard; Middle row: Jason Jarrell, Hunter Parrott, Trevor McDonald, Jacob Pedigo, Cody Pullum, Chandler Young, Tyler Heil, Jordan Wood, Spencer Owens and Gabe Jackson; Back row: Corbin Strong, Riley Mason, Ethan Kinsey, Kris Rinehart, Cordell Holt, and Landon Henson.

## 2016 Dexter High School Baseball Schedule

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri -** The Mules Booster Club has named swimmer Morgan McAtee and wrestler Steven Haley the Poplar Bluff High School Athletes of the Month for February.

Steven, a senior, placed fifth in the MSHSAA Class 3 Championship in the 182 weight class with a season record of 35-7. In the classroom, Steven maintains over an 11.0 GPA, according to head wrestling coach David Sievers, and he has been awarded a football scholarship to Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. Steven has "extremely high moral character," he is a "team leader" and "well respected" by his classmates, Sievers said.

Morgan, a junior, was an All-Conference competitor in the 200 free relay and medley relay, along with the 100 breaststroke and freestyle. She was a state qualifier in the 200 medley relay and freestyle relay, 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay. Morgan holds the Jackson Pool record for the 100 breaststroke, the conference record for the 200 freestyle relay and 100 breaststroke, plus holds the school record for the 200 freestyle relay and 100 breaststroke. Ranked 13th out of 332 in her class, Morgan's weighted GPA is 11.11, according to her swim coach, Beth Lewis-Muse.

Shown in the photo: Presenting the awards on Tuesday, March 1, is Brian Taylor of the Booster Club.

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**Farmington, Missouri -** It's been 50 years in the making, but the Bloomfield Wildcats are once again headed to the Show-Me Showdown in Columbia, Missouri! For the first time since 1966 they earn a trip to the Final Four beating Clopton in the Class 2 quarterfinal on Saturday night by a score of 63-41!

"It is amazing! First time since 1965-1966, and the biggest game of my life," stated Bloomfield player Tim Hector. "It has went through our mind, but coming into this game, we were thinking about nothing but this game and this game only. But now that we have accomplished winning this game, I think we can think about it a little more."

"It is pretty special," commented Bloomfield coach Jason Karnes. "I told the guys before the game, this is almost like a home game. We had that whole side, plus the student section which has been awesome all year."

Clopton came out strong in the first period leading Bloomfield by just two points, but the Wildcats owned the second quarter scoring 23 points and holding the Hawks to just 6 points.

It seemed like the turning point of the game was when Kevin Hammett of Clopton was called for a technical foul halfway through the second quarter. There had been several lead changes, but the Wildcats were up by one.

Tim Hector went to the charity stripe and recorded 3 of 4 free throws. Bloomfield received the ball and added a bucket quickly giving them a 6-point lead, the largest up to this point in the game.

"Once e kind of found our rhythm and started getting stops and started moving the ball and doing the things that we can do, that's when we get into a lot more of a rhythm," Karnes said.

Clopton's only field goal in the second quarter came from a 3-pointer by Meshawn Marshall. The other three points were from the charity stripe.

After giving up the first two points of the second half, Bloomfield recorded 12 straight points.

"I thought we did a good job in the second half when they started to really amp up the pressure. I thought we did a good job of getting it inside to our post players and them going and finishing," Karnes said.

Bloomfield will play Iberia (27-4) in the semifinals on March 10th at noon at the Hearnes Center in Columbia, Missouri

Final Score Bloomfield 63, Clopton 41

Bloomfield 9 23 14 17 - 63

Clopton 11 6 12 12 - 41

Bloomfield (63) – Tim Hector 18, Nathan Newell 7, Austin Bond 9, Tyler Battles 6, Noah Vandiver 15, Caleb Pulley 1, Peyton Bell 5, Joe Clary 1, Alex Gibbs 1. FG 21, Ft 16/25, F 19. (3-pointers: Tim Hector 4, Noah Vandiver 1. Fouled Out: None).

Clopton (41) – Hammett 1, Adams 9, Marshall 4, Goaham 4, Talbert 16, Eivins 5. FG 14, FT 7/16, F 41 (3-pointers: Adams 3, Talbert 1, Eivins 1. Fouled Out: Adams, Eivins).

Shown in the photo is Tim Hector shooting a free-throw in Saturday night's battle against Clopton. Photo credit to Dee Loflin, ShowMe Times manager/editor.

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