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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats varsity boys tennis team placed second in the Poplar Bluff Invitational on Saturday, April 2, 2016 in Dexter. It was moved due to construction at the Poplar Bluff Schools.

Not only did Dexter's team place second, but they had a player advance to the singles final and a doubles team win the doubles tournament. The boys tennis team initially tied for first place with Poplar Bluff in the team competition with both teams securing 11.5 points each. Farmington placed 3rd with a score of 8.5 points and Sikeston finished fourth with zero points.

Poplar Bluff eventually won the tournament because they won more games than any other team in the tournament. Dexter won 51 games while Poplar Bluff won 54 games during the tournament.

Ethan Flowers of Dexter advanced to the singles championship after beating Brett Johnson of Sikeston 8-6 in a quarterfinal and defeating Isaac Laseter of Poplar Bluff 8-2 in a semifinal. Alex England of Farmington beat Flowers 8-4 in the championship match.

Zach Potts and Joshua Kohlbaker, a doubles team from Dexter, took the top prize beating Beau Bryant and Will Leonard of Sikeston 8-0 in quarterfinal play and beat Diego Rivetti and Greg Roberson from Poplar Bluff 8-3 in semifinal action. They then defeated Peyton Bradley and Eduardo Martinez of Poplar Bluff 8-3 in the championship.

Singles Tournament

Quarterfinals:

Ethan Flowers (D) def. Brett Johnson (S) 8-6

Isaac Laseter (PB) def. Cole Sutton (F) 8-6

Humza Siddiqui (PB) def. Michael Porter (S) 8-0

Alex England (F) def. Addison Moore (D) 8-1

Semifinals:

Ethan Flowers (D) def. Isaac Laseter (PB) 8-2

Alex England (F) def. Humza Siddiqui (PB) 8-6

Championship:

Alex England (F) def. Ethan Flowers 8-4

Doubles Tournament

Quarterfinals:

Grant Harrison-Victor Lavella (F) def. Will Brehmer-Tyler Stevenson (D) 8-6

Peyton Bradley-Eduardo Martinez (PB) def. Edward McClain-Jordan Wheatley (S) 8-2

Diego Rivetti-Greg Roberson (PB) def. Dante Chamberlain-Jesse Stover (F) 8-6

Zach Potts-Josh Kohlbaker (D) def. Beau Bryant-Will Leonard (S) 8-0

Semifinals:

Bradley-Martinez (PB) def. Harrison-Lavella (F) 8-5

Potts-Kohlbaker (D) def. Rivetti-Roberson (PB) 8-3

Championship

Potts-Kohlbaker (D) def. Bradley-Martinez (PB) 8-3

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Tyler Stephenson, Addison Moore, Ethan Stevens, Josh Kohlbaker, Zach Potts, Will Brehmer.

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