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Bloomfield, Missouri - It's been five years five years since Dexter has won the SCAA boys basketball Tournament trophy. They defeated Bernie 54-40 in 2012. On Monday night the #2 seeded Bearcats cruised past # 7 seeded Puxico 66 - 33.

Dexter jumped out to a 7-0 lead and allowed one field goal in the first quarter to secure their placement in the semifinals of the SCAA Tournament slated for Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Gabe Jackson, 6'4" forward, tallied 20 points and 11 rebounds in the first half. He led all scorers with 27 points, including 14 of Dexter's 20 points in the second quarter.

"Gabe was tremendous tonight," stated Dexter boys basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "He posted much better and called for the ball."

"When Gabe Jackson does that, he is difficult to stop," continued Dowdy. "He also did a great job cleaning up the boards on both ends. Our team was excited to see that effort out of him tonight."

Junior Dawson Kasting also had a successful night at the rim. He had Dexter's other six points in the second quarter. He was 100% at the free-throw line shooting 4/4 and recorded four 2-pointers.

All eight varsity Bearcats scored against Puxico tonight. "We were very unselfish tonight. Gabe made it real easy for our guys to throw it in there."

"We came out and played another complete game," stated Dowdy. "That is two games in a row that we were efficient on offense, played good team defense and just played with great effort. We are getting contributions from everyone with a Dexter uniform on."

Levi Woods was the top scorer for Puxico. He led with 16 points and was the only player in double digits. He sank 4 treys. Dalton King had 7 points including his one 3-pointers in the third quarter.

Dexter (12-5) will face the winner of the #3 Bloomfield/#6 Woodland game on Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. Bloomfield will play Woodland on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Puxico has been eliminated from the tournament.

Final Score Dexter 66, Puxico 33

Dexter 15 20 16 15 - 66

Puxico 3 8 7 15 - 33

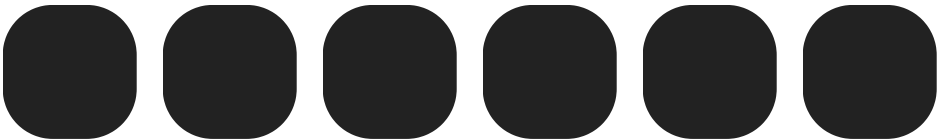
Dexter (66) - Jason Jarrell 4, Alan Pippins 8, Ben Sindler 6, Clay Mullins 5,, Dawson Kasting 12, Ryan Mayo 2, Chad Smith 2, Gabe Jackson 27. FG 26, FT 10/12, F 7. (3-pointers: Alan Pippins 2, Ban Sindler 2. Fouled Out: None).

Puxico (33) - Levi Woods 16, Braiden Jones 4, Dalton King 7, Brent Geohagan 6. FG 13, FT 2/2, F 9. (3-pointers: Levi Woods 4, Dalton King 1. Fouled Out: None).

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