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Sikeston, Missouri - For the first time the Dexter Bearcats boys basketball team secured a spot in the semifinal game of the SEMO Conference Tournament held at Sikeston. They battled aginst the Notre Dame Bulldogs, but felt short 69-64.

The #6 seeded Notre Dame Bulldogs will face the #1 seeded Sikeston Bulldogs in the Championship game at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017.

The Bearcats fought all the way to the end cutting Notre Dame's lead to 62-60 with a little over one minute left in the game.

Senior Clay Mullins scored a game-high 21 points and added five assists and five rebounds.

Senior Ben Sindle tallied 17 points including 5 treys.

Gabe Jackson and Alan Pippins each added 9 points. Pippen's points came on 3-pointers.

"Mullins did a good job of attacking their matchup," commented Dexter head coach Josh Dowdy. "Sindle and Pippins stepped up and hit some bigs shot."

"We just did not do enough on the defensive end to win against a quality team like Notre Dame," continued Dowdy. "We scored 64 points tonight and typically that is enough for us to win a basketball game."

Dawson Dohogne and Kam Dohogne added the bulk of Notre Dame's points scoring 18 and 11 respectively. Ad Braden Noel's 14 points and you have three great scoring athletes.

"Notre Dame shot the ball well, but that had a lot to do with our defensive intensity," continued Dowdy. "We can do better than what we showed tonight."

Dexter will face Cape Central in the 3rd Place game on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sikeston Field House.

"This is a good change for us playing at the end of the week of the SEMO Conference Tournament. Typically our boys are running around with one another or their girlfriends," stated Dowdy. "I am glad we are at Sikeston instead tonight!"

Final Score Dexter 64, Notre Dame 69

Dexter 13 17 15 19 - 64

Notre Dame 6 18 13 22 - 69

Dexter (64) - Seth Rogers 4, Alan Pippins 9, Ben Sindle 17, Clay Mullins 21, Dawson Kasting 4, Gabe Jackson 9. FG 23, FT 10/16, F 10. )3-pointers: Ben Sindle 5, Alan Pippins 3. Fouled Out: None).

Notre Dame (69) - Kam Dohogne 11, Tyler Landewee 9, Jack Floyd 11, Braden Noel 14, Tyler Parker 6, Dawson Dohogne 18. FG 28, FT 4/7, F 18. (3-pointers: Jack Floyd 3, Brandon Noel 2, Kam Dohogne 2, Dawson Dohogne 1, Tyler Landewee 1. Fouled Out: None).

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