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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Lady Cats Volleyball Team will open at home on August 27th when they host Arcadia Valley High School. Junior Varsity begins at 6 p.m. with the varsity game to follow.

There are 10 varsity players and 11 junior varsity players.

The Lady Cats start three seniors this year. Maycie Martin, Natalie Sitze and Kelby Hill are experienced players and look forward to their last season as a Lady Cat volleyball player.

"Maycie is bringing 3 years of varsity experience to our team," commented head volleyball coach Starla Pulley. "She will help us leading our offense and will also be a great asset blocking and hitting outside."

"Natalie will take on the role of Libero for our team. She is just a great athlete and is so quick," continued Pulley. "She will be a fantastic addition to our defense and will be a valuable asset in that role. She played some defense on varsity last year and a setter before that. She may be changing her role some, but I feel she will offer an advantage on the back row on serve receive and defense.

"Kelby was a role player her junior year and put in when needed. During her years on junior varsity she was a setter and will resume that role this year. She is working very hard getting more accuracy and set where we need it. She has a remarkable work ethic

and continues to work and push herself.

There are also three juniors on the team. Blair Rogers, Alexa Werneck and Mallory Dunlap all have experience. This will be Mallory's first year as a varsity player.

"Blair is a returning starter to the program and will begin her 3rd year as a varsity 'Cat. She will play all the way around. She is a great athlete and makes her presence known even if she isn't as big as some of the other front row hitters."

"Alexa will start her 2nd year on varsity. She will step up her role and take on some of the offensive load on the front row. She did an excellent job this summer blocking and playing the front row for us. I look for great things out of her this year," Pulley said.

Mallory will play on the right side and a first time varsity player. "She has worked hard this summer and will contribute to the team this year."

Pulley noted she is moving up 4 sophomores this year to the varsity team. Shelby Bishop, Mekenzie Yount, Chloe Thurmon and Bailey Chamberlain will all contribute at the varsity level.

"Shelby will help with setting. She ran a 5-1 last year on JV and will run a 6-2 with us this year."

"Makenzie will also play a role as defensive specialist on varsity."

"Chloe and Bailey are two young ladies who will help with our offense," stated Pulley. "They have worked hard and will contribute much to our offense this year."

The Lady Cats worked hard over the summer giving up much of their personal time to work in the gym. They attended Rib City Shootout, the Jackson Shootout, and the Licking Camp.

"We won both the Rib City Shootout and the Jackson Shootout this summer."

"We spent a lot of time on service receive and defense which are key components to be able to run a good offense," commented Pulley. "If we can't the the pass then we can't run a quick offense and that is key. We have also worked on our setters on more consistency in their placement of the ball and getting our hitters and setters working closer together."

"We are looking forward to a great year, we have a great group of young ladies."

2018 DHS Volleyball Schedule

Mon 8/27 vs Arcadia Valley H.S. (Home)

Thu 8/30 at Jackson (A)

8/31 - 9/1 Notre Dame Volleyballfest Tournament (TBA)

Mon 9/10 vs Farmington (Home)

Tue 9/11 vs Bloomfield (Home)

Wed 9/12 vs Richland (Home)

Thu 9/13 vs Bernie (Home)

Mon 9/17 at Woodland (A)

Thu 9/20 at Bell City (A)

Mon 9/24 at Advance (A)

Tue 9/25 vs Leopold (Home)

Thu 9/27 at Winona (A)

Sat 9/29 Perryville Tournament (A)

Mon 10/1 vs Puxico (Home)

Tue 10/2 vs Liberty (Mnt View) (Home)

Thu 10/4 at Poplar Bluff (A)

10/8 - 10/12 SCAA Tournament (TBA)

10/13 vs Bernie (Home) (Senior Night)

Mon 10/15 at Notre Dame (A)

Thu 10/18 at Perryville (A)

10/22 - 10/23 Class 3 District 1 Volleyball Tournament (TBA)

Playing for the VARSITY Lady Cats Volleyball team are seniors: Natalie Sitze, Kelby Hill, and Maycie Martin; juniors: Blair Rogers, Alexa Werneck, and Mallory Dunlap;

and sophomores: Mekenzie Yount, Shelby Bishop, Bailey Chamberlain, and Chloe Thurmon.

Playing for the JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM are sophomores: Mikayla Dodson, Hannah [REDACTED], Kacie Pullen, Andie Kruse, Magi McBride, Bailey Whitaker, Avery Neely, Lexie Laramore, Tori White, and Sarah Baker.

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