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Dexter, Missouri - The Lady Cats gave their audience a great show on Monday evening as they battled it out with the Notre Dame Lady Bulldogs for a fantastic two set finish winning 25-15, 28-26.

The first set the Cats and Dogs tied six times before Dexter scored three straight points to move ahead 12-9. The Lady Dogs cut the deficit to two points before the Lady Cats exploded and scored the next eight points for the win.

The second set proved to be more challenging Notre Dame was not going to go down easy a second time. Blocking was the key to success against them.

“Blocking was huge because they have some big, tall girls and you have got to get a formidable block,” commented Dexter head volleyball coach Carmen Morgan. “It’s our first line of defense and we try to say ‘we own the net’. I try to get them to believe that and we have got to stay focused on it, but it was huge to get those final two blocks in the second set.”

Dexter took a 26-25 lead on a block by Hannah Thurmon. Notre Dame tied it back up before another great block by Thurmon propelled Dexter to 27-26. The match ended with the Bulldogs unable to return a ball.

Krysten Garrison tallied 12 kills for Dexter. Thurmon added six and Lexie Barnes recorded three kills.

Thurmon recorded three blocks, Addie Kruse tallied two blocks and Barnes and Garrison each had one block for the Lady Cats.

Sophomore Bailee Williams had a team-high 11 assists for Dexter.

"I was really proud of my girls because we have been known to play a little tight from time to time and they didn't do that tonight," stated Morgan. "We wanted to go out and mix things up a little bit, stay focused and see how things came out. That was our goal and we did that tonight."

"A big key for us tonight was our passing was about 90% better than it was last Friday night," continued Morgan. "When we have good passes we are able to run our offense. We wanted to stay on the offensive and our passing allowed us to do so tonight."

"Notre Dame missed some serves tonight at key times. They are a better team than what you saw out there tonight," stated Morgan

This was the third time in the 2015 season that these two rivalries have met. Dexter beat Notre Dame 25-19, 26-28, 25-23 in a semifinal of the Notre Dame Volleyballfest on September 5th then Notre Dame defeated Dexter a week later 27-25, 25-20 in the championship game of the 48-team Dig for Life Classic in Cape Girardeau.

"Every time we have seen each other it has been a battle," commented Morgan. "Their coach and I like playing each other because our kids get after it and we need to play teams like each other, especially this time of year."

Dexter 24-4-2 will conclude their regular season of play on Thursday, October 15th when they host Perryville at the Bearcat Event Center. It's also Senior Night for the Lady Cats.

"We are going to play one game at a time. We start preparing tomorrow," Morgan said. "We've got Perryville on Thursday night and hopefully we will be in the same mode, not up and down. Tonight we were where we needed to be for October 11th."

This will be the final season for three Lady Cat volleyball team members. Kendall Adams, Julia Hahn, and Brittany Brown will play for the last time in the Bearcat Event Center.

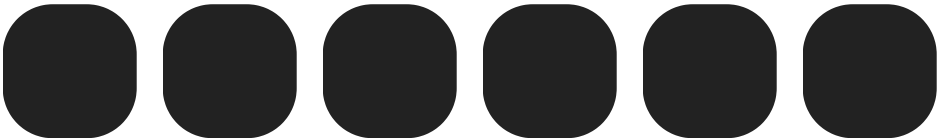
“It’s a reflective night for the seniors” noted Morgan. “These girls realize their season is coming to a close. It’s the last time they will play at home in the Bearcat Event Center.”

“I started with them when they were a freshman,” continued Morgan. “Out of the whole crew they are the only three still with me as seniors. I have a soft spot in my heart for those girls. They stuck it out and are very vital to the team. They all play a key role for us.”

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Class 3, District 1 Volleyball Seedings Released

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The seedings have been released for the Class 3, District 1 Volleyball Tournament to be held at Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau.

The volleyball tournament will take place on October 19th and 20th.

Notre Dame earned the #1 seed, Dexter is second, Perryville is third, Fredericktown is fourth, Doniphan is fifth, and Kennett has the sixth seed.

Perryville will play Kennett at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th.

Fredericktown will play Doniphan at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th.

Dexter will play the winner of the Perryville/Kennett game at 6:30 p.m. following the Fredericktown/Doniphan game.

Notre Dame will play the winner of the Fredericktown/Doniphan game at 7:30 p.m.

The Championship game is slated for Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m.

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Lady Cats Win 2015 SCAA Volleyball Tournament

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Dexter, Missouri - The third-seeded Woodland Cardinals fell short of beating two-time defending SCAA champions the Lady Bearcats on Friday night.

Dexter defeated Woodland 25-20, 25-14 in varsity action.

The Bearcats played from behind most of the first set giving Coach Morgan quite the scare. They battled back winning the first set by five points and dominated the second set winning by eleven points.

Looking back earlier in the week, top-seeded Dexter collected a 25-12, 25-18 victory against fourth-seeded Advance in the first varsity semifinal on Thursday evening to advance to the final championship game. They defeated the Richland Lady Rebels 25-7, 25-7 on Monday night.

The Lady Cats improved their record to 24-4-2 with the championship victory. They play Notre Dame on Monday evening and Perryville on Thursday evening.

Playing on the varsity team are: #4 Megan Trout, #7 Madison McConnell, #8 Lexie Barnes, #9 Julia Hahn, #10 Addie Kruse, #12 Hannah Thurmon, #13 Krysten Garrison, #14 Kendall Adams, #18 Emily Page, #19 Ashlynn Wyman, #20 Bailee Williams, #21 Janie Lindsey, and #25 Brittany brown.

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DHS JV Volleyball Team Wins SCAA Tournament

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Dexter, Missouri - In JV action on Friday night at the SCAA Volleyball Tournament, the Lady Bearcats also earned championship medals defeating the number two seed Bloomfield JV Wildcats.

Top seeded Dexter JV team won in two sets 25-12, 25-14.

Dexter also beat fourth-seeded Advance 25-19, 25-15 in the first junior varsity semifinal Thursday. Bloomfield followed with a 25-15, 25-20 win against third-seeded Woodland.

“Our passing has really improved throughout the season, stated Dexter junior varsity coach Starla Pulley. “We have really reduced our hitting errors as well.”

Playing for the JV Team are: #2 Emily Smith, #3 Kelby Hill, #4 Megan Trout, #5 Jadyn Northcutt, #6 Natalie Sitze, #11 Keirstan Keirse, #15 Lauren Rascher, #16 Maycie Martin, #17 Anna Bishop, and #22 Maci Daniels.

Congratulations JV Lady Cats!!!

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Dexter High School Girls Tennis Finish Season

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Dexter High School Girls Tennis Finish Season

Dexter, Missouri - The Class 1, District 1 Lady Cats individual tennis tournament was held on Saturday in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Reagan Miller of Dexter beat Lexi May of Dexter 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 in the singles third place match.

Dexter's Macy Urhahn and MaKayla Waldner beat Kennett's Kayton Harris and Anna Beth Williams 6-3, 6-2 in the doubles third-place match.

Waldner and Urhahn finished 3rd in individual doubles. Miller placed 3rd and May placed fourth in individual singles.

The first and second place finishers in singles and doubles

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