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## Dexter Falls To Poplar Bluff on Walk-Off

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Poplar Bluff, MO - The Dexter Bearcats baseball team fell to Poplar Bluff 9-8 on Monday on the final play of the game. The game was tied at eight with the Mules batting in the bottom of the 7th when a single on a 1-1 count scored a run.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats did collect nine hits and captured the lead in the 2nd inning when Kaeden Kennedy drew a walk, scoring a run. They also put up five runs in the 2nd inning. Dexter put the pressure on, lead by walks by Cole Nichols and Camden Riley and a single by Bradyn Crockett.

Poplar Bluff answered back with five runs in the 5th inning. In the 8th inning Dexter evened things up at eight.

#8 Parker Moore started the game for Poplar Bluff. The fireballer lasted one and twothirds innings, allowing four hits and six runs while striking out three. #7 Jake Valenzuela threw three and 2/3 innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Poplar Bluff (7-11) improved to 4-1 in conference play.

Cole Nichols took the loss for Dexter. The right hander lasted four innings, allowing five hits and seven runs while striking out two.

Dexter had nine hits in the game. Adam Saylors, Peyton Driskill, and Riley Slusher all had multiple hits for the Bearcats. Slusher, Driskill, and Saylors each collected two hits to lead. Kennedy led with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with seven

stolen bases.

Pitching

L: Cole Nichols

HBP: Cole Nichols 2, Camden Riley 3

WP: Reece Justice

Pitches-Strikes: Reece Justice 16-8, Cole Nichols 82-51, Camden Riley 46-23, Brock Wyman 0-0

Groundouts-Flyouts: Reece Justice 0-0, Cole Nichols 5-3, Camden Riley 0-3, Brock Wyman 0-0

First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Reece Justice 1-3, Cole Nichols 14-22, Camden Riley 6-13, Brock Wyman 0-0

Batting

2B: Peyton Driskill

TB: Bradyn Crockett, Peyton Driskill 3, Josh Kaufman, Cole Nichols, Adam Saylors 2, Riley Slusher 2

RBI: Bradyn Crockett 2, Josh Kaufman, Cole Nichols, Camden Riley

ROE: Josh Kaufman, Kaeden Kennedy

FC: Riley Slusher

HBP: Cole Nichols

SB: Peyton Driskill, Kaeden Kennedy 2, Cole Nichols, Adam Saylors 2, Riley Slusher

Dexter will be back in action on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Jackson High School. (Note: this game was rescheduled from Tuesday)

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