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Awards are based on total points as well as top performances.

Top Sprinters - Male - RJ Farmer, Female - Allison Turnbo

Top Distance - Male - Chris Stone, Female - Gabby Brown

Top Thrower - Male - Josh Alday, Female - Dulcie Pullen

Top Jumper - Male - Christian Wirz, Female - Abbie Lloyd

Versatility - Male - Anistin Kyle, Female - Avery Neely

Most Valuable Player - Male - Anistin Kyle, Female - Gabby Brown

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Golf

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Eric Sitze gave out the awards for Golf.

"We had a great season this year," Coach Eric Sitze said. "Our lowest 18 hole score was 312 which stands as a 2nd lowest in school history. We had a season scoring average of 163.8 and our season match record was 14-3 with three rainouts."

"I wish we could have played those matches, but the rain was really, really bad this year. We played in a total of 6 tournaments playing against fields of 12 to 16 teams."

Dexter finished 4th in the Notre Dame Tournament against three Class 5 teams Nixa, Helias, and Poplar Bluff. They tied for 2nd with Jackson in the Farmington Invitational. They finished 3rd in the Jackson, Poplar Bluff, and SEMO Conference Tournaments to Poplar Bluff and Jackson.

This past Monday the golf team finished 1st as a team in Districts advancing to the State Tournament on Monday, May 16th and Tuesday, May 17th at the Sedalia Country Club.

Dylan Sitze was able to claim the gold medal for a 2nd year in a row and Cy Worley claimed the silver finishing 2nd.

The 2010 Bearcat Golf Team was the last team able to advance to the State Tournament. "I am completely thrilled to get the opportunity to compete at this level again," stated Sitze.

Individually this year the Bearcats had 3 SEMO All Conference players Cy Worley, Dylan Sitze, and Matt Hardin. They also had three All District players Dylan Sitze, Cy Worley, and Tucker Temples.

Ben Christian also medaled in two tournaments this season. "We did very well individually in our area."

"They have been a great bunch of kids to coach this season and I am very proud of all of their accomplishments," continued Sitze.

Letter winners are Alyssa Warren (sophomore), Ethan Zabelin (sophomore), and Miller McLaughlin (senior).

"These three players have worked hard this spring working on being better players. They participated in three to four varsity matches as individuals. There were many days after practice they would be on the range trying to improve their swing or just work on their game. They are great teammates and very supportive of each other."

Ben Christian (freshman) letter winner - His average was 41.2 this season. he played the number 3 spot all year and did a great job for the team as a freshman. Ben medaled in 2 out of his first 3 tournaments shooting a season best 77 and tying for 4th with Dylan and Cy in the Farmington Tournament.

Tucker Temples (freshman) letter winner - His average was 44.7 this season. He played the number 5 spot most of the season. He was a medal winner in two tournaments and one JV tournament at Perryville where he finished 4th and then placed 9th in the District Tournament making the All District Team.

"I want to thank my three seniors for all of their hard work and dedication over the past four years," continued Sitze. "We are going to miss you guys next year. You have been a big part of our success and I am proud to have gotten to know them and hope they have learned something that will help carry them through the next phase after graduation. Golf

is a great game that can teach many great life lessons. I am grateful for our four years together and will always be a phone call away. Thank you again and good luck after graduation."

Senior Matt Hardin's average was 46.4 this season. He played the #4 spot. He was a state qualifier last year and a SEMO All Conference medal winner this year. "He has steadily improved over the past four years on the golf team shooting his best score of 81 at Conference a few weeks ago. Matt has a great golf swing and can hit it long. He keeps all our guys in line, and isn't afraid to tell them when they cross that line."

Senior Cy Worley had an average this season of 38.4. He played the number 1 and 2 spots. Cy medaled in all 6 of the tournaments and finished 3rd at the Poplar Bluff Invitational. He was SEMO All Conference this year and All District two years, placing 2nd and winning a silver medal on Monday at Districts. His lowest score this year was a 34 (-2) which included a hole out from 100 yards for Eagle. That tied him for 2nd lowest 9 hole score in the Dexter High School records. "He earns the award for growing more in his four years than any other golfer I've coached. He was a big part of our last District Championship team in 2019 and our very talented 2020 team that was cancelled because of Covid-19. Cy will continue his golf career at Mineral Area College."

Senior Dylan Sitze had an average 38.9 this season and he played the number 1 and 2 spots. "Dylan has been a very consistent player for our program the past four years." Dylan medaled in all 6 tournaments this year. He is Dexter's 12th District/Sectional champion. His lowest 18 hole score was 72 (+1) at Fox Haven Country Club in Sikeston. He has been All Conference and All District every year. He has earned a trip to State every year individually and was all State as a freshman. Dylan was also a big part of our last District Championship team in 2019 and our very talented 2020 team that was cancelled due to Covid-19. Dylan will continue his golf career next year at Evangel University.

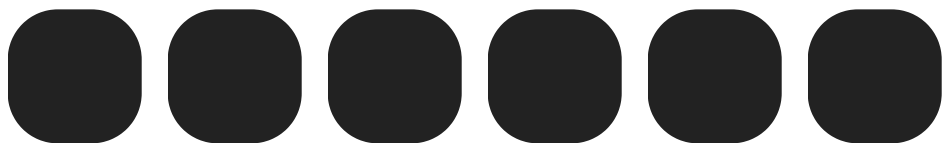
"I have always given this award out before State and it came down to 2 athletes for the first time since 2002. Kyle and Matt Christian were the last two guys that this was so close. Dylan and Cy have been playing against each other since they were 10 years old. This year was no different. I think they are about 14 or 15 strokes apart."

This year's 2022 Season Medalist with a 38.4 season low average is Cy Worley.

Pictured from left to right Coach Eric Sitze, Allyssa Warren, Matt Hardin, Ethan Zabelin, Cy Worley, Ben Christian, Dylan Sitze, and Tucker Temples.

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Softball

Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Starla Pulley and Asst. Coach Jenkins gave out the awards for Softball.

"We had a lot of new faces to our program this year," commented Coach Starla Pulley. "Some girls haven't played in quite a while, so we spent a lot of time working on fundamentals and trying to learn different aspects of the game."

The Bearcats had four freshmen, three sophomores, and three juniors on the their roster and hoping they all return next year.

Though they lost five of their first seven games, they played competitively and the season looked optimistic. They beat Malden early on and that was a great confidence building for the Lady 'Cats. They won their first round of SCAA play against Bloomfield, but lost to a very good Advance team and later to Bernie in the third place game. The following Friday they beat the county champs Advance 10-9 and that was a tremendous win for the girls.

The Lady 'Cats then won the next eight games. They won the D Division of the Swing Pink going 3-0 during the one day tournament. They also beat Woodland who got second at the SCAA Tournament. Then in the first round of the District Tournament they defeated Arcadia Valley then lost to Clearwater who went on to win Districts.

The Bearcats did suffer some injuries late in the season as well which lead to players playing positions they were not familiar with, but did a great job stepping up. They ended the season 11-8.

"I had two seniors who are leaving to bigger and better things," continued Pulley. "Lexi Laramore came out to play for the first time this year. I asked her many times to come out and play softball and she finally did her senior year. I had the privilege of coaching her in volleyball and she is just a great athlete, teammate and just a great person. Her personality and positivity and willingness to do whatever is needed is a great leadership quality that we all could learn."

"Kennedy Bess is my other senior and we are going to miss her greatly. She is a phenomenal player, teammate, and just an all around great young lady. Her dedication, hard work and love for this sport is something that will be hard to replace. I know that both of these young ladies will go and do extraordinary things after high school."

Letter winners are Kennedy Bess, Lexi Laramore, Emily Hester, Abbie Sandage, Molly Simmons, Kinleigh Chappell, Amelia Jenkins, Kaylee Hazel, Tatyana Littlewhiteman, Kaden Jackson, Alexis Sisk, Payton Short, and Isabella Pittman.

Andrea Hernandez was the team manager. "I really appreciated her coming out and being the team manager. She came to every practice and every game helping and cheering us on in the dugout."

Highest Batting Average Award: "This young lady started off the season a little rocky. We had her in the lead off position and we talked about it and knew she could do so much more. We moved her to the 6th spot and she took off. There were so many times where we needed the bottom of the line up to take off and she was there to make it happen. She finished the season with a .408 batting average, .508 on base percentage, .632 slugging

percentage. She had 20 hits, 4 doubles, 2 triples and 1 home run this year." The Highest Batting Average Award goes to Kinleigh Chappell.

The Bearcat Award: "This award goes to a player that is a true example of what our athletes should strive to be and she is hardworking, a great leader, hustles, encourages everyone, dedicated, a goal setter, self disciplined, coachable, and I could go on and on. She was a force to be reckoned with behind the plate. Teams were scared to steal on her. She has been a leader in our program for the last four years from filling shoes as a catcher, pitcher, infield, and outfield. She has also been one of our top players the last four years in hitting and defense. This year she had a .353 batting average and .963 fielding percentage and 9 stolen bases. She will be missed greatly!" The Bearcat Award goes to Kennedy Bess.

Most Valuable Player Award: "This award goes to a young lady that is the epitome of what a team player looks like. She has a lot of heart and passion for the sport. She works all year long and it shows. As a freshman she had 147 strike-outs and pitched 91 innings. As a sophomore she pitched 96.2 innings and had 164 strike-outs, beating her record from last year. She is driven and goal oriented. She not only is our leader on the mound she is one of our top hitters with a .309 batting average. I would put her up against anyone in a tough situation. There have been several situations this year where we had bases loaded with one out and she got us out of it. If the other team started chanting, she got more driven and focused. I can't wait to see what she will do in the next two years." The Most Valuable Player Award goes to Amelia Jenkins.

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Baseball

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Baseball

Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Coach James Sneed presented the baseball awards along with Asst. Coach Cody Boyer.

"The JV had a record of 2-5," stated Sneed. "We had some games cancelled and the JV SEMO Conference was also cancelled due to weather. This was a good group of kids, just wish they could have gotten more games in, but they maintained a good attitude throughout the season."

The varsity baseball team had a regular season of 11-13 This is the first time since the 2014-2015 season that the Bearcats have seen a double digit win season.

"I'd like to say this is also a good group of athletes. They came to practice everyday and I think they have improved throughout the season."

Dexter plays Notre Dame in the District Tournament at Kennett on Monday.

Letter winners are Nolan Alford, Beau Carrier, Taylor Conduct, Ben Howard, Jackson Howard, Kaeden Kennedy, Lee-Michael McDonald, Cole Nichols, Camden Riley, Adam

Saylors, Brock Wyman, and Ryan Young.

Most Improved: "This player was second on the team in batting average, hitting .397 and was an everyday player this year after beginning last season on the infield and being moved to the outfield and only starting occasionally." Most Improved Player Award goes to senior Taylor Conduct.

Batting Average: "This athlete lead the team with an average of .463, along with most hits of 31, 2 home runs, 20 RBI's and tied with the most runs scored." Batting Average Awards goes to junior Kaeden Kennedy.

Most Valuable Player: "This player was second on the team in innings pitched with a 2-2 record and was named to the 2022 SEMO Conference Media All Tournament Team, lead this years team in hitting and played every inning of every game as catcher when not pitching." Most Valuable Player Award goes to junior Kaeden Kennedy.

"I have three seniors on the team," continued Coach Sneed.

"Taylor Conduct won our most improved award this year and is a two sport athlete. I've had the pleasure of coaching him in football for 4 years and this year in baseball. He plans to attend college after graduation. Camden Riley has played all over the field for us this year and is a TEAM leader. I've coached him for 6 years in baseball and 4 years in football. He plans to attend Mississippi State after graduation. Adams Saylors moved from 2nd base this year to left field to improve our defense and he has flourished out there. He has thrown out 5 runners at the plate and probably could have had a couple more. This was my first year coaching him and he also plans to attend college after graduation."

Coach Sneed will be retiring this year after coach three sports each year for over 20 years, whether it be high school or middle school you could find him out their mentoring athletes!

Pictured above: Dexter Baseball seniors receive special gifts at the 2022 DHS Springs Sports Award Ceremony, their last game lineup framed, vs Bloomfield. From left to right are Adam Saylors, Camden Riley, and Taylor Conduct.

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Dexter Golf Team Wins Class 3 District 1 Championship

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Dexter Golf Team Wins Class 3 District 1 Championship

Farmington, MO - The Dexter High School golf team won the MSHSAA Class 3, District 1 title on Monday at St. Francois Country Club in Farmington, Missouri. The Bearcats haven't seen a trip to the State meet as a team since finishing 3rd in 2010. They did win Districts in 2019, but did not make it out of Sectionals.

Dylan Sitze earned medalist honors to lead the team at 7-over-par 79.

Cy Worley tied for second at 86 with Ryan Bozada of St. Clair and Gavin Huck of Ste. Genevieve and also medaled.

Tucker Temples placed ninth with a score of 91 while Ben Christian placed 15th with a score of 95.

"We struggled around the greens somewhat today overall," Dexter head coach Eric Sitze said. "The wind and wet conditions made the golf course harder today for sure, but we are glad to be moving on to State next week in Sedalia."

Coach Sitze estimated to be at least 30 mph gusts and the field playing a narrow 6,569-yard course, Dylan Sitze was the only player to break 86, winning by seven shots.

Dexter’s team score of 351 was 24 shots better than runner-up Ste. Genevieve.

"Tucker had his best round of the year for us finishing 9th overall." commented Sitze. "Anytime you have two guys finish 1 and 2 that is going to help your team score. Not our best score, but the kids did a good job hanging in there and grinding it out."

There are sixteen teams in the Class 3 District 1 competition. Ste. Genevieve finished second with a score of 375, St. James followed at 379. Other teams participating were Fredericktown, Sullivan, Park Hills, Potosi, St. Clair, Perryville, St. Mary's Arcadia Valley, Salem, Doniphan, Affton, Herculaneum and Kennett.

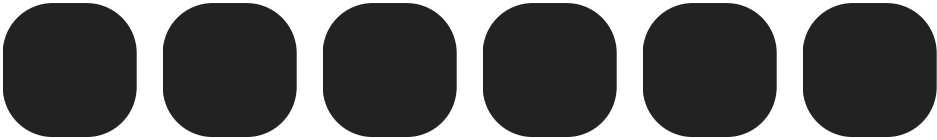
“Hopefully we can get some things straightened out and play better next week.”

The Bearcats will play at Sedalia Country Club in the two-day, 36-hole MSHSAA Class 3 championships starting Monday, May 16, 2022.

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