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Seven area high schools participated in the 7 on 7 Football and Lineman Challenge at Charles Bland Stadium on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in Dexter, Missouri.

Participating were the Sikeston Bulldogs, Charleston BlueJays, East Prairie Eagles, Kelly Hawks, Chaffee Red Devils, Portageville Bulldogs, and the Dexter Bearcats.

"During the 7 on 7, we saw a lot of positive contributions from several kids," commented Chad Jamerson, Dexter Bearcats Head Football Coach. " Many guys that will be new to varsity competition played valuable reps which will aid in the growth for the upcoming season."

Dexter opens on the road in just over 60 days and will have a tough season ahead of them.

There are still several seasoned athletes on the team and they are the backbone of both the offense and the defense. Those that have seen quite a bit of varsity time have been working hard in the off-season in the weightlifting gym and it shows on the football field.

"We knew what to expect from guys like Logan Pullum, Jett Grams, and Lee-Michael McDonald. Those older guys have a knack for showing up and performing well," stated Jamerson. "It has a lot to do with how hard they work during the season and in the off-season. But it was nice to see productive reps from juniors like Landon Annesser, Conner Hill, Jason Hervoyavich, and Devin Turnbo. Several sophomores worked reps also and

performed as expected like Langston Werneck, Will Guethle, Baron Greer, Jaxon Miller, Carson Hurt and others."

Along with the upperclassmen, the younger and newer Bearcats got their first taste of high school competition. High school level is much different than middle school. The demands are greater and the expectations are much higher.

"Last year, they ran a similar offense to what we do at the high school level," Jamerson said. " Even with a year in the system, it still takes time to learn and develop. With hard work, they will continue to improve and be ready in the fall."

The Lineman Challenge showcased the "big" men on the team. They rotated through a series of fundamentals and skill stations. They had the the opportunity to test themselves with one one one competitions including the sled pushes, agility drills, tire flips, and the bench press...as a group the Tug-of-War! . Portageville came in tuff in the tug-of-war securing a win and eventually went on to place second overall in the Lineman Challenge. Dexter showcased their power and

"Our linemen did what they have done for the last two seasons...they shined! Their hardworking shown through today as they performed well and placed high in several events. They take pride in who they are and the results speak that truth. I am proud of how they lead everyday to help our program grow and evolve," finished Jamerson.

Dexter went 4-1. There only loss was to Portageville.

The discipline of the defense was well noticed. They knew their line assignments.

The Bearcats are on track to have a very good season. One can tell they have been working hard this summer. Their first game is at Malden on August 30, 2024. The boys of fall will also participate in a Contact Camp at Cape Girardeau on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. They will also participate in the Sikeston Bulldogs 7 on 7 on Thursday, July 11th.

On July 26th there will be a Day With the Bearcats with the Dexter Parks and Recreation football kids.

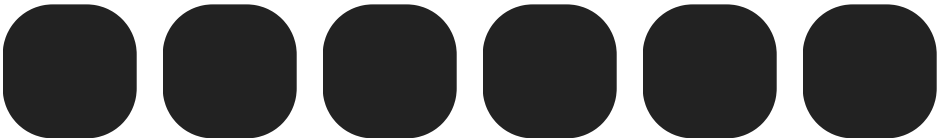
Midnight Madness with be Friday, August 16th at 11 p.m. at Charles Bland Stadium.

The Football Jamboree will be held at Dexter on August 23rd. More details to come! It's going to be an exciting year for the Bearcats!

And as Coach Jamerson says, "Punch the Clock!"

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Dexter High School baseball athletes received special recognition. Two were chosen for the 2024 All-Conference Baseball Team. Beau Carrier who is a pitcher for the Bearcats and Justus Lovelady who is an outfielder were chosen to the All-Conference Baseball Team.

Four athletes were chosen All-Conference Honorable Mention. Jackson Howard (Infielder)

Nolan Alford (Outfielder)

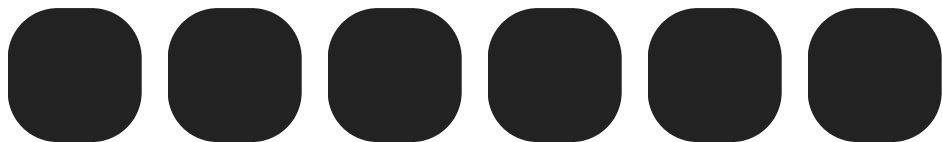
Trey Pedigo (Pitcher)

Jaxon Miller (Catcher)

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Bearcat Baseball Looks to Continue Strong Against Kennett

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Bearcat Baseball Looks to Continue Strong Against Kennett

The Dexter Bearcats baseball team have been playing very well lately, going 6-4 in their last 10 games. They will put that strong play to the test on Monday when they go up against the #1 ranked Kennett Indians in the semifinal action of the Class 3, District Baseball Tournament. Dexter has a 13-10 overall record.

"I believe the boys are excited about the opportunity in front of us," commented Dexter head baseball coach Steven Edwards. "Allyear we have been tested by our youth and th young men have always surpassed expectations."

Justus Lovelady's .990 OPS leads the Bearcats. The right-handed hitter has a .451 OBP and a .540 slugging percentage this season. Beau Carrier leads Dexter with 55 and 1/3 innings pitched. The righty has a 2.28 ERA. Jaxon Miller leads the Bearcats with 133 total fielding chances this season. Miller's primary position is catcher.

Gibson Booker hits and pitches for Dexter. Booker primarily plays right field on the field. Booker primarily plays right field. Booker has driven in a run in the past two games. the outfielder has hit 2-6 and driven in two runs during the streak. Booker has put together 29 quality at bats this season. He has induced 12 ground balls on 22 balls in play this season.

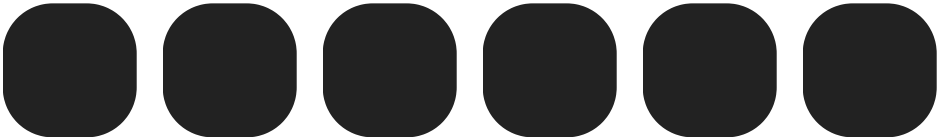
The Kennett Indians have played just as well lately, going 6-4 in their last 10 games. they have a 7-6 record overall.

When asked are the boys ready? "ARE WE READY? WE ARE ALL IN AND READY!

Come out to the game this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Dexter baseball field and watch some great baseball!

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2024 Class 2, District 1 Boys Baseball Tournament Seeds and Bracket Announced

The 2024 Class 2, District 1 Baseball Tournament bracket and seeds announced. All games will be played at Senath-Hornersville High School beginning Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Portageville Bulldogs earned the #1 seed followed by #2 Senate-Hornersville, #3 Bernie, #4 Campbell, #5 Holcomb, and #6 South Pemiscot.

Portageville has a record of 25-6, Senath-Hornersville (11-6), Bernie (15-9), Campbell (10-8), Holcomb (11-10), and South Pemiscot's record is (3-15) at time of publication.

Round 1 - Thursday, May 9th

Portageville and Senath will have a bye in the first round

2:00 p.m. #3 Bernie vs #6 South Pemiscot

4:00 p.m. #4 Campbell vs #5 Holcomb

Semifinals - Friday, May 10th

11:00 a.m. #1 Portageville vs winner of Campbell/Holcomb game

1:00 p.m. #2 Senath-Hornersville vs winner of Bernie/South Pemiscot game

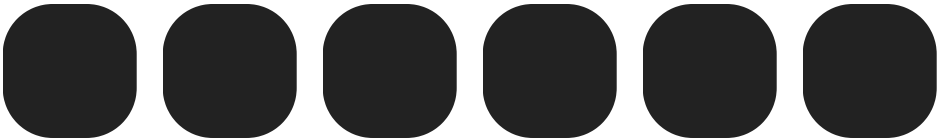
Championship will be on Monday, May 13th at 4:00 p.m. in Senath.

The address is Senath-Hornersville High School, 800 State St., Senath, MO 63876

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2024 SEMO Conference All Tournament Baseball Team Named, Kyle Smith MVP Award Given

The 2024 SEMO Conference All Tournament Baseball Team was named on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. This was the first time in Dexter high school history for the baseball team to compete in the Championship game.

Dexter lost to a very tough opponent the Jackson Indians by a score of 5-0. Dexter was ranked #6 while Jackson earned a #1 ranking. Dexter defeated Notre Dame and Poplar Bluff to make it to the championship round.

John Paul Sauer of Jackson was named the 3rd Annual Kyle Smith MVP. Kyle Smith was a sports writer for SEMOBALL and the Dexter Statesman when he unexpectedly passed away covering the Bernie Mules basketball team at the final four in Springfield, MO on March 12, 2022.

All Tournament Team

John Paul Sauer - Jackson

Cooper Rhodes - Jackson

Nolan Alford - Dexter

Jackson Howard - Dexter

Hayden Gilmore - Kennett

Noah Spain - Poplar Bluff

Reid Morgan - Notre Dame

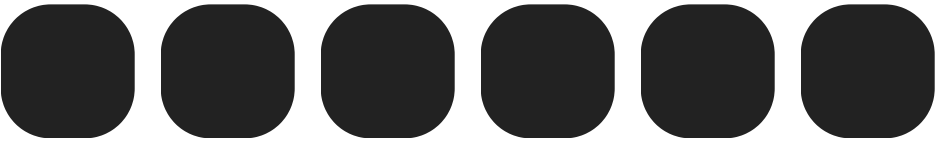
Luke Gadberry - Sikeston

Brayden Meade - Cape Central

Brady Swims - NMCC

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