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The Dexter Lady Bearcats Tennis Team hosted the Lady Bulldogs of Sikeston on September 5, 2024. They cleaned up wining 9-zip!

### Singles:

- #1 Febe Worley vs Kinsley Brandon 8-4
- #2 Sophia James vs Ruby Sullivan 8-6
- #3 Puja Maisuria vs Cheyenne Parker 8-4
- #4 Kinley Kennedy vs Juliet Collins 8-3
- #5 Sera Churchill vs Selah Torres 8-4
- #6 Jalynn Proffer vs Alanna Jones 8-1

#### Doubles:

- #1 Febe Worley/Puja Maisuria vs Kinsley Brandon/Ruby Sullivan 8-2
- #2 Sophia James/Kinley Kennedy vs Cheyenne Parker/Juliet Collins 8-1
- Sera Churchill/Blair Medley vs Selah Torres/Alanna Jones 8-3

The girls varsity team will head to the Kennett Invitational Tournament on Friday, September 6th.

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# Lady 'Cats Open the season with a Win Over Arcadia Valley

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The Dexter Lady 'Cats volleyball team opened their season with a win on Tuesday night taking down Arcadia Valley 25-17, 25-23, 25-14 at the Bearcat Event Center.

Kate Nichols led the team with 10 digs and 9 kills and served two aces for the Bearcats. Calie White, Karis Kennedy and Mauriona Menley each had three aces. Liz Bolin had

four blocks (three solo). Kennedy also had two block. Avery Riley had seven digs.

Dexter (1-0) will be back in action on Thursday when'd they travel to Jackson to take on the Indians. They will be back home next week on Monday hosting Stony Lutheran and then on Tuesday hosting Cape Central.

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# DHS Cross Country Team Competes Well at Memphis Twilight

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The Dexter Cross Country Team traveled to Memphis to compete in the City Auto Memphis Twilight XC Classic 2024 on Saturday evening. The team finished 12th out of

41 teams. Their best finish at this meet.

"Saturday nights performance was a great first step," commented head Cross Country coach Josh Dowdy. "This should give the boys some confidence as we head into next week when we host some of our local schools. I am anxious to see where we stack up."

The only varsity girl on the team, Quincey McLaughlin, finished 215th in 30:25.10.

On the boys varsity team, Cameron Bell finished 33rd with a time of 17:11.00 followed by Ben Dowdy who placed 50th with a time of 17:31.78. Jaxon King finished 70th with a time of 18:04.66 Blake Lee finished in 92nd place with a time of 18:32.32.

Daniel Williams finished 140th with a time of 19:33.58. Gabe Proctor placed 20th with a time of 21:02.34. Peyton Ballance finished 279th with a time of 23:36.84.

"Immediately after the race, our upperclassmen mentioned that Daniel Williams was the highlight of the evening," stated Dowdy. "Anytime you have a group that celebrates the success of their teammates, especially in a sport where there is an individual component, tells me these boys truly grasp the team concept."

For Daniel, a freshman, to come out of the gate and finish around 19:30 was definitely a good showing. His finish helped the Bearcats finish with an average of 18:11, the lowest the 'Cats have ever done at the Memphis Twilight, even if it is by one second, it counts!

Blake Lee also had a great first meet with a personal best of 18:32. "Blake has come a long way in one year and there is no doubt with his work ethic he has many personal bests ahead of him," Dowdy said.

The Memphis Twilight performance was a great first step. "This should give the cross country team some confidence as we head into next week when we host some of our local schools," commented Dowdy. "I am anxious to see where we stack up!"

As a team Dexter finished 12th against a tremendous amount of talent at Memphis. Rock Bridge High School out of Columbia, Missouri finished first followed by West Plains High School, Martin Luther King HS, Providence Christian School, Tupelo HS, Madison Central HS, Franklin HS, Houston HS, Collierville HS, Arlington HS, and Oxford HS. These are the top 12 out of 41 teams who competed.

Come out Saturday, September 7th at Charles Bland Stadium as they host the Dexter Invitation Cross Country Meet at 9:30 a.m.

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## Dexter High School Football Bearcats Ranked 9th After Week #1

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Dexter High School Football Bearcats Ranked 9th After Week #1

Six area teams are in the top 10 in their respective classes in the Missouri Media football rankings released Monday night.

Dexter was voted to be 9th in Class 3. They received 22 points in the voting.

#### MISSOURI MEDIA RANKINGS

Statewide high school football rankings, as compiled by a nine-member panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

The voting panel is made up of Dion Clisso, PrepsKC; Cole Young, PrepsKC; Tom Rackers, Jefferson City News Tribune; Chris Parker, Ozone Sports; Joe Andrews,

Warrensburg Star-Journal; Anthony Crane, KQ2 St. Joseph; J.B. Connoley, NEMOPressbox.com; Cole Lee, semoball.com; and Paul Halfacre, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. First-place votes in parentheses.

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## Bearcat Seniors Provide Talent and Leadership on the Football Field

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Bearcat Seniors Provide Talent and Leadership on the Football Field

The Dexter Bearcats take on the Malden Green Wave on Friday night. There are 19 seniors on the team this year with an incredible amount of talent! They are poised for greatness!

"Our team philosophy here is players first and team first!" stated head football coach Chad Jamerson. "We play with our five core values 1. Handwork, 2. Embracing Competition, 3. Accountability, 4. Relentless Effort, and 5 Toughness. Put those to gather and is an acronym for H.E.A.R.T. and that's what will will play with this year, a lot of HEART!"

Leading the pack are Nolan Alford, Zach Billingsley, Rylee Cochran, Ethan Glaus, Caleb Gott, Jett Grams, Travis Robinson, Peyton Hartline, Jackson Howard, Parker King, Travis Pratt, Caden Lee, Tyler Spence, Lee-Michael McDonald, Joseph Paisley, Don McNeal, Logan Pullum Christiaan Wirz, and Sawyer Rascher.

They have worked extremely hard over the summer to get to this moment, their senior year of football! After coming off an impressive performance at the Jamboree last Friday night against incredibly competitive teams like Portageville, East Prairie, and Kelly they will finally get to show off that talent in their opening debut at Malden.

What can we expect from the offensive line? It is packed with extremely talented young athletes such at Jackson Howard, Logan Pullum, Sawyer Rascher, Jett Grams, Nolan Alford, Caden Lee, and Lee-Michael McDonald. They will take on a new head coach at Malden, Preston Pulley and he is ready for them.

"The kids have put in a great week of work," commented Coach Chad Jamerson. "We are ready to finally play a game."

"I expect Malden will be well prepared and have a great plan for us so we are anticipating a battle and would hope to come out with a victory."

Coach Jamerson and his coaching staff are ready as well. They have analyzed their opponent's play style, their strengths, their weaknesses, their tactical plays and look at each paltry's characteristics of how they play the game. They are ready! Are you ready to cheer on the Bearcats! Be loud and proud at the game so the boys can hear you! Make some noise!!!

Dexter had an impressive 6-3 season last year. Their hopes is to have that perfect 9-0 season and get into the play-offs and on to a state Championship! Can it be done? Yes the talent is there! They have prepared for this moment! The coaches have prepared all summer and these young men have been working in the weigh room and on the field to accomplish their goals.

As we all say #fireupbearcats!!!!! Let's go!!

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