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MALDEN, Mo. - Dexter's Varsity baseball took to the diamond against the Malden Green Wave on Tuesday (March 23) afternoon. The offensive juggernaut of the Bearcats - Dexter has put at least 20 runs on the board in their first two contests - blew out Malden, ending the game with a 20-8 victory.

Owen Flowers took the start for the 'Cats, and gave up four runs off eight hits during his four innings of work. Jordan Miller took over pitching duties for the 'Cats in the fifth inning, and didn't give up a run during his two innings. Josh Overall closed out the contest on the mound, but gave up four runs on four hits.

"Overall, I was pleased with the way we played," Dexter head coach Brian Becker said. "Chase Young was out of the lineup today nursing an illness, but Daniel Fitts stepped up and filled in at shortstop for us - defensively, we played really well."

Becker also expressed happiness with his team's offensive ability early in the season, but noted that such lopsided scores would be difficult to consistently put out.

"Our bats are going real well right now," Becker continued. "I was really pleased with how we swung our bats today. But you'd be a fool to think that this scoring barrage is going to continue all season long."

‘Well’ could be an understatement for the Bearcats' offense right now. The ‘Cats had five players with multiple hits in the contest - Brad Potts and Alex Cliff both went four for five, both scored three runs, and had two and five RBI’s, respectively. Miller, Fitts, and Josh Sifford all went two for four at the plate, and all had at least one RBI - Fitts and Miller had three and two RBI’s, respectively.

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The ‘Cats began and ended the game with big rallies - six runs in the first and eight runs in the seventh - with Alex Cliff hitting a booming solo shot in the fourth inning. Malden scored two runs in the opening frame, and either scored one run or didn’t score in each inning after until the seventh, where the Green Wave game up with a four-run rally.

After starting the season with two wins, the Bearcats will face a tough Kennett team in the home opener Wednesday (March 23) afternoon. Becker expressed concern with the Indians’ pitching staff, but seemed hopeful about his team’s chances for another ‘W’.

“We’re definitely going to run into a buzzsaw today - we have Kennett at home,” Becker commented. “[Kennett has] eight solid pitchers, and the one we’ll face is a flamethrower. We just have to come out, compete hard, and hopefully we can put the bat on the ball and our pitchers can keep us in the ballgame.”

First pitch is set for 4:00 p.m. in Dexter’s home opener.

Photos above *Top Photo: Bryn Hester readies his swing during Tuesday’s 20-8 blowout at Malden.*

Bottom photo: Alex Cliff blasts a solo shot during the fourth inning. Cliff went 4-5 with 4 RBI’s on the day.

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