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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports

After a tough loss at the hands of the Twin Rivers Royals, the Dexter Bearcats returned home to face the Portageville Bulldogs on Monday (May 9) afternoon. The 'Cats bats were hot in the contest, and after five innings, the Bearcats got the W with a 17-3 pounding of the Bulldogs.

Coach Brian Becker urged his team before the game to “start another win streak today,” and with district play looming on the horizon, the 'Cats needed some positive momentum.

Jordan Miller got the start for the 'Cats, and in his four innings of work struck out six batters and gave up 3 unearned runs.

Owen Flowers, who went 2-2 at the plate, came in during the fifth.

“I thought Jordan threw a good ballgame,” Becker said of his starter. “We got up on [Portageville] and had a little trouble fielding the ball in the third inning to give up three unearned runs. Other than that it was pretty smooth sailing for the rest of the game.”

Alex Cliff, the Bearcats' first baseman, had a great offensive outing. Cliff went 3-4 with four RBI's and two runs scored, as well as stealing two bases.

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The ‘Cats move to 8-10 on the season with the win, and will face Campbell on Tuesday (May 10) afternoon.

“[Campbell has] a good pitcher down there - kid’s done a heck of a job for them this year,” Becker said. “I’m hoping that we go down there and play another solid ballgame like we did yesterday and keep a winning streak heading into districts.”

The game is set for a 4:00 p.m. first pitch.

Looking ahead to the District Tournament - held at Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau, the ‘Cats have earned the #3 seed and will face Scott City on Saturday (May 14) night at 7:30 p.m.

Photos above *Top Photo: Jordan Fitts gets called out on a close play at the plate during Monday afternoon’s routing of Portageville. Fitts was 2-3 on the day.*
Bottom photo: Alex Cliff slides safely under a tag at second base. Cliff had a huge day at the plate for the ‘Cats, going 3-4 with 4 RBI’s.

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BREAKING SPORTS NEWS

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The DHS Tennis team has already advanced to the semi-final round of the District Tournament without even having to pick up a racket.

The 'Cats were slated to face the Charleston Bluejays in the tournament, held in Farmington, Mo., this afternoon (Monday, May 9).

According to DHS Athletic Director Chuck Powers, the Bluejays were forced to forfeit the match.

"Dexter will advance to tomorrow's semi-finals," Powers said. "Charleston has forfeited their match with Dexter due to not having enough players to compete."

The DHS netters will travel to Farmington tomorrow (May 10) to compete in the semi-final round of the tournament.

The match is scheduled for a 4:00 p.m. start.

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Bearcat Baseball- JV Eliminated

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Sikeston MO -- The Dexter Junior Varsity Baseball team found a tough go in the opening round of the SEMO Conference JV Tournament as they took on the Sikeston Bulldogs. The SEMO Conference is notably one of the toughest in the state and is comprised of Dexter, Cape Central, Jackson, Notre Dame, New Madrid County Central, Kelly and Poplar Bluff High Schools.

As the 7th Seed in the tournament, the young Bearcats needed to be on top of their game. But things started difficultly for the 'Cat in the first two innings as the Bulldogs staged an offensive attack. The Bulldog's bats were on fire and brought about a 10 to 0 lead by the end of the 2nd inning. With a slow start in the field and at the plate - the Bearcats had dug a hole that was hard to overcome.

"We just didn't play that well during the first innings," said Coach Aaron Pixley. "But after that, we woke up and played competitive the rest of the game. You just can't spot a good team like Sikeston 10 runs and expect to win."

The Bearcats only two hits were supplied by Joe Greer and Wyatt Kiger. The slow start set aside, the Bearcats actually played good defense and pitched well after the 2nd inning. The 'Cats were unable to overcome the slow start and lost the game to the #2 seed Sikeston Bulldogs by a score of 13 to 5.

The Junior Varsity Bearcats ended their season with a record of 6 wins and 6 losses on the season.

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Brosely MO -- The Varsity Bearcats were in action on Thursday at Twin Rivers High School against the Royals. Again, a slow start allowed Twin Rivers to jump out to a 5 to 1 lead early in the game. Pitcher Owen Flowers was able to get control over the game and had a good afternoon from the mound.

Garrett Stockton was on the mound for the Royals and just wouldn't let the Bearcats get their offensive machine started. Twin Rivers defeated the Bearcats by a score of 7 to 3.

There were a few Bearcat highlights from the game as Chase Young continued his great performance by adding 2 hits on 3 trips to the plate and Senior Bryn Hester was also 2 for 3 with a home-run. Josh Sifford also contributed one hit during the game.

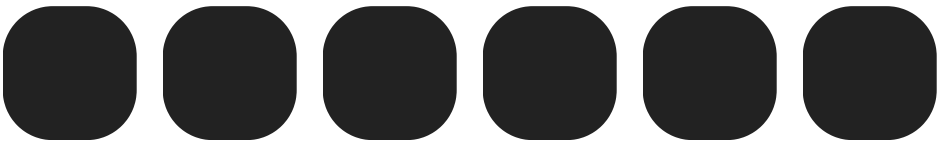
This loss takes the Dexter to 7-10 on the season. Weather permitting, the Bearcats will host the Portageville Bulldogs in non-league action on Monday, May 9th in Dexter.

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Bearcats Send Three Golfers To State

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The Bearcats Golf Team qualified three of four sectional golfers for the MSHAA Class 3 State Tournament on Thursday at Dalhousie Golf Club.

Cody Stevens, Brennen Justice and Logan Robey all placed within the top 12 positions to advance.

Cody Stevens led the team with a score of 83 to lead the Bearcats. Brennen Justice followed with an 85 and Logan Robey ended the day with a score of 89. Alan Flanigan also qualified for sectional play but was unable to make the cut.

To those who have spent a little time at Hidden Trails Country Club, all three of these Bearcats were easy to find somewhere on the course perfecting their game.

Cody has had a tremendous career all sports seasons. Cody's athleticism shows quickly as his 2010-11 sports have produced football quarter final action, state wrestling tournament action and now he will see the State level in golf.

Much the same has been shown by the Bearcat seniors. Brennen has put countless hours on the course and has improved his game over past four seasons as a Bearcat Golfer.

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"it's a great honor to be going to state for the second year in a row." says Robey. "I've worked hard at golf for as long as I can remember and this is what it's all about."

A strong member of the Bearcat Basketball Team, Robey has always shown the potential of being a great golfer with a smooth and easy swing. His leadership has been a great asset to the team throughout the season.

"I hope I can be at the top of my game and represent the town of Dexter very well," added Robey.

Cy Moritz of Owensville was medalist with a 77 (+5). He was followed by Bryce Dolan (St. Francis Borgia), Gunnar Knudtson (Notre Dame) and Jake Prince (Hillsboro) all with scores of 7 over par.

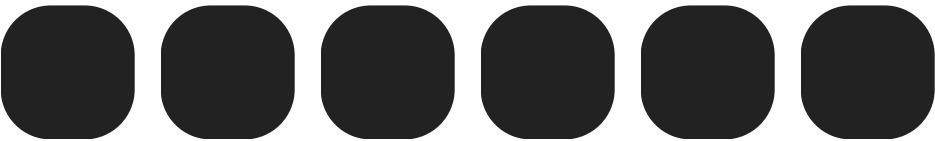
At the top of the team results, Notre Dame claimed the title with a total score of 326. St. Francis Borgia finished second with a score of 339, while Dexter finished in 5th place with a Team Score of 359.

The MSHAA State Golf Tournament will take place on May 16-17 at the Silo Ridge Golf Club in Bolivar.

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Spring Athletes Recognized At Banquet

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*By Annabeth Miller,
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It's been a soggy spring – a spring filled with games cancellations and postponements, change of location, calling games because of rain, high winds, lightening, make up games and more.

But none of that dampened the spirits at the annual Spring Sports Banquet at Dexter High School. The annual event recognizing the Bearcat athletes in spring sports was held Thursday evening in the DHS cafeteria.

Athletes, coaches, families and school personnel filled the high school cafeteria for a barbecue meal furnish by the Bearcat Booster Club and to applaud this spring's successes by the six spring teams – baseball, golf, softball, boys' track, boys' tennis and girls' track.

Softball had 'fun season'

Lady Bearcats coach Tammy Crowley had a young team this spring, and despite a season cut short due to weather conditions, she said the girls had a good season.

"We had a lot of fun this year. We had a very successful season even though our season was cut short because of the rain and flooding," Crowley told the crowd.

The team ended the season with 8 wins, 6 losses and 1 tie. The Lady 'Cats placed third in the Malden Tournament.

"We worked very hard during the season on a variety of drills to improve our batting, throwing and fielding," the coach reported. "I had two really good pitchers this year – Alec Jackson and Kendra Stephenson. They helped us lot and combined with our good defense."

Over half of the Lady 'Cats that took the field this spring were freshmen and just one senior player was on the squad.

"I look for great things from this group for the next several years," she said.

Softball Awards for Spring 2011 include:

- Provisional Letters: Jerrica Wood and Riley Rickman
- Letters: Mollie Whitehead, Emily Triplett, Kendra Stevenson, Taylor Owen, Ashley Brown, Bethany Christian, Tiffany Watson, Whitney Layton, Lauren Massingill, Alisha Martin, Alec Jackson
- Highest Batting Average Award: Alec Jackson with an average of .589
- Team Dedication Award: Alec Jackson (voted on by team)
- Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award: Alec Jackson

“Like the girls, I recognized that Alec’s skills, leadership and dedication were invaluable to our team this year,” Crowley said of the senior. Jackson has played softball at DHS all four years and has signed a Letter of Intent to play softball next year at Shawnee Community College in Illinois.

Track: An outstanding year

“Overall, this was just an outstanding year for us,” said track coach Jill King said. King she had a small boys’ track team, but the young men all worked hard and a good group to work with.

“The girls this year were conference champs. They won the Notre Dame Open, the Malden Invitational, The Dexter Open; at the Notre Dame Relays they won the Field and Sprint divisions; tied for third at the Ste. Genevieve Meet. They just really had a great season,” King said.

King recognized the seniors on the two squads – Dan McCoy, Dylan Sandlin, and Alex Allston, Raezheem Miller, and Madison Pixley.

- Letters: Dylan Sandlin, Alex Rybolt, Austin Richardson, Dan McCoy, Zach Comstock, Alex Allstun, Brittney Twomey, Madison Pixley, Hannah Now, Sarah Mouser, Raezheem Miller, Samantha Midgett, Melisa Mayo, Sarah Langley, Katie Justice, Christina Harris, Taylor Martin, Lindsey Hindman, Selana Flannigan, Chandler Crowley, Beth Crone, Morgan Cliff, Jennifer Blattman, Brooke Baker
- Girl’s Point Winner: Taylor Martin
- Boy’s Point Winner: Austin Richardson

Tennis guys worked hard

Coach Leanne Dooley, who is also the DHS girls tennis's coach and returned to coaching the guys this season, introduced the varsity players in the order they play: Tyler Miller, Sam Ward, Brauck Burge, Kyle Willis, Hunter Mathis, and Cedrick Bernier.

"I'm very proud of the boys. It was really fun to come back to coaching boys' tennis again," Dooley said. "We had great participation and they really worked hard."

Dooley also explained that she could only give out two of her three end-of-season awards at the banquet. The team's double's players are locked in tie, and she will wait awarding the recognition until after Friday's match against Poplar Bluff.

- MVP: Tyler Miller
- Most Singles Award: Brauck Burge
- Letters: Tyler Miller, Sam Ward, Brauck Burge, Kyle Willis, Hunter Mathis, Cedrick Bernier.

Golfers "hung in" for season

With three players that just qualified in sectional play for the state tournament, Coach Eric Sitze recognized the success of this spring's DHS Golf Team.

"I wouldn't say we were rebuilding this year – we had to fill two big spots," Sitze said "These guys have done a good job this year. We've hung in there; they've worked hard."

Winning at sectionals on Thursday were Cody Stevens, Brennen Justice and Logan Robey. The team has one match and one tournament left for the season.

- Letters: Corbin Matthews, Brennen Justice, Ryan Joyner, Tyler Jones, Logan Robey, Cody Stevens.

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Season Medalist: Cody Stevens

Baseball Road Warriors

With only four home games this season, Coach Brian Becker says the baseball parents have become "road warriors" – travelling to games throughout the region.

“The parents have had to travel quite a bit this spring, and they’re not giving gas away,” Becker. “We’ve had good crowd support this year and that means a lot.”

This year’s baseball squad had only two senior players, and Becker has had to use young players, thus giving many of the younger players a lot of good experience.

“I hope that they will continue getting better so that next year we’ll be even stronger as a team,” Becker said.

Becker paid special tribute to two seniors who played baseball throughout their high school careers – Bryn Hester and Josh Sifford.

“These two guys have given me their heart and soul the last four years. I’m so proud of Sifford and how far he’s come. I’m so proud of you, and it’s been a pleasure coaching you, buddy,” Becker said to the senior. “Bryn is going to play next season at College of the Ozarks and I know as smart as Bryn is and as hard as he works, and as good of a baseball player as he is, he’s going to represent Dexter High School very well over there.”

- Letters: Alex Cliff, DJ Dowdy, Daniel Fitts, Owen Flowers, Bryn Hester, Jordan Miller, Cody Neldon, Logan Northern, Josh Overall, Bradley Potts, Dalton Putnam, Josh Sifford, Chase Young, Nick Noble.
- Highest Batting Average: Alex Cliff with a .389 batting average (he also leads the team in RBIs)
- Team MVP: (voted on by players): Bradley Potts

Student-athletes receiving their first “D” letter at the banquet include: Cedric Bernier, Ashley Brown, Beth Crone, Chandler Crowley, DJ Dowdy, Selana Flannigan, Owen Flowers, Christina Harris, Sarah Mouser, Cody Neldon, Nick Noble, Logan Northern, Bradley Potts, Emily Triplett.

Photo above: The DHS student-athletes recognized in Thursday evening's banquet include: (front row, from left) Alec Jackson, softball; Cody Stevens, golf; Austin Richardson, track; Taylor Martin, track; (back row, from left) Brauck Burge, tennis; Tyler Miller, tennis; Alex Cliff, baseball; Bradley Potts, baseball.(SMT photo by Annabeth Miller)[

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