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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

Everyone at the *ShowMe Times* is proud to announce the launch of the **2011 Pigskin Pick'Em Challenge**.

In the PPC, the object is simple: we give you 22 games a week for 10 weeks, spread across local high school teams, the NFL, and the NCAA, and you pick who wins. No scores, no 'upset predictions', just winners and losers. Every game that you pick correctly will get you a point - 22 possible points a week, and 220 possible points in the whole contest.

Your picks will be 'unlocked' at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, and will be open until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, at which point they will be locked in.

All you have to do to enter is provide your full name and a working email address - used to notify you of any prizes you win - and then make your picks on a weekly basis.

Wait, PRIZES?!?

Yes, you read that correctly: we're giving out prizes *every week*. Once the scores are tallied each week, the top three finishers will win a prize.

Don't fret if you aren't a football guru - we're also giving out two prizes from a random drawing each week. Prizes have been donated by Locust Street Flowers, Montgomery Bank, Dexter Queen, Hideaway Pizza & Package, Faye's Doughnuts, and other great local businesses.

At the end of the 10 week period, the top point scorer will win the grand prize: a 46" Flatscreen TV and a 'Bearcat Fan Pack' with all the essential fan gear you'll need - t-shirts, blankets, stadium chairs, etc - to tough out cold Friday nights in the stands during Bearcat football games.

The full rules and regulations for the contest can be found **here**.

To go directly to the game page, click **here**, or you can navigate to the page by mousing over the sports button and clicking the link on the drop-down menu, or you can, from the home page, click the link on the left of the three buttons beneath the search bar.

*Make sure to check back with the **ShowMe Times** for updates on this exciting contest - the **2011 Pigskin Pick'Em Challenge** can only be found on the **ShowMe Times**!*

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*After the explosive **Yahoo! Sports** story on the University of Miami athletics scandal, the integrity of Mizzou's new basketball coach, Frank Haith, was called into question. Dr. Brady Deaton, MU Chancellor, released the following statement during a press conference last Friday (Aug 19).*

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“After reading a few accounts this morning, I felt it necessary to provide clarification to my statements following the August 19, 2011, University of Missouri Board of Curators meeting. At no time were we aware of any allegations at the University of Miami, football, basketball, or otherwise, until Tuesday’s Yahoo! Sports report. In the days leading up to the report we, as many of you, heard about the allegations of improprieties at Miami, but that early media information centered around football. That was my contention in the comment below, and the insinuation that we knew about a potential investigation during our hiring process is an incorrect interpretation of my remarks yesterday. As I stated, no evidence of an investigation came up during our vetting process.”

“With regard to the search process that resulted in the University of Missouri hiring Frank Haith, we had a very thorough search process in which all candidates were vetted very thoroughly. In the case of Mr. Haith, we’ve documented more than 20 specific reference points, with the NCAA, the Atlantic Coast Conference, administrators at the University of Miami as well as, of course, the former athletic director, and many others in the field, and everything came back very, very clear, very positive and left us reassured that this was an individual that would provide the leadership that we desired at the University of Missouri,

so we feel good about the vetting process. The investigation that had begun at some point, was an investigation, as I understand, perhaps of football, and had not reached over into this side at all. No evidence of this came up during the vetting process.”

The following is a link to the audio of yesterday's (Aug 19) press conference:

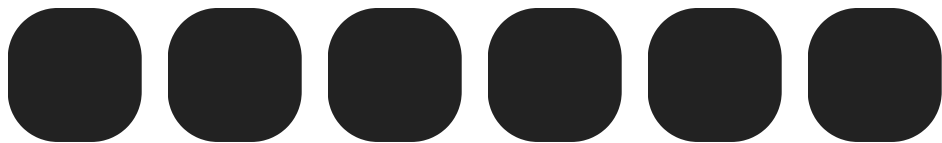
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'Cats Shine In Jamboree; Look To Ste. Gen

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

Bearcat Nation converged on Charles Bland Stadium Friday (Aug 19) night to catch their first glimpse of the 2011 Bearcat Football team in the preseason Jamboree.

The 'Cats faced off against teams from Kennett, East Prairie, and New Madrid County Central in the preseason scrimmage.

“[There was] good and bad, about like every year. We hit some good plays in both the passing game and running game tonight,” head coach Aaron Pixley said. “We didn’t execute a few times, but I felt like defensively we kind of struggled a little bit early, but I felt like we got better as we went. “

”We need to play with more energy, we came out a little flat tonight. I don’t know if it was the humidity or what, but we didn’t have the energy I felt like we should have.”

On one of the more humid evenings that the 'Cats have been on the field, they seemed to be a little flat at the beginning of the jamboree, but once they picked up the tempo, the revamped 'Cats put on quite a show.

The 'Cats utilized their one-two punch of Nick Summers and Josh Overall out of the backfield extensively. Running behind a great offensive line, led by senior tackles Zach Lacy and Theo Gaul, both backs were able to string together impressive runs during the scrimmages.

Summers’ strong, physical running style allowed him to drag nearly seven Kennett defenders on a nine-yard run early in the jamboree. Overall’s quick, more ‘finesse’ style had him juking and stiff arming his way into several impressive runs.

“They’re different style runners; both of them bring someone to the table and they’ll both be used,” Pixley said of the two backs. “If our passing game is going good, our running game will be going good. I felt like the offensive line got downhill really hard and physical on some runs.”

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The 'Cats passing game also stood out during the scrimmages, with senior quarterback Cody Stevens connecting on several excellent passes.

“Our pass blocking was pretty good for the most part,” Pixley said. “We had some protection breakdowns late in the jamboree, but those are fixable things.”

Looking ahead, the ‘Cats are ready to kick off the regular season Friday (Aug 26) at home against Ste. Genevieve.

“Ste. Gen didn’t really lose anything; they lost two or three position players, but everyone else is back,” Pixley said. [“Against Ste. Gen, we’re going to have to have some high tempo, some high energy,” Stevens said. “We’ll need to have people flying around hitting people; Ste. Gen’s a good team.”

“We expect them to be one of the best, if not the best, team on our schedule. They will be very good, and we’ll have to play very well to beat them,” Pixley added. “I expect a very good football team to be coming through that gate Friday night.”

Kickoff for the regular season opener against Ste. Gen is set for 7:00 P.M. on Friday, August 26.

Photos above

Top Photo: Josh Overall squeezes in between defenders during the ‘Cats’ first scrimmage of the night against the Kennett Indians.

Bottom photo: Defensive End Jake Lee drags down a Kennett ballcarrier during the evening’s scrimmages.

*Make sure to check back with the **ShowMe Times** for full coverage of Dexter Bearcat Football!*

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

With their first game against Ste. Genevieve rapidly approaching, the DHS Football team is ready to kick off the 2011 season with the return of the annual football jamboree to Charles Bland Stadium.

After two full weeks of practice, head coach Aaron Pixley seems to be pleased with what he's seeing from the squad.

"[Practices have] gone well. They've been a little inconsistent; they've looked good at times and bad at others," Pixley noted. "We've had great weather, so we've had a lot more good than bad. [Wednesday] was the first hot practice we've had, really. We were a little sluggish, but I feel like we got some good things in. So far so good, we just have to make sure we get a little more consistent and prove ourselves on Friday night."

"Most of the time in practice, they're playing the way they should. Even if they mess up, they're doing it hard. I preach that to my kids: if you're unsure or make a mistake, just go a hundred miles an hour." The football 'Cats have had a busy summer, with weightlifting sessions, 'contact days', and several camps crammed in the two and a half month 'vacation'.

“We’ve had a good summer. We’ve had most of the kids out doing weights and contact days, and running their 300’s,” Pixley added. “We’ve had 90-plus percent of the full team all summer; you always want 100 percent, but sometimes you don’t get that.”

Looking to Friday night’s football jamboree, the ‘Cats will take the field for the first time since the end of DHS’s most successful season under the helm of Coach Pixley.

“We’ve got plenty of seniors that have ‘been there, done that’, they’ve been through quite a few wars, and they know what they’re doing. I think at times they get bored a little bit, but we have to make sure that we’ve very physical in all phases of the game,” Pixley said.

“Hopefully that’s what we’re going to get out of the jamboree - a lot of physicality, kids making plays, and for the defense to get it done.”

The ‘Cats have been lucky this summer to avoid any serious injuries - junior Chase Young is the only injured player heading into Friday night’s jamboree.

“We’ve got some bumps and bruises, but nothing too serious,” Pixley said. “Chase Young has had a knee problem for a while; he played baseball all summer on a bum knee, but it’s nothing major. He should be good to go.”

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The ‘Cats will face East Prairie, as well as district rivals New Madrid County Central and

Kennett in the jamboree.

The scrimmages will follow the traditional jamboree format, with a coin toss to determine offense or defense and the ball placed at the 40 yd. line. If a team scores, the ball will be placed back at the 40 yd. line. Each team will play 12 plays on offense and defense, respectively. No score will be kept. There will be no kicking game.

The jamboree is scheduled for a 6:00 p.m. start on Friday, August 19.

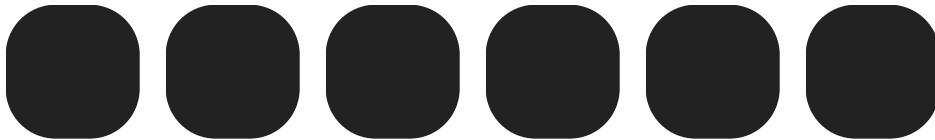
Admission will be \$1 (no passes accepted), with a concession stand available on the east end of the field. The Bearcat Booster club will be providing food and drinks for all players and coaches at the conclusion of the evening’s scrimmages.

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From Rick Kindhart, Assistant Director of Athletics - Missouri State University

INDIANAPOLIS -- The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification announced decisions today (Aug. 18) concerning the athletics certification status of 28 member institutions. Missouri State University has been fully certified through successful completion and review of its Cycle 3 self-study.

The certified designation denotes that Missouri State operates its athletics program in full compliance with the operating principles adopted by the Division I membership.

"Anytime you get an endorsement of your program from one of your national governing agencies, it is an accomplishment worth noting," said Missouri State Interim President Clif Smart. "We are very proud of the balance and integrity with which our intercollegiate athletics program operates. As a University, we benefited from completing the self-study process, and we very much appreciate gaining full certification from the NCAA."

Legislation mandating certification was adopted for all active Division I schools in 1993 to ensure the integrity of each member institution's athletics program, while assisting institutions with improvements when necessary. To complete the certification process, each institution had to complete a self-study led by its president or chancellor. The self-study instrument includes a thorough review of these primary components: governance and commitment to rules compliance; academic integrity; gender/diversity issues; and student-athlete well-being.

Missouri State Director of Athletics Kyle Moats said he was very pleased with the NCAA announcement and noted the many collaborative efforts that made full certification a reality.

"I am grateful for the hard work of the steering committee and the sub-committee members on campus who worked countless hours to complete this process," Moats said. "I especially want to thank our chair Sue George and senior associate AD Casey Comoroski for taking ownership in this process on behalf of Missouri State University. They championed this effort from the very first day, and their dedication has ensured our inclusion in this cycle's NCAA certification class."

Each member institution is to complete a self-study at least once every 10 years. As a Cycle 3 institution, Missouri State has now completed three NCAA certification steps, receiving full certification in previous self-study efforts in 1996 and 2003.

George, a Missouri State professor in Childhood Education and Family Studies chaired

the MSU Certification Steering Committee. She noted her gratitude for the work of the 45 faculty, staff, students and community members who assisted during the 18 months of preparing the voluminous report.

"Being part of the NCAA Athletics Certification process has confirmed the good work of our Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Missouri State," said George. "My thanks go out to the members of the University community who worked hard to see this process through to its positive conclusion."

Joining Missouri State in Wednesday's NCAA certification announcement were fellow fully certified Division I institutions:

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In addition, the following institution was certified with conditions:

Southern University, Baton Rouge.

The Division I Committee on Athletics Certification preliminarily reviews an institution's certification materials and provides a list of issues identified during the evaluation. Then, the university is assessed by a panel of peer reviewers who file a report regarding the institution's resolution of the issues before a final certification decision is rendered. This cycle represents the last certifications started before a moratorium was placed on the program in April 2011 by the Division I Board of Directors. No active Division I members will begin the certification again until August of 2013.

The complete Missouri State Self-Study report can be viewed on-line at **www.missouristate.edu/ncaa**. Members of the Missouri State community who participated in the Self-Study process were:

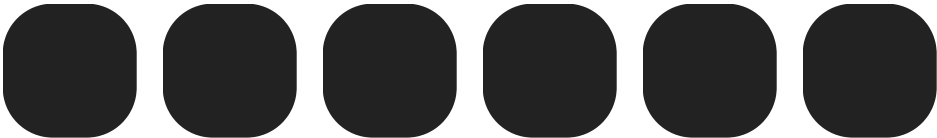
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For more information on Missouri State Athletics, visit www.missouristatebears.com.

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