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The Dexter JV Team traveled to New Madrid on Monday night to take on the NMCC Eagles in the opening Junior Varsity contest of the 2011 Season. Hopes were extremely high for the young 'Cats, as they are full of talent and should prove to be very competitive throughout the season.

The game started on a rough note for the 'Cats, when the opening kickoff by New Madrid was fumbled. The Eagles' T.J. Clark recovered the fumble and returned it for an Eagles touchdown. The Eagles failed the 2-point conversion, leaving the score at 6-0.

The Bearcat defense stepped up to break the ice by stopping New Madrid in their own endzone for a safety, making the score 6-2.

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The 'Cats offensive machine finally got rolling as quarterback D.J. Dowdy handed off to Brad Wick. Wick powered his way through the Eagles defense for a Bearcat touchdown. The two-point conversion was good with Dowdy's run into the endzone.

The Eagles, however, were not finished as quarterback Willie Jimerson answered with a touchdown of his own. The two-point conversion was no good.

With only 27 seconds remaining in the 1st quarter, Jonathan Foels broke a big 80 yard touchdown run, but the two-point conversion failed. At the end of an action packed 1st quarter of play, Dexter held a 16-12 lead.

Hand off from Bearcat's quarterback D J Dowdy to his running back Jonathan Foels during Monday nights 24-20 victory over the New Madrid County Central Eagles.

The flow of the game changed in the second quarter - both teams exchanged their high-powered offenses for a defensive battle. Neither team found the end zone leaving the score unchanged going into halftime.

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The offensive shootout resumed in the second half - NMCC scored another touchdown 20 seconds into the frame to take a 20-16 lead.

The Bearcats would not be denied as Dillon Bazarian took a hand off from Dowdy at the 2:57 mark and added another touchdown to the Bearcats' total. Dowdy's pass to Stevie Payne on the two point conversion was complete, giving the 'Cats a 24-20 lead.

The defense for the Bearcats took control of the football game from that point on. Dowdy made some great plays in the defensive backfield. With a little over a minute left in the 3rd quarter, Dowdy came up with a key interception to stop New Madrid's offensive drive.

No better defense could have been found than in the final minute of the football game. New Madrid County was driving hard to get back on the scoreboard when the Bearcats' Dakota Southerland came up with a huge second down sack of Jimmerson. Jordan Miller broke up a pass on the third down play, and when all the chips were on the table, Holden Bruce was able to smash all of the Eagles' hopes as he broke through the line of scrimmage, sacking the Eagle's quarterback.

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The Bearcats took possession of the football and sent the 'victory formation' out on the field. Dowdy took a knee to run out the clock and hand the JV 'Cats a 24-20 win.

The JV Bearcats will be at home next Monday (Sept. 5) night, when they face the Malden Green Wave at Charles Bland Stadium. Everyone is encouraged to come out and show your support of our young Bearcat athletes. This is a talented group of young men on the JV squad this season, and will be a lot of fun to watch.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

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From the Williams Baptist College Sports Information Department

Volleyball Looks to Build on Recent Success

WALNUT RIDGE --The Williams Baptist College volleyball team has enjoyed success over the last four years, with a combined record of 95 wins and 57 losses.

The coaches and players believe this year will be another step up for the program. Coach Eric Newell lead the team to two wins on opening weekend versus Mid-Continent University.

The team has been working hard the past three weeks, practicing three times a day.

“This year’s volleyball team, despite some setbacks, has excelled in nearly all areas of the pre-season,” Newell said.

The coaching staff believes the pre-season has showed promise - the players have gotten better each week.

Senior outside hitter and leader Caitlin Wakefield described the pre-season.

“Everyone has been sore, but we are meshing as a team,” Wakefield said. “It has been a fun experience getting to know the new faces and reunite with the returners.”

Wakefield is one of three seniors that Newell believes are proven leaders and great players. The other two are middle blocker Haley Motley and libero Kelsey Davault.

Motley led the Eagles in nearly all offensive categories as a junior, while Davault led the Eagles in digs and aces.

“Caitlin leads by example on and off the court,” Newell said of Wakefield. “She gives 100 percent, 100 percent of the time.” That work ethic inspires the younger players to work just as hard as her.

Motley was described as being the leader who makes everyone feel welcome.

“Haley never meets a stranger, and she does a good job of making new players feel welcome and being a vocal leader on the court,” Newell stated.

Newell believes that Davault is taking advantage of her last season of volleyball.

“It is like she understands this is her last opportunity to play volleyball,” Newell said, “and she is going to take advantage of it.”

Newell is hopeful that the team’s strengths will be defensive and serve-receive. He has added a student-assistant in Chelsey Politte - a defensive specialist that played for the Eagles each of the last two seasons.

Joe Baldwin will also be returning as assistant coach for the Lady Eagles.

“I am excited. I believe we have a good squad with unlimited potential,” Baldwin noted. “If we work hard, we will achieve our goals.”

WBC’s first home volleyball game will be September 9 at 4:30 p.m., where they will be competing in a double header against Central Baptist College.

Williams Baptist College is a four-year, Christian liberal arts college located in Walnut

Ridge, Arkansas. DHS Alums Tyler Tanner, a member of the baseball team, and Ryan Windham, a member of the basketball team, are both students at the school.

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor

The Lady 'Cats prepare to open the 2011 Volleyball season tonight, when they make the short trip to Essex to face the Richland Rebels in SCAA action.

Head coach Lauren Hutchcraft, entering her second year, looks to improve the team this year with a mix of veteran leadership - the 'Cats return seniors McKenzie Mitchell,

Lauren Ward, Lindsey Hindman, and Erika Mouser, and some ‘new blood’.

“We have a strong group of seniors coming back,” Hutchcraft said. “Brittany Harris, a junior, and Hannah Noe, a sophomore, both played varsity all last year.” Erika Cobb, also a sophomore, will be seeing varsity action as well.

“Jessica Lindsey, a freshman, should also see some time at the varsity level. She’s played phenomenal ball this summer as a middle hitter; I expect great things out of her.”

“I think they’re going to be a team to watch this year,” Hutchcraft added.

The Lady ‘Cats open the season tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Richland High School.

Photo Above:

Freshman Jessica Lindsey, the lone freshman expected to see time at the varsity level, practices her serves during a summer practice. Coach Lauren Hutchcraft touted the youngster as a “player to watch; people will know her name in coming years.”
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From the Missouri Department of Conservation

With school getting back in session and fall sports underway, your opportunities to fish are going to be limited - the only problem is, you might not be able to catch anything even if you get a chance. According to this report, fish across the region are still slow to hit on most bait.

SOUTHEAST REGION: (573) 290-5858 LAKES

Clearwater Lake: 81 degrees, normal, clear; crappie good while trolling with crankbaits; largemouth bass fair on plastic or topwater baits; bluegill fair on worms or crickets; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Council Bluff: 81 degrees, normal, clear; largemouth bass fair on dark colored soft plastics and topwater lures during low light periods; bluegill and redear sunfish fair on worms and crickets; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/25/2011)

Cypress Lake: 87 degrees, normal, dingy; channel catfish good in 2'-3' depths using worms and stinkbait; crappie slow using minnows and jigs in 3' depths; bluegill and redear sunfish fair in 2'-3' depths using crickets, small jigs, and small pieces of worms; largemouth bass fair on spinnerbaits, jigs, and plastic worms in 3' depths or greater. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Duck Creek: 79 degrees, normal, clear; largemouth bass good on topwater lures; bluegill, redear sunfish and warmouth sunfish good on crickets and jigs; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/25/2011)

Lake Girardeau: normal, clear; channel catfish fair on worms; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Perry County Lake: 87 degrees, clear; channel catfish fair on liver; black bass fair on topwater lures; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Robert DeLaney Lake: 85 degrees, normal, channel catfish fair on worms, liver, and stinkbait; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Wappapello: normal, black bass good on spinnerbaits and plastic worms early and late in the day; bluegill fair on crickets and worms along shoreline; crappie fair on minnows and jigs in the lake in the river channel; channel catfish fair on trotlines and jug lines at night using live bait. Anglers should note the 9" minimum length regulation for crappie on Wappapello Lake. All areas around the lake are now open since the lake water level has dropped. Call the Wappapello Lake Recreation Hotline for updates at 573-222-8139. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

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Black River (near Annapolis): 77 degrees, low, clear; all species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Castor River (above Zalma): low, clear; all species good. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Lower Black River (Clearwater Dam): normal, dingy; black bass fair on topwater lures; channel catfish fair on live bait; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; walleye fair on crankbaits below the basin; all other species slow. There have been some instances of paddlefish being caught and hooked in the mouth while using traditional fishing methods as of late. Paddlefish are closed to taking by any method in the Black River except from March 15 through April 30. If a paddlefish is caught outside of those specified dates it must be released immediately. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Mississippi (below Charleston): low, dingy; channel catfish fair on liver, worms and live frogs; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

Mississippi River (Cape Girardeau): 79 degrees, falling, muddy; all species slow.
(Report made on 8/24/2011)

St. Francis (above Wappapello): low, clear; black bass good on large minnows; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/24/2011)

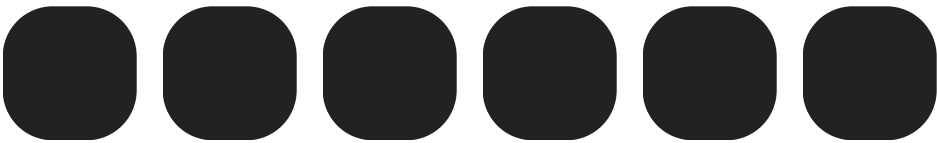
St. Francis (below Wappapello): 83 degrees, low, dingy; channel catfish good on chicken liver and stinkbait; flathead catfish good on goldfish and small green sunfish; all other species slow. (Report made on 8/25/2011)

*Anglers are invited to send photos of their fishing trips to the **ShowMe Times**. Just email acato@showmetimes.com. Be sure to include the name of the fisherman, the date of the catch, where it was caught, weight and - if you care to share - what type of bait you were using!*

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By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor


Bearcat Nation was treated to an outstanding display of defensive dominance Friday night at Charles Bland Stadium, when the 'Cats dropped Ste. Genevive 28-6 in the 2011 season opener.

Dexter's defense got hot in a hurry after the Dragons scored on their second play in the scrimmage - after the early blunder, the 'Cats held Ste. Gen scoreless for the rest of the game, and limited their high-octane spread offense to only 148 yards and quarterback Brendan Weiler to just 67 yards through the air on 14 of 25 attempts.

"I felt like we played very well on both sides of the ball. Defensively, the tackling was outstanding," head coach Aaron Pixley said. "Any time you play a team like that, that throws the ball like [Ste. Gen does], you have to tackle. We missed a few, but for the most part, we did a good job tackling."

"They had one play that they hit a seam - they caught us in a defense where our safety is supposed to sit 10 yards off the line instead of backpedaling, and we did a good job of catching up, making the tackle, and stripping the ball," Pixley added. "Other than that we kept the ball in front of us and tackled, which is what you have to do against this team."

The 'Cats were led on defense by seniors Jake Lee and Tyler Miller - Lee ended the night with six tackles (three for loss), a sack, and a pass breakup. Miller contributed five tackles (one assist) and a forced fumble.

"I 

think we played together tonight; we didn't push each other away," Lee said after the game. "We really grew up and played a lot better tonight."

Offensively, the 'Cats were able put up 418 yards of total offense, with 329 yards rushing.

"We did a great job of getting first downs and milking the clock to build a 21-6 lead late in the game," Pixley noted. "[Josh Overall and Nick Summers] ran hard, and Alex Cliff ran hard from the fullback position."

The one-two punch of Overall (13 carries for 150 yards and 3 TD's) and Summers (16 carries for 97 yards), coupled with outstanding run blocking from the offensive line, was just too much for the Dragons to handle. Cliff chipped in eight carries for 30 yards and a pair of key first downs.

"I feel like my vision on the field has gotten a lot better this year. I saw the hole opening up and I took it. I made a cutback and wound up taking it to the house," Overall said of his big 80 yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter.

The 'Cats were limited in their passing game during the contest, but quarterback Cody Stevens (6-16 for 89 yards) was able to rack up just over 50 rushing yards.

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"Offensively, we ran the ball well; probably dropped 150 yards of passes, but that's going to get corrected," Pixley added. "We have good receivers and I felt like Cody threw the ball well. We had some pass protection breakdowns in the first half; I felt like we could have done a better job, but it got better as the game went on. Our passing game is going to be good, and our running game was very strong tonight as well. Cody did a good job running the show out there - he was changing pass plays that I put in to run plays. He did a really nice job of running that offense."

Looking ahead to next week's matchup, the 'Cats will be on the road against Park Hills Central. The 'Cats will have to adjust their defensive gameplan quickly - Ste. Gen and Park Hills are total opposites on the offensive spectrum. Pixley noted a bit of 'bad blood' between the two teams after their meeting last season, and expects it to be a hard-nosed, physical football game.

"I expect a physical football team. They're going to be fired up and ready to play," Pixley said. "It's the exact opposite situation from what we were against tonight - we're going to see double tight ends, two and three back backfields. They're going to run power, lead, and triple option, and we'll have to be physical and really get after it from a defensive standpoint. "

“Offensively, we’re going to do what we do. We’ll run and throw the football, and go out there, execute, and make plays.”

Kickoff for next week’s varsity matchup is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Friday (Sept. 2).

Click here for a full breakdown of the game's stats.

Photos Above:

Top: Josh Overall cuts through the Ste. Gen defense on an 80 yard touchdown run during the third quarter. Overall finished the night with 150 yards on 13 carries and three TD’s on offense, as well as three tackles on defense.

Middle: Jake Lee drags down a Ste. Gen ballcarrier during Friday night’s action. Lee finished the contest with six tackles (three for loss), a sack, and a pass breakup.

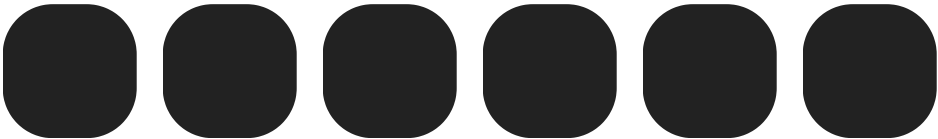
Bottom: Nick Summers powers through Ste. Genevive defenders for a first down. Summers finished the night with 97 yards on 16 carries.

*Make sure to check back with the **ShowMe Times** for updates on the team throughout the coming week’s practices!*

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