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## SPECIAL: Green Light for Summers

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Bearcat fans can get even more excited about tomorrow's night game as #33 Nick Summers has been given the "green light" to play. All precautionary measures have been taken and it appears that Nick's shoulder issues are not as bad as expected.

After showing up at Monday night's junior varsity game in an arm sling, Bearcat fans were concerned. Team physician Dr. Bobby Jibben had performed preliminary exams and predicted that Nick would be game ready. Using total caution to protect the athlete this early in the season, the coaches & Dr. Jibben wanted a further examination.

X-rays taken on Wednesday showed no bone damage, but an MRI was deemed necessary to rule out any torn ligaments or problems deep within Summers' shoulder. Each and every day, the shoulder seemed to be improving for the athlete.

MRI results today were great and the good news is Bearcat fans will see #33 fired up and ready to hit the field on Friday night. Nick was able to attend and participate in a light practice today.

"I can't believe we were that close to holding him (Nick) out this Friday," commented head coach Aaron Pixley. "Nick is a playmaker and we sure are glad to have him in the lineup".

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## Thrower Named To Hall Of Fame

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CAPE GIRARDEAU - One of Dexter and Southeast Missouri's most memorable and successful athletes and coaches will be inducted into the Southeast Missouri State University's Department of Athletics 2011 Hall of Fame.

Dexter native, athlete and coach Tom Thrower will be among five individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame in ceremonies later this year.

Thrower attended Southeast and played football, basketball, track and field from 1958-1960.

While at Southeast, he was a two-time All-MIAA performer at three positions (running back, defensive back, special teams) in football. He led the conference in rushing with 7.5 yards per carry in 1959. He was the 1958 MIAA Conference Champion in the javelin, as well.

Thrower was his team's top punter and punt returner, third-leading scorer and third-leading receiver. He returned to Southeast to become an assistant football coach under Kenneth Knox and was later hired as head coach. Thrower compiled a 37-22-2 (.607) career record with three MIAA Championships (1968, 1969, 1973).

He went on to coach at Dexter High School, leading a “golden era” of Bearcat football with the likes of Jim Bland, David Lee, 'Tank' Miller, Don Jones and others in the 1960s. He returned to DHS as the head football coach in the late 70's as well.

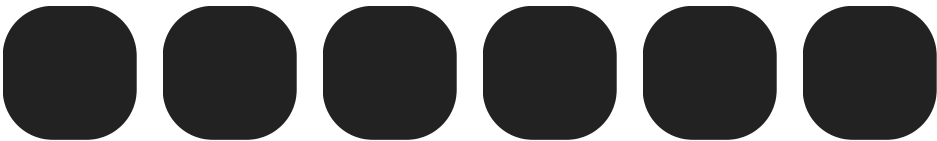
Others named the 2011 Class for the Hall of Fame include John "Hap" Bernard (basketball, football, baseball, 1908 to 1913), Greg Brune (football, baseball, 1964 to 1968), Bobby Ferguson (track & field, 1983 to 1986), Jeremy Johnson (baseball, 1996 to 2000), as well as the 1991 softball team.

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## DHS Cross Country Team Competes

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*Information submitted by SMT Reader & DHS Coach Christopher Bolin*

The Dexter cross country team is well into their 2011 season and with a young team, they continue to compete and improve their running skills.

This is a rebuilding year for the Bearcat runners. Only two seniors return this year represented by Melinda Mayo and Jenny Blattman and two juniors of Alex Rybolt and Samantha Midgett. The remaining eight member team are all sophomores and freshman.

On September 4th, the Jackson invitational was held where Zachary Conner finished third and Alexis Smith finished 10th in the freshman group. Overall, the freshman boys finished 4th overall in the meet.

In the Kelly Invitational held this past Wednesday, Conner again had a strong showing as he finished 7th in the varsity division. Katie Justice and Alexis Smith finished 12th & 13th respectively in the varsity girls division.

In the girls junior varsity division, Kelsi Wood finished 7th for the Bearcat team.

"The kids are working hard and improving in every event", added head coach Christopher Bolin. "We are excited about continuing to grow and get better".

The next meet for the cross country team will be the Cape Invitational held on September 17th.

***Above picture are pictured members of the Bearcat cross country team at the Kelly Invitational.***

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## Bearcats Prepare For Friday Night

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***Head coach Aaron Pixley goes over some adjustments with defensive back Kenton Sanders during Wednesday's practice.***

***Coach Pixley noted Sikeston's speed, saying that they "are probably the fastest team we'll see, on both sides of the ball."***

***Charles Bland Stadium will be the site of tomorrow night's contest between the 'Cats and the Sikeston Bulldogs.***

***Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.***

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## JV 'Cats Pick Up Win Against Caruthersville

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### JV 'Cats Pick Up Win Against Caruthersville

*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

The JV tennis team picked up another 'W' on Wednesday afternoon when they faced the Caruthersville Lady Tigers.

The Tigers were only able to bring two players to the match - one member of the squad was out due to injury; the remainder didn't have enough practices in to be eligible for competition under MSHSAA rules - but the JV 'Cats were able to get three matches in.

The doubles duo of Paige Patterson and Alison Jarrell, as well as singles Kendra Stevenson and Brannon Heaton, were all able to get 6-0 victories.

The Lady 'Cats will be in action again Monday (Sept. 12) afternoon, when they face off against the Charleston Bluejays. The match is set to get for a 4:00 p.m. start.

**Photo Above:**

**Brannon Heaton makes a very athletic shot during her singles match. Heaton was able to get a 6-0 win to help push the JV squad to a 3-0 victory in the contest.**

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