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If you think you need an exciting primer for the Lady Bearcat High School basketball season, get to know the Lady Bearcats of T. S. Hill Middle School. These young ladies will more than wet your appetite for great girls basketball.

The incoming 8th grade middle school group of young ladies is packed with talent and approach the upcoming season with high hopes. Having spent many years of summer leagues and traveling teams, this group is not new to the court. They have become known as a championship level team over many years of competition.

The 2010 seventh grade season only reflects the quality of this team. They finished within one game of a perfect season.

The continuity of the team is only enhanced by the coaching staff. The varsity high school coaching duo of Chad Allen and Eric Sitze double up their efforts to keep their program growing from the middle school level. The girls run the same offense and defense, preparing for the upper level. That should help to assure a strong program for years down the road.

Their season opener will be on the road against Doniphan. The Lady Bearcats will remain on the road for the next three games, until they have their home opener on October 13 against Neelyville.

Dexter Middle School will host the 8th Grade Tournament this year on October 22 and 24. Games times and brackets will be announced later in the season.

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## SBU Football Wins Third In A Row

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**Bolivar, Mo. -** The Southwest Baptist University Bearcats provided an impressive offensive performance Saturday afternoon, defeating Urbana 28-12, making Keith Allen the winningest football coach in SBU history. Coach Allen now boasts the most wins (22) and the highest winning percentage (.449) of any football coach in the history of SBU.

The Bearcats were lead in a strong offensive effort by quarterback Dan Connors who threw for a career high 320 yards, and rushed for a career high 116 yards. Connors was extremely impressive through the air, completing 28 of his 36 passes for 320 yards and

two touchdowns. On the ground, Connors excelled with 116 yards and one score on 21 carriers. The Bearcats also had a strong running performance by Tiras Harris who gained 87 yards off of 27 carriers. Charles Johnson once again lead the Bearcats in receptions (10) and receiving yards (144) as he recorded his second 100 yard receiving game on the season.

On the defensive side of the football, the Bearcats were lead in tackling by Chris Muhammad, who also had a key interception on SBU's own five yard line to prevent the Blue Knights from scoring. As a team, the Bearcats recorded season high's in passing yards (320), rushing yards (234), and total yards (554).

After a scoreless first quarter, the Blue Knights were the first to get on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter, taking an early 6-0 lead. SBU quickly responded when Connors hit Marcus Sullivan from five yards out in the back right corner of the endzone to put SBU up 7-6. Under four minutes later, Johnson broke free from the defense and was on the receiving end of a 46 yard touchdown pass from Connors, as SBU took a 14-6 halftime lead.

In the second half, Urbana responded back by scoring a touchdown midway through the third quarter, to cut SBU's lead to 14-12. SBU would quickly respond when Derwyn Lauderdale took a pitch from Connors 15 yards into the endzone to increase SBU's lead to 21-12. Connors would then tack on a 4 yard touchdown run of his own to finish off the scoring, and lead SBU to a 28-12 victory.

"I thought we did a great job and held them at bay," Coach Allen commented. "Connors did a great job at moving in the pocket and was also able to make plays down the field. Offensively we did a tremendous job, and came ready to play. Defensively we were able to hold them to 1 for 11 on third downs."

With the win, SBU moves to 4-1 on the season, and are set to travel to Liberty, Missouri to take on William Jewell College on Saturday, October 8. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m.

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*Southwest Baptist University is a four-year evangelical Christian university that was established in 1878. The main campus is located about 30 minutes north of Springfield, Missouri, in Bolivar, a town of approximately 10,000 people.*

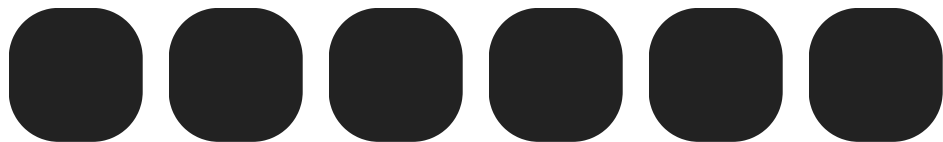
*DHS alum **Glen Johnson** is a defensive lineman for the Bearcats.*

*For more information on SBU Bearcat Athletics, visit [sbubearcats.com](http://sbubearcats.com).*

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## Bearcats Put On Clinic At Charleston

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

**CHARLESTON, Mo.** -- The Dexter Bearcats opened up conference play with a bang on Friday night. The 'Cats racked up over 500 yards of total offense on their way to a 47-0 blowout of the Charleston Blue Jays.

The 'Cats' defense put on a clinic during the contest, holding Charleston to just 131 yards of total offense, while forcing five turnovers - 3 fumbles, 2 INT's - in the squad's first shutout of the season. Head coach Aaron Pixley was very pleased with the team's performance in the contest.

"We were pretty loose before the game, but this team seems to go a little better if they can be loose before a game, talk to each other, but they came out with good energy, and we executed from the get-go," Pixley said. "The running game and passing game on offense were clicking very well, our defense was clicking well, I'm just proud of all of our guys. I feel like it was a complete team win for all of us, and we played hard."

"Coach Schwab preaches reading keys - that's what we try to do defensively. I felt like the defense read their keys very well, and even when we gave up four to six yard runs there, there wasn't a whole lot of room for them to run in - we were getting there, but sometimes we were just a bit late," Pixley said of his defense. "We tackled well tonight, which is very, very important, and we swarmed to the ball and were physical all night long."

The defensive unit was led by senior linebacker Alex Cliff (11 tackles, 1 sack, 1 INT, 1 pass breakup), who really stepped up in Nick Summers' absence. Defensive tackles Zach Watson and Chase Noe tagged on 10 and 7 tackles, respectively.

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One of the biggest defensive plays in the ballgame was made by sophomore Cody Neldon - with Charleston threatening to score late in the second quarter, Neldon snagged a bobbled pass on the one yard line to kill the drive.

"That pick was a big play for us - they had been hitting a fullback or a wing out in the flat, and it was a very good play for them. They run the naked bootleg so well that it got our outside backers drawn up, and he was wide open out there," Pixley continued. "We started doing a better job covering it, and we forced a tip on it, and Cody Neldon came in and picked it off."

On the Bearcats' next play from scrimmage - a play that was simply intended to get the team's heels out of their own end zone - senior Josh Overall broke a huge 92 yard run behind some great blocking from his offensive line.

"When I broke that run, I thought 'I better go, they're fast' and when I looked back, they

just kept catching up,” Overall said of the play. “I tried my hardest to get [in the end zone], but it was still a big run, and I was happy with it.”

“We came right back out in a Power-I set, and ran an off-tackle play,” Pixley added. “He busted through untouched - the offensive line and lead backs did a great job of blocking for him there - and he had a good game.”

Despite being without seniors Summers and Tyler Miller, the Bearcats’ offensive attack was as potent as ever during the contest, with 524 total yards. Overall led the ‘Cats on the ground, with 158 yards on six carries rushing - he also caught 2 passes for 61 yards and 2 TD’s in the contest. Neldon led the ‘Cats through the air with 84 yards on 2 catches. Dexter signal-caller Cody Stevens had another solid performance, completing 6 of 9 passes for 193 yards and 2 TD’s, and rushing 9 times for 127 yards and 3 TD’s.

“We had a good game tonight, everybody played hard. We dominated on both offense and defense,” Stevens said after the game. “We did what we wanted tonight. It’s always good to get a shutout on D, Coach Schwab always wants one, and we got him one tonight.”

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Pixley also noted the outstanding performance of the “Big Nasty’s” up front - the Bearcat Offensive Line.

”I think the offensive line blocked extremely well tonight, and they’ve been doing that lately. I don’t think anyone on this football team is without mistakes, but it seems like whenever we do make a mistake, we do a pretty good job of bouncing back and making a positive play,” he said. “Tonight, I think we blocked extremely well up front, and those are kids that don’t get talked about a whole lot, but they are playing well right now.”

With the win, the Bearcats move to 5-1 on the season, and look ahead to one of the toughest teams on their schedule: the Caruthersville Tigers.

“Very, very tough game, quite possibly the toughest team on our schedule. Excellent team, they are well coached. They’ve got some veterans that have been around on that team, and they know how to win,” Pixley said. “Super athletes. We’ll have to have a great week of practice and play our best game of the year.”

The 'Cats will play host to Caruthersville - now a perfect 6-0 on the season after Friday night's 38-12 win over Herculaneum - for the culmination of next week's Homecoming festivities. Kickoff for the contest is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

***For a full breakdown of the game's stats, click here.***

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## Bass And Catfish Are Picking Up

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***As the weather turns to fall, it seems that fish across the region are remaining slow to hit on most baits. Across the board, bass and catfish seem to be the most likely to produce results. The Mississippi River at Cape and the St. Francis River, up above Lake Wappapello, look like they are having the most action out of all species.***

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### **LAKES**

**Clearwater Lake:** 75 degrees, normal, clear; crappie fair while trolling; all other species slow. (Report made on 9/29/2011)

**Council Bluff:** 69 degrees, normal, clear; largemouth bass fair on dark colored soft plastic worms; all other species slow. (Report made on 9/29/2011)

**Cypress Lake:** 72 degrees, normal, dingy; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; bluegill fair on crickets and worms; all other species slow. (Report made on 9/29/2011)

**Duck Creek:** 68 degrees, normal, clear; largemouth bass good on shiners; bluegill fair on jigs; all other species fair. (Report made on 9/28/2011)

**Lake Girardeau:** normal, clear; channel catfish fair on worms and cut bait; largemouth bass fair on plastic worms; all other species fair. (Report made on 9/28/2011)

**Perry County Lake:** 70 degrees, clear; largemouth bass fair on spinnerbaits; channel catfish fair on liver; all other species slow. (Report made on 9/29/2011)

**Robert DeLaney Lake:** 76 degrees, normal, all species slow. (Report made on 9/27/2011)

**Wappapello:** normal, black bass good on crankbaits and plastic worms; crappie good on minnows and jigs; channel catfish good on live bait using jug lines and trotlines at night; bluegill fair on crickets and worms along shoreline; all other species slow.

Anglers should note the 9" minimum length regulation for crappie on Wappapello Lake.

Call the Wappapello Lake Recreation Hotline for updates at 573-222-8139. (Report made on 9/27/2011)

### **RIVERS**

**Black River (near Annapolis):** 72 degrees, low, clear; all species slow. (Report made on 9/29/2011)

**Castor River (above Zalma):** low, clear; all species fair. (Report made on 9/29/2011)



**Lower Black River (Clearwater Dam):** normal, dingy; black bass good on topwater lures and crankbaits; channel catfish good on live and cut baits; white bass fair on tube jigs; crappie fair on jigs and minnows; 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 9/29/2011)

**Mississippi (below Charleston):** low, dingy; all species slow. (Report made on 9/27/2011)

**Mississippi River (Cape Girardeau)** rising, dingy; channel catfish and blue catfish fair on worms, cut bait and stinkbait; all other species fair. (Report made on 9/28/2011)

**St. Francis (above Wappapello):** normal, dingy; all species slow. (Report made on 9/29/2011)

**St. Francis (below Wappapello):** 67 degrees, normal, dingy; channel catfish fair on stinkbait, liver, and worms; flathead catfish fair on live bait, small bluegill, and goldfish; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; all other species slow. (Report made on 9/27/2011)

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

The Dexter Bearcats will open conference play on Friday night when they hit the road to face off against the Charleston Blue Jays in a matchup that has gone in Dexter's favor for the last few years.

Saying the Jays have struggled in the last few seasons would be an understatement - the squad posted a 1-9 record in the '08-'09 season and a 0-10 record last year - but Charleston has showed signs of improvement so far this season. The Blue Jays have posted wins over Kennett and New Madrid so far this year. The only common opponent between the two teams is Sikeston, who put up lopsided wins over both Dexter and Charleston.

Head coach Aaron Pixley's squad is a little banged up after last week's game against Malden, but he doesn't see it as a problem for his team. "Shoot, we're banged up right now," Pixley said. "We're trying to get healed, and it just doesn't get any easier for us - this team, not only can they run, but they're big and physical. Other people have got to step up, but that's football. The next guy steps up and we move on."

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Pixley complimented his squad's effort during practice this week, and noted the 'big play ability' of the Blue Jays as a key concern heading into Friday night's conference opener.

"[Practice has] gone pretty well this week. Had a good day today, things were clean and crisp and we got in and out, which is what you want on a day like today," Pixley said after

Thursday afternoon's helmets-only walkthrough.

"They're very fast, typical of their team. They can break big plays - they're explosive when they get in space," he continued. "They have some big kids up front, and they're much improved on defense. They tackle a lot better, and a solid football team. They're much better than they were last year."

The momentum of last week's 'grudge match' win over Malden, coupled with Charleston's big-play ability *and* the state-ranked Caruthersville Tigers looming on the horizon - the 'Cats face off with Caruthersville next week - could turn this into a 'trap game' for Dexter.

"We've only talked about Charleston - nothing else," Pixley said of the situation. "As far as I'm concerned, that's the only thing that will be going through my mind for sure, and my team's mind tomorrow night. We have nothing else to look at - the only thing in front of us right now is Charleston, and that's what we have to be focused on."

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***Editor's Note: The 'Cats will again be without offensive lineman Dylan Aaron, who has missed the last few games with a shoulder injury. Dylan Hefflin, who has taken over as the everyday starter, will be in his place.***

***The 'Cats will also be without two of their biggest offensive weapons: Nick Summers and Tyler Miller.***

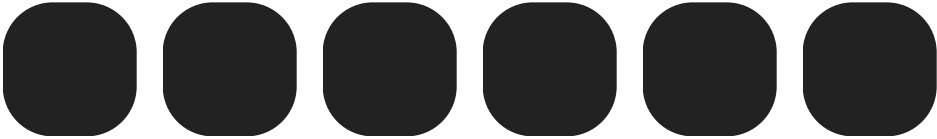
***Summers suffered a concussion after a head-to-head hit during last week's matchup with Malden - I'd expect to see a lot more of Alex Cliff and Josh Overall in the backfield, and maybe even JV standout Jonathan Foels for a play or two.***

***Miller is suffering from a bruised quad; Chase Young and Cody Neldon will be able to pick up the slack from the wideout position, and I'd also expect to see a few more balls go Jake Lee's way.***

***As always, if you can't make it to the game, I'll be Tweeting the scores and big plays of the contest from the sidelines - just keep checking back with our Facebook or Twitter page for updates!***

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