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SIKESTON - The DHS Tennis team was able to put together its first winning effort of the 2012 season on Thursday afternoon against the Sikeston Bulldogs. The Bearcats, who had fallen in the season opener against Poplar Bluff and a match on Tuesday with Notre Dame, swept the day with a 9-0 Varsity win and a 6-2 JV victory.

Andrew Mason and Jacob Robinson - Dexter's #4 and #6 players, respectively - were the only Bearcats who gave up more than two points in their singles matches. Mason downed Layton Jones in an 8-3 contest, while Robinson, in the closes Varsity match of the day, found himself on top of an 8-5 decision over sophomore Wade Gadberry.

In JV action, freshman Noah Kronk picked up a 6-0 victory over Christian Rehder in singles, while Brooks Propst dropped a thrilling 5-7 tie break match to Rehder.

In JV doubles, Kronk and Dalton Putnam picked up a 6-0 victory over Giovanni Walker and Rehder.

The Bearcats are off until Thursday (Apr. 5), when they travel to Poplar Bluff to take on the Mules. PBHS took home a 5-4 victory over the Bearcats in the season opener at Dexter; Thursday's rematch is scheduled for a 4:00 p.m. start, weather permitting.

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BERNIE - The Lady Bearcats had an explosive day at the plate on Wednesday afternoon when they hit the road to take on the Bernie Mules.

It was a welcome change for Dexter, as the Lady Bearcats struggled at the plate in their first two games of the season (a 13-4 loss against Clearwater, followed by a 17-3, run-rule loss to Kennett), but big offensive production in the third, fourth, and fifth innings

propelled the Lady 'Cats to a 15-5 win.

Ashley Brown and Kendra Stevenson both plated runs for the Lady 'Cats in the first inning; after already scoring one run in the third, Riley Rickman blasted a two RBI double to increase Dexter's lead to 5-2.

The scoring rally continued in the fourth inning, with the Lady 'Cats plating three runs, but the Mules responded with three runs of their own to bring the score to 8-5 heading into the fifth inning. Becky Anderson, who pitched in the contest, led off with a double and was later driven in by Taylor Owens to start the rally. A two RBI single from Emily Triplett plated the Lady 'Cats seventh run of the inning, and sealed the final score at 15-5 in Dexter's favor.

The Lady Mules struggled in the field throughout, committing a whopping 15 errors in the contest. Coach Brad Botsch noted this as a big area the team needs to improve on.

"At this point, we really just need to get better at catching and throwing the ball. We are trying to learn the fundamentals of the game and hopefully we will improve," Botsch said. "It's frustrating right now, but we aren't going to stop trying or pushing them to make improvements. They must learn how to compete."

The Lady Bearcats, now 1-2 on the season, will be in action again on Saturday in the first annual 'Swing Pink' tournament. The tournament is in the vein of the volleyball team's 'Dig Pink' contest last season, and the middle school squad's 'Hits for Hope' game earlier in the year; all proceeds raised at the tournament will go to the benefit of the Ben Kruse **18 FORE Life** foundation.

All teams participating in the all-day tournament will be guaranteed three games, with contests at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Photo Above:

Becky Anderson fires a pitch during Monday's loss to the Clearwater Lady Tigers. Anderson's record stands at 1-1 after Wednesday's big win at Bernie, where she struck out two batters (Submitted photo by Kay Stevenson).

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An explosive nine run first inning, coupled with near-flawless pitching, was enough to propel the Dexter Bearcats (4-1) to a 13-1 victory over the Kelly Hawks on Wednesday afternoon.

Brad Potts took to the mound for the 'Cats, and hurled three perfect innings to open up a massive early lead for the Bearcats. Potts was good for seven strikeouts in his 64 pitch outing.

"I thought Brad Potts threw a great game today," Dexter head coach Brian Becker said. "He had command of every pitch, and he hit his spots really well today. We got up early,

and Potts went out there and took us the rest of the way, and he did a great job."

Kelly started a side-arm pitcher, and Becker noted that despite pre-game concern about the unorthodox throwing mechanics, his squad did an outstanding job producing at the plate.

"When we saw him warming up, I thought, 'Oh boy,'" Becker said with a laugh. "We told them to keep their front side on, and to make sure they tried to work up the middle to the opposite field, and I thought they did a very good job of that."

Cody Neldon was hit by a pitch in his first at-bat, advanced to second on a stolen base, and was moved to third on a Brad Potts single. Chase Young hit a hard shot to right-center to drive in Neldon and open up the floodgates during the first inning. After 14 batters and nine runs, the Hawks were able to move into the second inning, but Potts sat down the first three batters he faced.

"We busted it open there in the first; [Kelly] had a little trouble fielding the ball, but we also put the bat on the ball pretty well," Becker said. "We were able to put nine runs up there in the first, and Potts goes out and throws nine pitches in the first inning, that's a coaches dream right there."

The 'Cats played great defense throughout the contest, committing just one error opposed to Kelly's six. Josh Overall and Jordan Miller swapped their usual positions, with Overall at third and Miller at second, but showed their versatility with great efforts in the field.

"We played great defense today. Josh Overall did a great job at third today and made some outstanding plays," Becker noted. "[Chase] Young did a good job at short, and made the routine plays as well. I've been really satisfied with our defense so far this year, and hopefully we can keep that up."

The Bearcats will be off until Saturday afternoon, when they face off against Ste. Genevieve in a 'meet me in the middle' game played at Cape Central High School.

"I'm not sure [about them]," Becker said of the Dragons. "What i do know is that they always put a quality product out on the field every year. I think it will be a pretty good battle."

Becker indicated that either Logan Northern (1-0) or Owen Flowers would get the start for the Bearcats.

Photos above:

Top: Brad Potts delivers a pitch during Wednesday's 13-1 rout of the Kelly Hawks. The junior gave up one earned run on two hits, struck out seven and walked one on the day. Bottom: Josh Overall watches a fly ball go foul during the fifth inning on Wednesday's big win. The senior walked once and scored a run in the run-rule victory.

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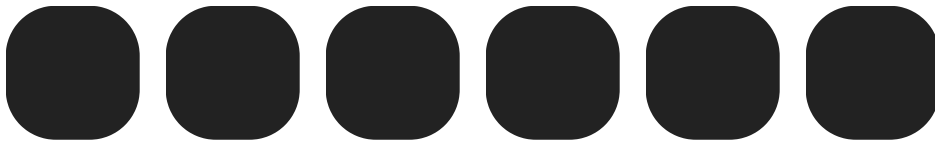
Eighth Grade Volleyball Wins Bernie Tournament

The Dexter Middle School Eighth grade volleyball team continued its winning ways in the Bernie Tournament this week. The eighth grade squad pulled out hard-fought victories over Advance and Bernie to take home first place. The team consists of: (front row, from left) Amber Spence, Ashlyn Werneck, Julia Hahn, Lauren Thrower, Brittany Brown, (back row, from left) Alyssa Pixley, Delaney Pullen, Kendall Adams, Paige Chasteen, Mary Kate Miller, Madison Bishop, and Matney Davis. (photo submitted by Lori Pullen)

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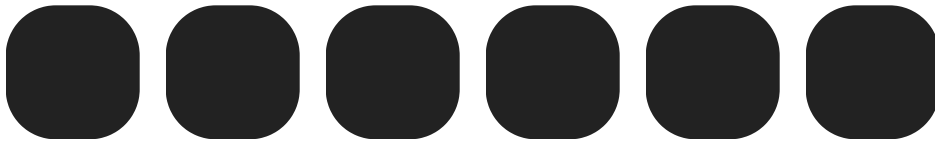
[Dexter Girls Win Poplar Bluff Tournament](#)

Dexter's 7th grade volleyball girls participated Saturday in the Poplar Bluff 7th grade tournament. There were 10 teams that competed in pool play to determine seeds for the tournament. In the Dexter pool, the local team beat Clearwater, Sikeston, Caruthersville, and Bernie. Dexter beat Bloomfield in the first tourney game then Poplar Bluff for the championship. Team members include Macy Graves, Ashlynn Wyman, Alexis May, Sydney Rogers, Zoe Schumer, Emily Mouser, Sarah Miller, Emily Page, McKenzie Anthony, Kayla Murdock, Madison McConnell, Janie Lindsey. Congratulations, girls!!! (Photo submitted by Michelle Kirkley)

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