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*In most streams south of the Missouri River, black bass season will open May 26, 2012, until that date all black bass in those streams must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. For details see Chapter 6 of the Wildlife Code.*

***PLEASE CHECK REGULATIONS CAREFULLY:** Special regulations may apply to designated portions of water bodies; some baits and lures may not be legal for all portions.*

### **SOUTHEAST REGION (573) 290-5858**

#### **LAKES**

**Clearwater Lake:** 73 degrees, normal, clear; crappie fair in shallow water on jigs; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/18/2012)

**Council Bluff Lake:** 62 degrees, normal, clear; largemouth bass good on dark colored soft plastics; crappie fair on jigs and minnows; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/19/2012)

**Cypress Lake:** 63 degrees, normal, dingy; crappie fair on minnows and jigs in 1 - 2' depths, mostly smaller fish being caught right now; bluegill fair on jigs and crickets in 2 - 3' depths; largemouth bass slow on minnows and jigs incidental to crappie fishing, and plastic worms in 2 - 3' depths; channel catfish fair on worms and stinkbait in 2 - 3' depths.

(Report made on 4/18/2012)

**Duck Creek CA Pool 1:** 64 degrees, high, clear; all species slow. (Report made on 4/18/2012)

**Perry County Lake:** 70 degrees, clear; crappie good on jigs; sunfish good on red wigglers; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/19/2012)

**Robert DeLaney Lake:** 62 degrees, normal, crappie fair on jigs and minnows; channel catfish fair on stinkbaits; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/18/2012)

**Wappapello Lake:** low, black bass fair on crankbaits and plastic worms; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; channel catfish fair on trotlines and jug lines using live bait at night; all other species slow.

Anglers should note the 9" minimum length limit regulation for crappie on Wappapello Lake. Call the Wappapello Lake Recreation Hotline for updates at 573-222-8139. (Report made on 4/19/2012)

## **RIVERS**

**Black River (above Clearwater Lake):** 62 degrees, normal, clear; all species slow. (Report made on 4/18/2012)

**Black River (below Clearwater Lake):** 70 degrees, normal, dingy; channel catfish good on live bait; crappie fair on jigs and minnows; white bass fair on tube jigs; black bass season closed (catch and release only) fair on minnows; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/19/2012)

**Castor River (above Zalma):** normal, clear; all species fair. (Report made on 4/19/2012)

**Mississippi River (Ohio River to Arkansas):** normal, muddy; channel catfish fair on liver and cut baits; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/18/2012)

**St. Francis River (above Wappapello):** normal, dingy; channel catfish good on live bait; black bass (season closed until May 26th) fair on minnows and jigs; bluegill fair on crickets; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/19/2012)

**St. Francis River (below Wappapello):** 64 degrees, normal, dingy; channel catfish fair

on liver, nightcrawlers and stinkbaits; black bass fair on plastic worms and spinnerbaits; crappie fair using chartreuse tube jigs and minnows; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/18/2012)

*Anglers are invited to send pictures of their catch to the ShowMe Times - simply email a photo to SMT Sports Editor Andrew Cato, including your name, where the fish was caught, the species of the fish, and - if you care to share - what bait you were using!*

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# Bearcat Netters Defeat Poplar Bluff 6-3

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

POPLAR BLUFF - The Bearcats opened the 2012 tennis season in March with a 4-5 loss to the Poplar Bluff Mules. On Wednesday (April 18), the Bearcats took a 6-3 victory from the Mules on their home court.

"Revenge is sweet," said head tennis coach Leanne Dooley.

In the Varsity-only match, the 'Cats won the #1 through #4 matches in singles, and the #1/#2 and #3/#4 matches in the doubles division.

Tyler Miller, Dexter's #1, had a fierce battle with Cody Hillis in singles competition. Hillis defeated Miller in their previous meeting, but this time, Miller came back from a 4-6 deficit to win the match 9-7.

"[It was a] great match, they're both good players." Dooley said. "Very fun to watch."

In the #2 match, Sam Ward faced off against Devin Allison. Ward got down early, but worked his way back into an 8-4 win.

"Sam kept cool in a very uncomfortable situation," Dooley noted. "It was impressive."

Kyle Willis picked up an 8-2 win over Wesley Page, while Joseph Greer picked up an 8-4 win over Paramveer Hundal. Freshman Noah Kronk fell 4-8 to James Parison, while Jake Robinson fell 5-8 to Collin Gullett.

Willis and Greer won an 11-9 tiebreak to take their doubles match against Page and Hundal.

"Kyle and Joe played well together," Dooley noted. Their singles were both well-played matches."

Ward and Miller picked up an 8-5 win over Hillis and Allison; Dooley noted the 'good tennis' on both sides of the net in the match.

The 'Cats will be back in action on Saturday (April 21), when they compete in a tournament at Poplar Bluff.

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## Baseball 'Cats Fall To Poplar Bluff 6-5

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

Tuesday afternoon's late-inning heroics were nowhere to be found when the Bearcats faced off against Poplar Bluff on Wednesday afternoon. Trailing 6-5 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Bearcats were three up, three down to end the game.

All five of Dexter's runs were the results of home runs that barely made it out of the park; Chase Young smacked a three-run shot in the third inning that bounced off the top of the fence, while Daniel Fitts' two-run blast in the second inning dinged off the foul pole in left field.

"Today's game seemed like it was a game of inches all day long," head coach Brian Becker said after the loss. "Chase [Young] hits one over the fence by an inch, and Daniel [Fitts] hits [a home run] that was an inch fair; on their end, they had a base hit go off the end of [Jordan] Miller's glove that brought in two runs for them, and had a play here at third off the end of Owen [Flowers]'s glove that brought in the tying run."

Miller took the start for the Bearcats, striking out one batter, walking three, and giving up five runs (three earned) in his five innings of work. The junior right-hander struggled with command of his breaking ball throughout the contest.

Alex Cliff struck out two batters and gave up one earned run in his two innings of relief.

"[Jordan] threw all right. He didn't have his best stuff today, and he was pushing the ball quite a bit, which makes him throw it high," Becker said of his starter. "He struggled with his breaking ball, but all-in-all I thought he worked out of some jams pretty good for the most part. He did a good job."

"Cliff came in and did all right," Becker added. "He gave up a hard-hit ball down the left field line that plated the game-winner for them, but other than that he did a good job."

The Mules quickly responded to Young's three-run shot in the first, plating two runs on a double from Charlie Kayser in the top of the second. The top of the fourth saw the Mules add two more runs, this time on a single by Kayser, to take a 4-3 lead.

Fitts'  solo

shot to left in the fifth inning gave the Bearcats a 5-4 lead, but Drew Dowd crossed home plate for the Mules after an infield throwing error on the Bearcats.

Cliff smacked a line drive to left field for a one-out single in the bottom of the fifth inning; singles from Miller and D.J. Dowdy loaded the bases, but the 'Cats were unable to take advantage of the situation and couldn't score.

Logan Faith hit a hot shot down the left field line for an RBI double to plate the game-winning run for the Mules in the top of the sixth inning; the Bearcats would strand men on first and second in the bottom half of the inning. Lefty reliever Brandon Stuchenschneider would retire the 'Cats in order in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal the victory for the Mules.

"You've got to give credit to Poplar Bluff; they swung the bats well today," Becker said. "I thought we swung 'em well early, but after that the left hander came in and did a good job against us. We just couldn't get the big hit there; we had opportunities, we just couldn't get them in. You can't do that against teams like Bluff; they are a good ball club, and when you get runners in scoring position, you have to get them in."

With the loss, the 'Cats fall to 10-4 on the season, with a 4-3 record in conference games. With the SEMO Conference tournament beginning in less than a week, Becker noted the high level of competition this season.

"This conference is as tough as it's ever been. From town to town, there is good baseball all over southeast Missouri. The conference is as good as I've ever seen it this year," Becker said. "It's going to be really tough to seed this tournament. It's going to be really interesting to see who has who where; it's going to be a fun tournament with some good baseball."

The Bearcats will be back in action on Friday (April 20) afternoon, when they open the Notre Dame Classic against Country Day (MICDS) in a 3:00 p.m. contest. Owen Flowers (2-1, 1.68 ERA) will be on the mound for the 'Cats.

***Photos Above:***

***Top: Jordan Miller fires a pitch to Poplar Bluff's Josh King during the second inning of Wednesday's SEMO Conference battle.***

***Bottom: Daniel Fitts is congratulated by head coach Brian Becker after hitting a two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning.***

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## Girls Track Wins Dexter Open

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

The DHS Track team hosted their lone meet of the year on Tuesday afternoon. The meet included teams from Chaffee, Saxony Lutheran, Poplar Bluff, Oran, Charleston, Delta, and Sikeston.

The Boys team finished seventh in an eight team field with 37 points. Charleston, with 108 points, edged Chaffee, with 101 points, for first place in the Boys division.

Dylan Heflin finished fifth in the discus with a 99' 5" throw, while Zach Lacy finished fifth in shot put with a 34' 10" throw. Alex Rybolt finished fourth in the 1600m (1 mile) run, with a 5:26.43 time, and also came in second place in the 3200m (2 mile) run with a time of 11:30.78. Jon Foels finished third in the long jump with a 18.3 jump, beating out Zach Comstock, who finished fifth with a 17.6 jump.

A big sign of hope for the Boys was the return of Austin Richardson; the junior had missed all of the season before yesterday's meet while recovering from knee surgery, and was cleared for competition yesterday morning. Richardson finished in a three-way tie for second place in the high jump, clearing 5' 4".



The Lady 'Cats rolled to an easy victory in the six team field; their 217 final score beat out second-place Chaffee by over 100 points.

Taylor Martin brought home gold in both the 100m and 200m dash, as well as first place medals by her 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams. Alexis Smith finished first in the 1600m run and 3200m run, with times of 6:14.09 and 13:39.16, respectively. Taylor Winstead finished third in the 400m run with a 1:13.47.

Mollie Whitehead finished first in the discus with a 96' 1/2" throw; Jessica Lindsey earned fourth place in the shot put with a 27' 1 1/2" toss. Lindsey Hindman and Courtney Potts finished one-two in the long jump, with 14.5 and 13.4 jumps, respectively.

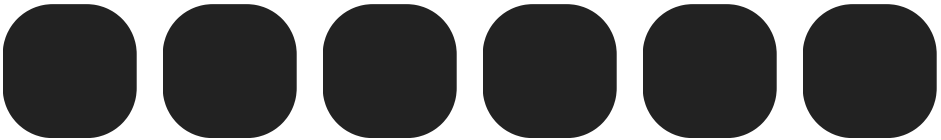
The Track team will be back in action on Thursday (April 19), when they travel to New Madrid for the Riverbend Invitational.

*Photo Above: Team-mates Taylor Martin (left) and Lindsey Hindman (far right) close in on the finish line during the 100m dash in yesterday's Dexter Open. Martin finished in first place, while Hindman came in sixth.*

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# DMS Volleyball Sweeps SCAA Tournament

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*By Andrew Cato, ShowMe Times Sports Editor*

PUXICO - The DMS Volleyball team swept the finals of the Stoddard County Tournament on Tuesday night; the seventh grade squad downed Bloomfield in two sets, while the eighth grade defeated Advance in two sets.

For the second time in as many years, both teams finished with undefeated records.

The seventh grade picked up a close 25-21 win in the first set, led by Ashlyn Wyman's seven points from the service line. In the second set, Lexi May put seven points on the board in the 25-17 victory.

"I felt like my girls were fired up and ready for the challenge. Overall, the girls hustled and worked hard," head coach Melissa Hahn noted. "I thought Emily Page did an excellent job on the back row. She made some great passes which allowed us to hit the ball and get some momentum in the game. Sydney Rogers had a great night at the net."

The seventh grade squad had an undefeated regular season, including first place finishes in both the Poplar Bluff Invitational Tournament and the SCAA Tournament.

The eighth grade squad faced off against Advance for the title; the Hornets were one of the few teams to take the 'Cats to three sets this season.

"Advance came in to the game off of a big win over 2nd seeded Bernie on Monday night," Hahn said. "We went three sets with them earlier in the year and I knew this was going to be a tight game."

The Bearcats came out on top 25-15 in the first set. Brittany Brown led the way with an eight point rally in the set.

"We were hitting the ball well, but Advance was picking up almost everything we sent over," Hahn said. "We really had to fight hard to earn every point. We just couldn't find a "hole" on their side of the court, but we kept playing our game and hitting the ball. I was proud of how the girls communicated and kept each other fired up on the court."

In the second set, the Bearcats and Hornets battled for control of the scoreboard. The 'Cats were able to put together a late rally and take a 25-22 victory.

"Missed serves also kept us from keeping momentum for long. The girls would have a great pass, good set and hard hit and look great and then let one slip in over the blocker, or miss a serve," Hahn said. "Advance deserves a lot of credit, they were picking up our serves, hits and even our tips over their blockers. They are a great defensive team. However, we never gave up, kept working hard and pulled it out when it mattered most."

With the win, the eighth grade squad sealed an undefeated career at DMS, including back-to-back SCAA Championships and first place finishes in the Poplar Bluff Invitational Tournament as seventh graders and the Bernie Eighth Grade Tournament this year.

"I am eager to see these girls play at the next level," Hahn said of her eighth grade team.

***Photo Above: The seventh and eighth grade squads pose with their first-place trophies from the 2012 SCAA Volleyball Tournament. (Submitted photo by Lori Hawkins; thanks Lori!)***

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