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Dexter, Missouri - The local Dexter Park and Rec Little League Football has been busy in recent league play. This is a very exciting time for these young athletes as they get a chance to live their Friday night dreams of the future playing on the "big" field under the lights at Charles "Seed" Bland Stadium.

Monday night, the varsity teams of the Red Team and Green Team took the field in a hard hitting contest. The Red Team's Haden Hillis was able to put the first points on the board for the Red Team from his quarterback position. Hillis was able to get loose on a good run to score for his team.

The Varsity Green team faced off against the Varsity Red team in a defensive showdown. Hayden Hillis scored for the Red team on a long reverse run in the first half. The score stayed tied up until Joe Rice punched one in for the Green team in the second half to tie the game up at 6-6.

Loyd Rice, coach of the Green team commented. "Neither of these two

teams had posted a win so far during the year, so it was a great little game for all our boys. They were so keyed up to have played on the big field under the lights!"

"We all had some extra effort and energy, our guys all played well and this was the highlight of their season so far." recalled Loyd

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The Black Team took on the Blue Team in JV Tuesday night action. The Blue Team played tough with a strong running game that was put on by some great blocking by their offensive line and good running by Max Worth. Worth is a big athletic kid that proved to be more than the Black Team could handle.

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The JV league is made up of 3rd and 4th grade kids and is the 1st year for full contact football for all these kids, and has gone remarkably well. The kids have really worked hard at learning the fundamentals of the game. The goal of this league is to teach these kids how to play the game right.

"We want to see them continue to improve on the fundamentals and grow into Bearcats that we all watch on Friday nights." commented Black coach Brett Dorton.

"This little league program is a valuable tool in building future Bearcats and the enthusiasm around it has been remarkable and everyone seems to be enjoying it." recalled Brett.

"The kids are having a great time and learning a lot," commented coach Jason Comfort. "They are learning the fundamentals like the proper way to

tackle and the proper stance."

Camden Riley was able to have a good showing for the Black Team. With some good blocks, Camden took several hand-offs from his quarterback Carter Dorton and was able to sweep around the end for big gains.

Black team found themselves a little under-sized, but remained competitive through sheer determination. The Blue team played strong on defense and despite good defense by the Black team they were able to get in the endzone several times. The Blue team played very well all around and won the game by the final score 31-6.

Blue Team coach Nate Stevens commented. "I have a great bunch of kids that are fun to coach. They really listen well and they are catching on to what we are trying to teach them."

These two teams will meet again this coming Saturday in DPR action.

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It wasn't your average volleyball game last night in the Bearcat Event Center. The Puxico Indians came to town to take on the Dexter Bearcats in a Junior Varsity and Varsity match up that was much more than a volleyball game.

Instead of the usual sea of red one might see upon walking into an athletic event in the Bearcat Event Center, most people could be found wearing pink while in attendance at last night's game.

This year's Breast Cancer Awareness game sponsored by the Lady Bearcat Volleyball team was known as, "Hits for Hope." Dexter is not solo in hosting an event like this, as Bloomfield, Bernie, and Richland are to host one as well.

During last night's game between the Bearcats and Indians, the Bearcats wore specially made pink uniforms, the whistles used by the refs were pink, and a pink ball was used during both the Junior Varsity and Varsity games.

With a feeling of happiness for those who are survivors, and a sense of hurt for loved ones lost to breast cancer, there was a great turn out for support of the volleyball game.

With the players out on the court in their pink uniforms, many people were reminded of the great community in which we live in that is willing to turn something like a high school volleyball game into a fundraiser for 18 For Life and Breast Cancer Awareness.

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It was a great game between the two schools, but the Dexter Bearcats took the victory in just two sets over the Indians.

The Bearcats came up big with many kills and a large number of digs against the Indians. Dexter took the first set with a score of 25-16.

The second set was a little too close for comfort for some Bearcat fans. Puxico came out onto the court strong and ready to return everything the Dexter Bearcats sent over the net. Despite Puxico's talent and efforts, Dexter took the second set as well with a final of 25-22.

It was a great game played by the two very talented teams. Besides the game, the number of supporters for Hits for Hope was very impressive. There was even a large student section all decked out in pink to match the decorations hanging all around the Bearcat Event Center.

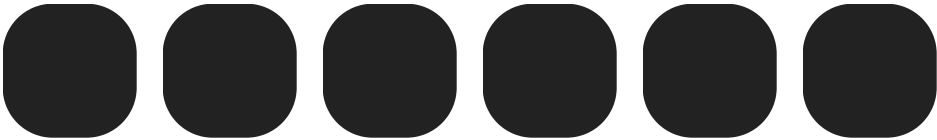
All donations will be given to 18 Fore Life and Breast Cancer Awareness. A huge thanks goes out to the many volunteers to make this happen. It's safe to say that Hits for Hope was quite a hit!

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In the first game of the Dexter Middle School Lady Bearcats season it was full of ups and downs. Both of the Lady 'Cat teams played well against the Donettes of Doniphan.

In the first game of the night the 7th grade Lady Cats came out a little slow but managed to be down by only four points at halftime by the score of 16-12.

The 7th grade Lady 'Cats played tough on defense but failed to capitalize on enough of their offensive opportunities and fell to the Donettes by the final score of 36-30.

In the final game of the night the 8th grade Lady Bearcats took on the 8th grade Doniphan Donettes. This game showcased a much better offense by the Lady 'Cats. In the first quarter of action Dexter came out looking sharp on defense but so did the Donettes.

As the game wore on the Lady 'Cats pulled further ahead in the lead by the score of 20-16 at halftime and a 30-23 third quarter score. In the final quarter Dexter's hustling defense created numerous turnovers and led to the final score of 48-36 and a Dexter Lady 'Cats victory.

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The 7th and 8th grade Dexter Lady 'Cats next game will be at T.S. Hill Middle School against the Campbell Lady Camels on Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 P.M.

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Dexter Falls To NMCC In SEMO Conference Bout

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The Dexter Bearcats traveled to New Madrid on Friday night to take on the Eagles in a Semo Conference match-up. Both teams entered the game with hopes of picking up their 2nd win of the season, and improving their position in the district standings.

Chase Young ignited the Bearcats offense, stacking up over 220 yards, and scoring both of the Bearcat touchdowns. However, the Eagles also got a big time performance from their sophomore, TJ Clark. Clark proved to be a triple-threat in the game, as he scored on offense, defense and special teams enroute to the Eagles 28-13 victory over the Bearcats.

Even though the Bearcats won the time of possession battle by over seven minutes, and outgained the Eagles by 109 yards (325-216); their problems executing in the Red Zone and miscues on special teams opened the door for the Eagles to come away with the victory in this hard-fought affair.

"I felt like we played hard tonight," said Dexter coach Aaron Pixley. "But they made a few more plays tonight than we did," Pixley continued.

The Bearcats (1-5) received the opening kickoff, and began the drive at their own 31 yard line. After two short runs, Dexter quarterback DJ Dowdy rolled out and found Austin Aldridge down the sideline for the completion and a 60 yard gain down to the New Madrid 7 yard line.

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Bearcats were unable to punch the ball into the end zone, and Brad Wick was called on to attempt a 20 yard field goal into the wind. The Wick field goal came up just short and NMCC took over at their own 20 yard line.

The Dexter defense opened up strong, and after forcing New Madrid to punt on it's first two possessions, the Bearcats moved the ball down the field on a 22 yard run by Joyner and found themselves in the Red Zone once again. However, the end zone would once again prove to be elusive for the Cats. A holding penatly followed up by back-to-back sacks ultimately forced Dexter to turn the ball over on downs at the Eagles 30 yard line.

"We had a couple opportunities in the Red Zone in the first half," explained Pixley. "You have to execute very well at that point, and you cannot have penalties backing you up," he concluded.

Late in the second quarter, the Bearcats put an end to the scoring drought and took an early lead in the contest when Chase Young ran right up the middle untouched, and scorched the New Madrid secondary on a 77 yard touchdown run. The PAT by Brad Wick put the Cats up 7-0.

With only 1:46 left in the opening half, it seemed apparent that Dexter would be on top going into the break, but that lead would only last for a few seconds. TJ Clark took the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for the touchdown, knotting the half-time score at 7-7.

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Eagles (2-4) made some mid-game adjustments, and in their 2nd possession after play resumed, New Madrid quickly moved the ball down to the Dexter 10 yard line on a 40 yard run by Mikael Walker. Two plays later, Walker found the end zone from 11 yards out and extended the New Madrid lead to 14-7.

The Bearcats wasted no time in responding back with a score. With 4:27 left in the third quarter, DJ Dowdy connected with Chase Young, and Young steaked nearly the length of the field on this 84 yard TD catch. The PAT attempt failed and Dexter remained behind by the score of 14-13. Young ended the night with 89 yards rushing and 132 yards receiving. Like every other week this season, Young came up big for the Bearcat offense.

touchdown, and then he hit the hole hard on his long touchdown run."

In New Madrid's next possession, quarterback Jashawn McDaniel quickly moved his team down the field and into Dexter territory. TJ Clark found the end zone for the 2nd time of the night when he went around the left side of the field covering 17 yards for the TD and increased the Eagles lead to 21-13.

As the fourth quarter progressed and the end of the game was drawing near, the defensive units for both squads really stepped up their game. With 2:00 remaining in the game, and the Bearcats needing a touchdown and a two point conversion to attempt a tie, they were forced to try and put the ball in the air in an attempt to cover the 78 yards needed for the score.

After 3 completions to Chase Young, the Bearcats moved the ball to midfield to set up a 3rd and 3. On the next play, the pass sailed over the intended receiver and was intercepted by TJ Clark, who returned it 63 yards for a touchdown. The third TD of the night by Clark secured the victory for the Eagles.

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"I
felt

like our team played hard," Pixley said after the game. "We hit some big plays out there, but when playing against a team like this you really need to be able to move the sticks and not just rely on making big plays." The Bearcats ended the game with 11 first downs.

New Madrid was able to "take a knee" on the following three plays enroute to a 28-13 victory over the Bearcats. However, the final score of this one does not tell the story of how closely matched the contest actually was.

DJ Dowdy finished the game with 7 completions on 20 attempts for a total of 192 passing yards and one touchdown. Chase Young ran for 89 yards on only 5 carries. Ryan Joyner finished the game with 47 yards rushing.

Chase Young was the leading receiver, bring down 5 catches for 132 yards. Austin Aldridge had one reception for 60 yards.

The leading tacklers for the Bearcats were Joyner and Logan Quertermous, who each had 9 tackles on the night. Defensive End Holden Bruce had 7 solo tackles in the game, of which 3 were for losses.

The Bearcats return home next Friday night to take on the visiting Charleston Bluejays. Kickoff is set for 7:00pm at Charles Bland Stadium.

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Last night the 7th and 8th grade Dexter Bearcats went on the road to take on the Chaffee

Red Devils in football action. The first game was a defensive showdown with the Bearcats outlasting the Red Devils in a game filled with toughness. The 7th grade Bearcats were able to keep the game close against the Red Devils and came out on top in the contest and won 6-0.

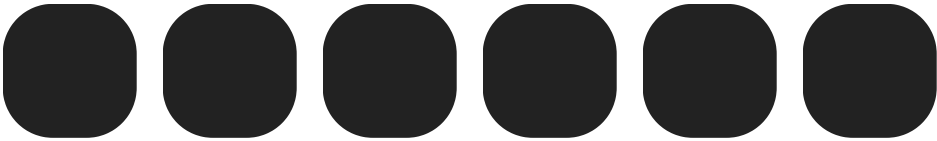
The 8th grade Dexter Bearcat team was clicking on all cylinders last night at Chaffee and defeated the 8th grade Red Devils. The 'Cats offense drove the ball up and down the field behind a potent rushing attack and well played passing game. Dexter won the 8th grade game in convincing fashion by the score of 32-0.

The Middle School Bearcats next game will be on the road against an always tough opponent in the New Madrid County Central Eagles on Tuesday October 2nd.

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