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The Charleston Bluejays found the end zone twice in the first half of Friday night's game; and that proved to be enough, as they came away from Charles Bland stadium with the 16-8 victory over the Bearcats.

The Charleston victory brought to an end a "Decade of Dominance" that the Bearcats had held over the Bluejays. Until Friday night, Dexter had defeated Charleston 10 straight years, with an average margin of victory of 26 points.

Homecoming usually brings in a big crowd for the Bearcats, but this was no usual Homecoming. The weather played a huge role keeping the fans out of the stands, and it was unkind to those on the field of play. The tempature dropped dramatically prior to game time, the wind was brutal, and at times the rain came down in sheets. All these factors led to both a sloppy field and some sloppy play as well. The two teams combined for a total of 9 fumbles on the evening, and both teams found it quite difficult to attempt to pass the ball consistently.

Charleston won the toss and elected to receive. They wasted no time in showing what their rushing attack was capable of, as their 7 play, 60 yard drive was culminated with a 16 yard touchdown run by Deiontral Winston. After a succesful two point conversion, Charleston established a 8-0 lead less than two minutes into the game.

The Bearcats were unable to respond with a score, as they had a fumble and were forced to

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punt twice in their three possessions in the opening frame. At the end of the first quarter, Charleston was still on top 8-0.

Charleston opened the door for the Bearcats by fumbling on each of thier first two possessions of the second quarter. Trevor Waldner and Ryan Joyner came up big for the Cats by recovering the two fumbles, but the Dexter offense was unable to convert these opportunities into points on the board.

Midway through the second quarter, Dexter had driven the ball down to the Bluejays 20 yard line, but a 4th &9 pass fell incomplete and Dexter turned the ball back over to Charleston. Following long runs by Rontavious Clark & Robert Bogan, the Bluejays moved the ball to midfield. Two plays later, Clark worked his way to the outside and streaked down the sideline for a 45 yard touchdown run. The two point conversion was again successful, and Charleston extended thier lead to 16-0.

Following the touchdown, the Bluejays attempted an onside kick that was recovered by Dexter's Wyatt Kiger at midfield. On the second play from scrimmage, the Bearcats fumbled the ball again and gave possession back to Charleston with only 2:51 left in the first half. Charleston once again found success with running the football, and quickly moved into Dexter territory. Charleston quarterback, Michael Hull completed a pass to Winston, who was tackled by Jonathan Foels at the Dexter 4 yard line in what appeared to be the final play of the half. The Bearcats had already began heading into the fieldhouse, when the officials announced that they had awarded a timeout to Charleston with only 1 second left on the clock. On the following play, Bogan ran the ball around the left side and was met by Dexter's Brad Wick on the 1 yard line. With this huge defensive stop at the goalline, the Charleston lead at halftime remained 16-0.

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Dexter took possession of the ball to start the second half, and found success with their run game. Solid carries by Wick and Foels moved the ball down the the Charleston 29 yard line, but the potential scoring drive ended with yet another fumble.

The Dexter defense come out strong in the second half, forcing the Bluejays to end each of thier first two drives of the second half with a punt.

"We hit their backs all night long at the line of scrimmage, but we did not tackle well in the first half. In the second half we did a much better job of tackling." said Dexter coach Aaron Pixley.

Dexter's next possession started on thier own 35 yard line. On the second play from scrimmage DJ Dowdy found some open field on a quarterback keeper and ran 19 yards into Bluejay territory. Wick and Foels continued to run the ball well for the Cats, and Dexter moved the ball on the ground all the way down to the Charleston 19 yard line. It was there that DJ Dowdy found an open Chase Young in the end zone for the touchdown. Following the TD, Brad Wick ran the two point conversion in from the 3 yard line, and the Charleston lead had been cut to 16-8.

In the fourth quarter, Charleston had driven the ball into Dexter territory and were looking for the score that would put the game out of reach for the Bearcats, when Chase Young came up with a huge interception at the 18 yard line.

The situation brought back memories of last week's game with New Madrid, as Dexter once again had 5 minutes left in the game to drive the length of the field in hopes of tying the game with a touchdown and a two point conversion. Two pass completions by Ethan Stevens and Jonathan Page, followed up by a 9 yard run by Wick moved the ball down to the Bluejays 45 yard line. On the next play, Dowdy and Page hooked up again and the completion move the ball to the 28 yard line. However, that is as close as the Bearcats would come to scoring. On the next play a holding penalty backed the Cats up 10 yards, forcing Dexter to throw the ball downfield. On 4th and 15, Dowdy's pass to Young fell incomplete, and Charleston was able to succesfully run the remaining time off the clock, securing thier 16-8 victory.

The Bluejays racked up 279 yards rushing in the game, but the majority of their success came in the first half. The Dexter defense allowed only 2 Charleston first downs and a total of only 56 yards of offense in the second half.

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On a very tough night to throw the ball, DJ Dowdy completed 7 or 14 attempts for a total of 64 yards passing and 1 touchdown.

The Bearcats were led in rushing by Brad Wick, who had 50 yards on 16 carries. Dowdy rushed for 33 yards, and Joyner had 8 carries for 29 yards.

Young and Page each had 2 receptions in the game, for 28 and 26 yards respectively. Freshman Ethan Stevens had one catch for 14 yards.

The Bearcats were led in tackling by Waldner and Noe, who each had 9 tackles. Foels finished the game with 7 tackles, and Page was right behind him with 6. Joyner and

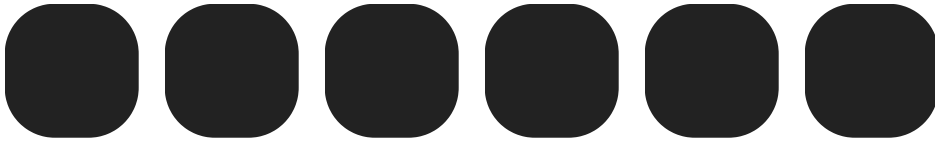
Quertermous each finished the night with 5 tackles.

With the loss, the Bearcats move to 1-6 on the season. Next week, Dexter will take on the Park Hills Rebels in what is the final home game of the season. Kickoff is set for 7:00 P.M.

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Thursday night at the Dexter Schools featured two games by Dexter Middle School

teams. The Dexter Middle School Bearcats 8th grade football team took on the Charleston Bluejays. At the same time the 8th grade Dexter Lady Bearcats were preparing to take on the Campbell Lady Camels in basketball action.

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Both of these teams are having successful seasons in their respective sports, with the

Lady 'Cats winning earlier in the week against the Doniphan Donettes 48-36 to put there record at 1-0. Last nights game would see them going up against an under-matched Campbell Lady Camels team.

As the game began the Dexter Lady Bearcats offense was too much for the Donettes defense to handle as they went into halftime leading 42-0. The Lady 'Cats, led by guard Sydney Rogers who had 18 points and 2-3 from the free throw line, were too much for the Camels to keep up with. The Dexter Middle School Lady 'Cats won by the final score of 58-4.

Across the road the Dexter Middle School Football Team was battling the Charleston Bluejays and having success of their own. When Charleston kicked the ball off to start the game Jason Jarrell returned the ball all the way to Charleston's end zone for a touchdown.

After several attempts by the Bluejays to get going were unsuccessful, Dexter got the ball back and was able to drive the ball to midfield. With the 5:14 left in the first quarter Gavin Northcutt took a handoff to the outside for a long rushing touchdown.

Charleston was finally able to get on the scoreboard with a pass and catch in the end zone for a touchdown. Another kickoff return and a punt return for touchdowns by Jarrell would make the score 41-6 at halftime.

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One more touchdown and more dominant defense by the Dexter Middle School Bearcats in the second half would put the game out of reach for the Bluejays. The Dexter Middle School Bearcats put another win on their record with a victory over the Charleston Bluejays by the score of 48-6.

For the Middle School Bearcat football team this was the last game of a successful season for them. The Dexter 8th grade Middle School Lady Bearcats went to 2-0 on their young season and get ready to face the Woodland Cardinals next Monday night at T.S. Hill Middle School at 6:00 P.M.

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Last night marked the last regular season game before the SCAA Tournament for the Lady Bearcat Volleyball Team.

The team hit the rode yesterday afternoon to take on the Poplar Bluff Mules. Coming off a win against Sikeston Monday night, the Bearcats had two days in the gym for practice before taking on the Mules.

A few young players have been asked to step up and compete on varsity and they're holding nothing back. The team has continued to work together and keep winning all

season.

Last night's game against Poplar Bluff was a close one. It took three sets, but the Bearcats came out ahead and traveled home with a win.

In the first set, Dexter struggled to get their offense going as Poplar Bluff took the first set 19-25. The second set was a little different but much closer. The Bearcats came out knowing they had to win and they stepped it up and claimed a second set victory of 25-23. During the third set, the Bearcats knew they had to win. They ultimately took the last set with a 25-22 win.

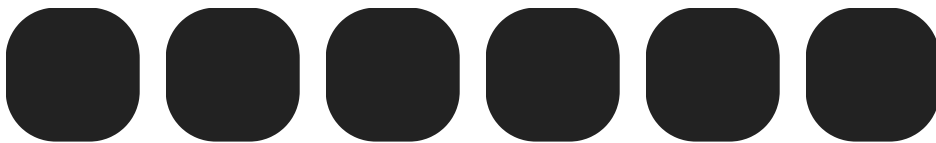
The Dexter Bearcat Volleyball Team will compete in the Stoddard County Tournament starting Monday.

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The family grudge match with New Madrid County Central ended with New Madrid County Central defeating the Bearcats by a score of 28 to 13. With evenly matched teams, the game was a battle that left the Bearcats on the short side of points on the scoreboard.

This was a tough loss for the Bearcat but yielded good comments by Head Coach Aaron Pixley.

"We felt the boys played pretty good Friday night," noted Pixley. "The team really seemed to come together."

The dazzling play of Chase Young offensively gave the Bearcats the spark they needed to appear that a possible win was going to happen. Young had two touchdowns for the 'Cats of 77-yards and 84-yards to highlight his night. Overall, Young posted over 200-yards against the Eagles to make his third week as the SMT Player of the Week for Week Six.

Defensively, junior defensive end Holden Bruce is the Week Six SMT Player of the Week. Tasked with a tough job, the defensive end position is critical against the outside speed and athleticism the Eagles possess. Holden was able to provide containment throughout the night while tallying up 7 solo tackles.

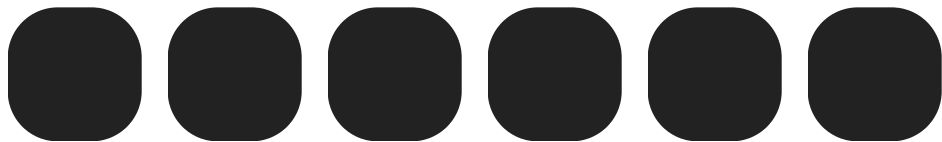
"The play of these two young men was outstanding and we are really proud of the effort they have given this season." added Pixley.

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Homecoming Action; DHS Football vs. Charleston

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The Dexter Varsity Football Bearcats will be in action Friday night at Charles "Seed" Bland Stadium at 7:00 for a match-up with the Charleston Bluejays. This is the annual Homecoming football game for the Dexter Bearcats and is sure to showcase maximum effort from the home team Bearcats as they try to get a win for the Bearcat faithful.

The game will feature a very good Charleston Bluejays team against a young and upcoming Bearcat squad. The Bluejays have 4 wins and only two losses to Sikeston and Caruthersville this season.

The Bearcats come into this game after a tough loss at the hands of the New Madrid

County Central Eagles last Friday night. The Cats played a good game and had chances to win the game with a couple of opportunities in the redzone but failed to get into the endzone. The Bearcats ultimately lost the game which took their record to 1-5 on the season.

The Bearcats opponent this week the Charleston Bluejays, look to be just as formidable as last weeks match-up with the New Madrid County Central Eagles. The Charleston Bluejays sit with a record of 4-2, with wins against; Cleveland NJROTC a school from St. Louis, Hayti, NMCC, and Kennett.

The Bluejays most recent win came last Friday night against the Kennett Indians. The Indians played the game close and only trailed by 12 points with 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter but the Bluejays rushing attack proved to be too much for the Indians to handle.

The Bluejays possess a potent ground attack with several good ball carriers that they can turn to when they need yardage. Last week against the Indians, Charleston's Robert Bogan had a team-high 17 carries for 181 yards and four touchdowns.

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Aaron Pixley is 11-1 against the Bluejays as head coach of the Dexter Bearcats. Dexter has won 10 straight games against the Bluejays, with the average margin of victory over Charleston being 26 points.

Dexter will need to play tough on defense on Friday night if they want to stop the Charleston Bluejays rushing attack. The Bearcats are sure to be fired up for this Homecoming game against the Charleston Bluejays, so make sure you come out and support them on Friday night at 7:00 as they try for a win.

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