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Bonne Terre, Missouri - The Dexter Lady Bearcats Track team had an exceptional day this past weekend at North County High School as the team advanced five young ladies to the State of Missouri 3A Sectional.

Dexter competes in the 16-team District 1 of Class 3A against area schools such as Sikeston, Kennett, New Madrid and Notre Dame. The remaining teams are the northern teams of Park Hills, DeSoto, Arcadia Valley, Festus, Fredericktown, North County, Perryville, Potosi, St. Pius, St. Gen and Windsor.

The Lady 'Cats 4x100 relay team was able to deliver a first place finish for the Bearcats. As shown in the picture above, Makayla Waldner hands off the baton to Brooke Baker during their race on Saturday. The 4x100 relay team is comprised of Makayla Waldner, Brooke Baker, Samantha Midgett, Melanie McKuinn and Julia Hahn. The team posted a top time of 51.92 to win the 1st place medal.

Makayla Waldner continues to lead the team as the overall top Bearcat performer. In addition to the 4x100 Relay, Makayla qualified for Sectionals in the 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles and the long jump competition finishing in second place in each of the above events.

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Samantha Midgett also had a strong performance in the 100 meter run, qualifying for Sectionals with a time of 13.50 and a third place finish.

Other notable performances on the day came from Chandler Crowley who finished 5th with a 4' 8" jump in the High Jump event. Freshman Melanie McKuin continued to show her speed as she finished 7th in the 200 meter run and the triple jump.

The 4x800 meter relay team finished sixth with a time of 11:23:04. That team is made up of athletes Kelsey Wood, Alexis Smith, Shania Case and Katie Justice.

The Lady 'Cats will travel to MICDS on Saturday, May 18th for the Sectional competition of the Missouri State Track and Field 3A Division.

We wish them all best of luck in their attempts to qualify for the Missouri State Track and Field Championships.

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