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Dexter, Missouri – The ShowMe Times and Dexter's head coach were able to sit down and discuss the much anticipated Homecoming game tonight. "The guys have been working hard all week and are ready for a big win," commented Dexter's Head Coach Justin Peden. "We have been looking at some different things offensively to counter the speed New Madrid County Central has."

It's homecoming in Dexter tonight and every Bearcat fan is ready to tailgate and cheer for their favorite football team. With all the festivities and the first ever Fall Community Tailgate Event at the Bearcat Event Center prior to the game, the Bearcat Nation is high on SPIRIT!!

The Bearcats seem to be prepared; however they injury bug has bitten a few of the players. "A lot of younger guys have stepped in and taken on the responsibility of being varsity guys. I am really pleased with the development of players like Jake Adams, Tyler Stephenson and Carson Dean," stated Coach Peden.

When asked about New Madrid County Central and their ability to score, Coach said, "New Madrid has a lot of speed and plays the game fast. They have the ability to score in bunches and Coach Pixley will have them ready to go for sure!"

Both teams will be competitive Friday night. The New Madrid County Central just lost their homecoming to the mighty Caruthersville Tigers 42-0 and are looking for a win against the Dexter.

The Bearcats with a rather tough start to their season and some unfortunate press have held their heads high and have played admirably. "I just hope the community knows that I am 100% dedicated to this school, this program and this community. Nothing is more important to me than being a positive force for my payers. My family and I live here and hope to be a part of a great community for a very long time! "

The ShowMe Times would also like to congratulate Coach and Mrs. Jennifer Peden on their impending delivery of a little sibling for Jaxson! We wish them well!

Spirits are definitely high as the Bearcats just beat the Kennett Indians last Friday night. Defeating their old coach, Aaron Pixley was bitter sweet. They had ties wit their old coach, but they needed a win to demonstrate their capabilities and gain a stamp of approval in the community. Now they have to go up against his brother, Arlen Pixley.

New Madrid is 2-3, Dexter is 1-4. New Madrid leads the series having defeated Dexter 18 times in the last 27 times they competed including a heartbreaking loss in 2012, 28-13.

What tricks do the Bearcats have in their paws? Coach Peden isn't going to give New Madrid any advantage in this interview, but he did say, "Installing a new offense and creating a new persona for the program takes time. I am very confident that this season will be a successful one. Everything is coming along very well and I know that given time this will be an incredibly successful program! GO BEARCATS!"

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School volleyball team traveled to Sikeston Thursday evening. The Bulldogs were defeated 25-13, 25-9.

Alyssa Spear led the Bearcats serving 12 aces against the Bulldogs. Two other Bearcats were in double digits, with their aces, Delaney Pullen had 11 along with Ashley Brown with 10.

Jessica Lindsey put down 8 kills along with Shyann Jines who had 7 kills. The Bearcats racked up 23 kills against the Bulldogs.

The Sikeston Bulldogs drop to 4-11-1 on the season and will participate in the Perryville Volleyball Tournament.

The Dexter JV also won their sets 25-9, 25-22.

With a recod of 20-3, the Dexter Lady 'Cats will travel to Puxico on Monday. Game time 6:00 p.m.

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Missouri - A Bump Back Up

Forecast: Following record low pheasant counts last summer, Missouri's ringneck population has rebounded, albeit slightly.

"Pheasant numbers were higher this year, as compared to last year in the northern part of the state, with numbers highest in the northeast and northwest portions of the state," reports Beth Emmerich, Agricultural Wildlife Ecologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Warmer, drier weather this year appeared in June, which likely increased later nesting efforts. Missouri's primary pheasant range is the northern 2 tiers of counties. Last year, 6,400 Missouri pheasant hunters bagged just under 20,000 roosters.

Season Dates: Varies by zone, consult regulations

Daily Bag Limit: Varies by zone, consult regulations

Possession Limit: Varies by zone, consult regulations

Helpful Links:

- Find a Missouri Pheasants Forever chapter
- Missouri Department of Conservation Hunting for Game Birds

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Farmington, Missouri - The Lady 'Cats Tennis Team traveled to Farmington, Missouri on Saturday, September 28th to compete in one of two tournaments this season. Their only other tournament will be at Notre Dame on Saturday, October 5th.

It was a very close tournament for the girls. Notre Dame was able to edge them out of first place by 1/2 point.

Singles:

Baylee Cooper lost to Notre Dame's Carly Hopkins (tourney champ) 2-8, then beat Fulton School's Lena Cramer 8-0.

Erica Morgan beat Farmington's Kennedy Hartwig 8-5, then lost to Notre Dame's Reagan Kapp 2-8.

Doubles:

Waldner/Stevenson beat St. Pius Smreker/Elbl 8-3, then beat Fulton School's Huber/Edwards 8-6. The girls then beat Notre Dame's Walker/Soutar 8-0, and won the championship over Farmington's Brady/Slinkard 8-0.

Way to go MaKayla Waldner and Kendra Stevenson!!!

Owens/Miller lost to Farmington's Brady/Slinkard 1-8, then beat Fanara/Tran from Bishop DuBourg 6-4.

"Overall we took second out of seven teams in the tournament," stated Coach Kurt Lovelady. "Notre Dame had 11.5 points on the day. We had 11 points on the day."

The Lady 'Cats have just a few matches left for this season. Coming up are Monday 9/30 Kennett (Away); Wednesday 10/2 Sikeston (Away) and Saturday 10/5 Notre Dame Tournament (Away).

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REDEMPTION! Dexter Bearcats Defeat Kennett Indians!

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REDEMPTION! Dexter Bearcats Defeat Kennett Indians!

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Kennett, Missouri – The Dexter Bearcats traveled to Kennett Friday night to earn their first victory of the season. It was bittersweet for the Bearcats as they faced their former coach Aaron Pixley. Despite their past relationship, the Bearcats were hungry for a win and nothing was going to stop their desire to beat Kennett.

Dexter's offense moved the ball well and within minutes, quarterback Peyton Pollock #12 carried the ball into the end zone and scored the first touchdown of the evening. Unfortunately the point after was no good as the Indians were able

to block the ball from entering the uprights. Dexter 6, Kennet 0.

"Peyton did an excellent job tonight," commented Dexter Bearcat's head football coach Justin Peden. "He is starting to relax and get things flowing a little better. I am so proud of his development up to this point."

That's all the momentum the Bearcats needed and they were well on their way to a victory, scoring two more touchdowns and jumping out to a 20-0 lead before the Indians could connect with one of their own.

With just 21 seconds left in the first quarter, Pollock was able to find Austin Aldridge in the end zone and added 6 more points to the board. MaKayla Waldern, the only female player for the Bearcats, kicked the extra point lifting the Bearcats to a 13-0 lead.

Another Bearcat touchdown with a little over five minutes left before half time, Pollock handed the ball to Dylan Bazarian who ran up the middle for a 39-yard touchdown. Waldner's kick after was good boosting Dexter to a 20-0 lead.

The Indians wanted a touchdown more than anything before heading off to the locker room. The Bearcats tried their best to hold them off, but with just one minute left on the clock, the Indians scored a touchdown earning them a spot on the scoreboard.

After a well-motivated chat by Dexter's coaches in the locker room at half time, the Bearcats wasted no time putting 7 more points on the board. Carson Dean ran the ball 20 yards for another Bearcat touchdown. Waldner's extra point was good. Bearcats 27- Indians 7.

"Dean Carson had a great game for us. He is kind of a slasher at the running back position, which suits our offense." Peden stated. "Dylan Bazarian had a big game as well. If not for a couple of penalties we would have ahd a 200 and a 100 yard rusher."

With so many injured many of the Bearcats were playing offensively and defensively making it for a long night. They were getting tired by the fourth quarter, but they held on with tremendous effort and pride.

Ethan Steven led the Bearcats with the most tackles knocking down 6 opponents along with D.J. Dowdy who tackled 5 Indians. Stevens also led the Bearcats offensively receiving 3 passes for 24 yards. Dowdy earned a spot on the stats

catching the longest pass of the night, 28 yards as well as the longest punt return of 12 yards against the Indians.

Carson Dean netted 152 yards rushing averaging 6.1 yards per carry. His longest run was 31 yards. Peyton Pollock threw for 102 yards on 8 completions.

MaKayla Waldner was good with three of her four extra point kicks.

Kennett was able to score one more time with under a minute left on the clock, but the Bearcats held on and rant he clock down earning them a much needed win. Final Score Dexter 27 – Kennett 15.

Coach Justin Peden was pretty excited with his first win at Dexter. "I am so proud of these players!" exclaimed Peden. "A lot of teams would have folded after the start and we have had and along with all the adversity we have been through. I respect the heck out of these players!"

"Our line played by far the best game of the year. We were able to move the ball because they were getting a push up front," continued Peden. Those guys have received a lot of criticism and they deserve a little praise in this situation!"

"Overall I am just so proud! It feels really good to get my first win her in Dexter. I hope this is the first of many!" Coach Peden went on to say that he considers each of the players like family and that he is there for each and every one of them!"

Congratulations Bearcats on the great win!

Dexter (1-4) will host New Madrid County Central on Friday, October 4th. It's Homecoming for the Bearcats with coronation of the Homecoming Queen at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7:00 p.m. and don't forget the Regional Healthcare Foundation's first Tailgate Party with all the great food, Kid's Fun Zone, music and more starting at 4:00 p.m. Stick around after the game for a 5th Quarter street festival with Flashback entertainment!

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