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Dexter, Missouri – The Park Hills Central Rebels continue to be a southeast Missouri powerhouse defeated the Dexter Bearcats 46-21 Friday night. Park Hills jumped ahead of the Bearcats by 21 points before Dexter was able to pull together and score their first of three touchdowns of the evening.

"When you give a team the ball inside the 10 twice that's a killer," commented Dexter's head football coach Justin Peden. "That's a 14 point swing right out of the gate, so we were shooting ourselves in the foot a little bit with some mistakes."

Park Hills' quarterback, Jake Bridges found Drew Harlow for a 54-yard pass up the middle in less than 3 minutes of the first quarter putting them on the scoreboard. A blocked punt on Dexter's next drive game the Rebels the ball on the 'Cats 10 yard line and Park Hills capitalized on great field position with yet another Rebels touchdown.

The Bearcats fumbled early in the second quarter giving Park Hills great field advantage once again. Six plays later a three-yard touchdown run by Brandon Manion gave the Rebels a 21-0 lead with almost 10 minutes left in the first half.

"Penalties were big as well," commented Coach Peden. "Yardage-wise we did a great job moving the ball, but they were able to capitalize on their opportunities, which is what a good team does."

Peyton Pollock was able to find Ethan Stevens for a 71-yard pass putting them in Rebel territory. He finished off the drive by keeping the ball and scoring a six-yard touchdown. Jason Jarrell's extra point was good.

Manion then returned the ball 78 yards on the kick-off and put Park Hills in scoring position. They scored and then scored again with just 2:39 left in the first half.

The Bearcats fought back with a touchdown pass from Peyton Pollock to Noah Kronk with 4:40 left in the 2nd quarter, but the Rebels were ahead 33-14 going into the locker room at halftime.

"That was tough one," Peden said. "If we go in there down two scores it makes it seem to the kids maybe a little more reachable. Even three scores I was trying to preach to them that it wasn't insurmountable. That last score though was a bit of a backbreaker coming in at the half. Teams like that can score quicken and often."

Park Hills scored two touchdowns in

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the third quarter with Dexter

managing to score one in the third quarter. There were no points added to the board in the 4th quarter by either team.

Ethan Stevens had one tremendous catch for 71 yards and Austin Aldridge caught five passes for 40 yards. Peyton Pollock went 13 of 31 with 162 yards.

Dylan Bazarian rushed for 61 yards on four carries while Peyton Pollock ran for 40 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns.

"Park Hills is the #3 team in the state," commented Peden. "They have been really doing work on people all year long. They have been holding opponents to nine points a game and we were able to score 21 points. There was a lot of positives. The guys kept trying and fighting!"

"I was proud of my boys tonight. When it looked like it might get of hand, they very easily could have laid down, but they didn't. That's a testament to them and how hard they have worked!"

Dexter travels to Malden Friday evening. Malden is also an undefeated team and have been averaging over 50 points a game.

Talking about Malden, "They are one of the best teams around and they really put up a lot of points," Peden said. "It is going to be a challenge, but I think our guys are up for it. It would be a great way to finish the regular season for us. One of the things we have talked about how do we want to write this story for us this season? It would be a great ending to the story to go down there and knock off Malden in Malden!"

Final Score Dexter 21, Park Hills 46

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First Quarter

- P Drew Harlow 53 pass from Jake Bridges (Jake Bridges kick), 10:03
- P Brandon Mayberry 5 run (Jake Bridges kick), 8:19

Second Quarter

- P Brayden Manion 3 run (Jake Bridges kick), 9:32
- D Peyton Pollock 6 run (Jason Jarrell kick), 8:06
- P Brandon Mayberry 1 run (pass failed), 7:17
- D Noah Kronk 9 pass from Peyton Pollock (Jason Jarrell kick), 4:40
- P Logan Comfort 5 run (pass failed), 0:36

Third Quarter

- P Brayden Manion 25 pass from Jake Bridges (Jake Bridges kick), 9:12
- P Logan Comfort 29 pass from Jake Bridges (kick failed), 3:08
- D Peyton Pollock 14 run (Jason Jarrell kick), 2:51

Fourth Quarter

Neither team scored during the 4th quarter

Team Stats:

	Parks Hills	Dexter
First Downs	18	16
Total Yards	297	301
Rushing	34-113	32-133
Passing Yards	184	168
Passing	8-12-0	14-32-0
Fumbles Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties Yards	5-45	6-57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

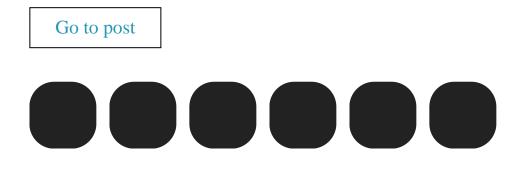
Rushing -(Park Hills Central) Brandon Mayberry 17-50, Logan Comfort 8-38, Drew Harlow 2-10, Braden Manion 2-7, Jake Bridges 2-4, Nick Haney 2-4, Jared Mahurin 1-0. (Dexter) Peyton Pollock 18-40, Tim Spence 9-32, Dylan Bazarian 4-61, Noah Kronk1-0.

Passing - (Park Hills Central) Jake Bridges 8-12-0 184. (Dexter) Peyton Pollock 13-31-0 162, Ethan Stevens 1-1-0 6.

Receiving - (Park Hills Central) Brayden Manion 4-48, Hunter Strange 2-54, Logan Comfort 1-29, Drew Harlow 1-53; (Dexter) Austin Aldridge 5-40, Noah Kronk 2-14, Gavin White 2-8, Ethan Stevens 1-71, Dylan Bazarian 1-15, Payton Tinnin 1-12, Jason Jarrell 1-7, Austin Chessor 1-1.

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