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# Bluejays Fly Away with Win Over the Bearcats

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**Dexter, Missouri** – The Dexter Bearcats varsity boys basketball program battled hard against the Charleston Bluejays after falling behind 12 – 0 in the first quarter.

The Bluejays powerhouse Delfincko Bogan rallied them to victory with a final score of 76 – 47.

“We played vey soft man-to-man. Our goal was to keep them in front of us and make them shoot perimeter shots,” stated Dexter’s head basketball coach Josh Dowdy. “They just happen to make the first six. You have to make the decision to go out and pressure them or play soft. We thought it would be better to keep them in front of us. That is not what beat us in the end. Our lack of composure on offense was the factor in the game which allowed them to score in transition.”

Bogan came out strong for the Bluejays scoring a game-high 27 points including 4 treys. Charleston lead at the end of each period and at the half Charleston was still in the lead, up by nine.

“I thought we dug ourselves too big of a hole early on. We did battle back,” stated Dowdy. “We played them within six points after the first bucket in the second half and then we played way to quick on offense. Against a team with that much quickness and ability to score, you have to limit possessions and we did not do that very well tonight. We will improve and I was proud of our effort!”

“Our defense will take some time. It will look better in February. They scored half of their points in transition because of our lack of composer on offense,” continued Dowdy. “It was our first game and I believe in these kids.”

Ethan Flowers opened the second half with a 3-pointer putting Dexter within six. Only 3 more buckets would be put on the board by the Bearcats during the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Charleston stood strong scoring and simple outscored them adding 22 points in the third period to secure their victory over Dexter. The Bluejays scored double digits in each of the four quarters.

“I was real proud of Ethan Flowers. He is a very heady player,” continued Dowdy. “I am also real proud of Austin Chesser. He plays without any fear and we will need both of them to continue our efforts each night.”

Austin Chesser recorded seven of the Bearcat’s first 10 points of the game tallying a team-high 19 points while Ethan Flowers scored 15 points including three 3-pointers.

Charleston’s Kelvondre Moore finished with 13 points. Demarcus Sharp tallied 10 points. Charleston now 2-1 on the season will return to the court on Friday when they host Notre Dame for their season home opener.

Dexter has its first road game traveling to Sikeston to take on the Bulldogs.

“Sikeston is a different team than Charleston in that they will pick you up in a full court zone defense that will look like a man because of their speed and athleticism,” continued Dowdy. “We will have to play with much better poise on offense to be competitive. We will work on it Wednesday and Thursday and go over there and give it a shot Friday night.”

Final score Varsity Charleston  76, Dexter 47

Charleston 12 11 22 20 - 76

Dexter 13 12 9 13 - 47

Charleston (76) – Kelvondre Moore 13, Dontarius Sharp 7, Delfincko Bogan 27, Deonte Clemons 2, Demarcus Sharp 10, Mardareyon Clark 5, Jeremy Tucker 6, Tenerrious Ewing 4, Darron Howard 2. FG 32, FT  $\frac{3}{4}$ , F 14. (3-pointers: Bogan 4, Demarcus Sharp 2, Moore 2, Donarius Sharp 1. Fouled Out None)

Dexter (47) – Noah Kronk 2, Jason Jarrell 2, Peyton Pollock 7, Austin Chesser 19, Ethan Flowers 15, Addison Moore 2. FG 19, FT 6/10, F 11 (3-pointers: Flowers 3. Fouled Out None)

“We would like to thank all of the community members for coming out tonight. It made the kids happy!”

Next game is slated for Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> game time 6 p.m. at Sikeston. Come out and show your support for the Bearcats!

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## JV Cats Lose Home Opener to the Bluejays

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**Dexter, Missouri** – The Dexter Bearcats boys Junior Varsity team has already had a few games under their belt. They went 0-3 at the Notre Dame JV Tournament. Though they are having a tough start to the 2014 – 2015 season they have improved tremendously. On Tuesday evening the JV ‘Cats took on the Charleston Bluejays, a top team in the area and held their own.

At the half they were down by 19 points, but came out strong in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter outscoring Charleston 17 – 7.

Charleston hit eight three-pointers early in the first half to secure their victory.

Mykdondray McCain hit five treys for the Bluejays and Mardareyon Clark added three more. Clark had a team-high 20 points.

Gabe Jackson was a beast on the floor for the Bearcats tallying a game-high 26 points for Dexter. Dawson Kasting recorded 12 points. Ben Sindle hit one trey.

**Final Score: Junior Varsity Charleston 65, Dexter 58**

Charleston JV 20 21 7 17 - 65

Dexter JV 7 15 17 19 - 58

**Charleston (65)** – Demarcus Sharp 14, Mykdondray McCain 15, Jamaul Hines 6, Mardareyon Clark 20, Jeremy Biles 5, Jaquavis Rodgers 4, Richard Ware 1. (3-pointers – McCain 5, Clark 3)

**Dexter (58)** – Ryan Mayo 2, Bo McMullin 5, Isaiah Hightower 4, Dawson Kasting 12, Gabe Jackson 26, Ben Sindle 7, Trevor McDonald 2. (3-pointers – Sindle 1)

Dexter JV (0-4) will travel to Sikeston on Friday. Game time 6:00 p.m.

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## Lady 'Cats Announce 2014 Team Roster and Schedule

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### Lady 'Cats Announce 2014 Team Roster and Schedule

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Lady 'Cats graduated four of five starters from the 2013-2014 season and are looking to new faces to help them continue their success at the state level.

Last season they finished a highly successful season with a 27 - 4 record placing second in Class 4 at Columbia.

They have just one senior this year, five-foot ten Katie Reiker. Juniors are Karaline Keirse, Melanie McQuin, and Dakota Reynolds. Sophomores are Harley Allen, Cheyenne Mosby, and Sydney Rogers. Freshman are Hannah Thurmon and Krysten Garrison.

The Lady 'Cats open their season in the Farmington Invitational Tournament which begins on Monday, December 1st and runs through Saturday, December 6th with their first home game not until January 8th when they host Farmington. Dexter opens against Notre Dame Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Jackson Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Tournament.

They will also participate in the Paragould Tournament December 11th - 13th and the Twin Rivers Lady Royals Classic December 18th - 23rd.

Dexter will compete in the Class 4, District 1 with Notre Dame, Cape Central, Sikeston, Kennett and Perryville. Sikeston will host this year's District Tournament.

The 2014 - 2015 Varsity roster includes: Harley Allen #33, Krysten Garrison #32, Karaline Keirseay #35, Melanie McQuin #11, Cheyenne Mosby #23, Katie Reiker #30, Dakota Reynolds #1, Sydney Rogers #22, and Hannah Thurmon #25.

### Below is the 2014 - 2015 DHS Girls Basketball Schedule

1/8/2015 6:00 PM Farminton  
1/12/2015 6:00 PM at **Kennett**  
1/15/2015 at **Neelyville**  
1/15/2015 6:00 PM at **Neelyville**  
1/19/2015 6:00 PM at **Central (Park Hills)**  
1/24/2015 **St. Joseph's Academy**  
1/27/2015 7:30 PM **Central (New Madrid County)**  
1/29/2015 6:00 PM **St. James**  
1/31/2015 at **Charleston**  
2/3/2015 7:30 PM at **Saxony Lutheran**  
2/5/2015 6:00 PM **Naylor**  
2/9/2015 **Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)**  
2/12/2015 6:00 PM at **Central (Cape Girardeau)**  
2/16/2015 at **Poplar Bluff**  
2/19/2015 **Twin Rivers**  
2/19/2015 6:00 PM **Twin Rivers**  
2/23/2015 at **Jackson**  
2/26/2015 at **Sikeston**

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## Dexter Bearcats Announce 2014-15 Varsity Team and Schedule

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### Dexter Bearcats Announce 2014-15 Varsity Team and Schedule

**Dexter, Missouri** – The Dexter Bearcats boys basketball program will be under new leadership this year as Coach Josh Dowdy takes to the court. Coach Dowdy is a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School and will lead the season with five returning athletes from last season.

“I am so thankful to get this opportunity to coach in the town I grew up in,” Dowdy stated. “I love Dexter and I love being a BEARCAT!”

“It is a bond that has brought a lot of awesome people together and I hope I can give back to these guys even half of what my teachers and coaches taught me in these hallways,” continued Dowdy. “I want them to have and feel what I experienced as a young man growing up in Dexter.”

Dowdy hopes for senior leadership from Noah Kronk and Peyton Pollock as well as Matt Sims.

“Both Kronk and Pollock look like they want to pick up from where they left off on the football field,” Dowdy said. “They are both great teammates and should provide some solid senior leadership for the rest of the guys. Kronk is a real hard worker and we look for him to have a nice season. Pollock has practiced real well early. He can shoot it from the perimeter and will help us in the ball handling department.”

“Matt Sims has joined us this year,” added Dowdy. “Matt is a good boy and I am glad he made the decision to play. We hope he can come in and eat up some minutes in the paint.”

“Austin Chesser, Ethan Flowers, and Cole Renken spent most of their time on the varsity as sophomore,” Dowdy said of three of Dexter’s seven juniors on the team. “Austin and Ethan can shoot the ball and are similar in that they love to compete. Ethan has put in a lot of extra time. He should have a big year. Austin will add some grittiness. He is not afraid to put his body on the line. Cole has worked hard over the off season to get physically stronger. We expect Cole to provide a valuable presence for us inside.”

The other four juniors are Tyler Heil, Jacob Pedigo, Addison Moore, and Adam Webb. “Heil, Moore, Pedigo, and Webb will all move up from the Junior Varsity this year,” continued Dowdy. “Tyler Heil has a motor that does not stop. Addison Moore has a great understanding of the game. Jacob Pedigo is stronger this year and can shoot the ball real well. Adam Webb adds some more size to our squad. All of these guys will add some depth to our team.”

Jason Jarrell is the only sophomore on the team. He was starting point guard on the JV team last year and will play on the varsity this year. “Jarrell is our lone sophomore. Jason is a nice athlete who will play the point, which is a challenge for a sophomore. He handled it well this summer and I am confident he will be up for the task,” stated Dowdy.

Dexter will open at home on Tuesday, December 2nd against the Charleston Bluejays. They travel to Sikeston on Friday evening. Game times are 6:00 p.m.

"It will be a battle every night," commented coach Dowdy. "That will make it fun for the fans and might turn a coach bald. Hopefully the competition will collectively help all teams be prepared for district play."



Sikeston will host this year's Class 4 District Tournament. Teams featured will be Dexter, Sikeston, Notre Dame, Perryville, Cape Central, and Kennett.

"We are aware of our schedule and the challenges we face," continued Dowdy. "Our approach is simple. We want to be playing our best basketball by the time the SCAA Tournament rolls around. These guys want a chance to raise that trophy!"

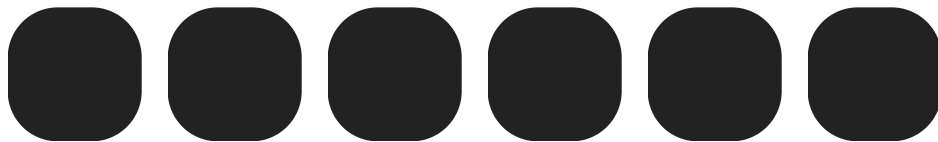
"We have had a good start," stated Dowdy. "The kids have shown good energy and are trying to improve on some fundamentals. We have to learn to talk on the floor, close out, block out and value the ball. Just little things that are necessary to compete. It has been tough for several years now and hopefully we can point this thing in the right direction. We don't know if we will win more games, but we are trying to remain patient. We just want to be more competitive!"

#### 2014-15 DHS Boys Basketball Schedule

12/2/2014	6:00 PM	<b>Charleston</b>
12/5/2014		<b>at Sikeston</b>
12/16/2014	7:30 PM	<b>Jackson</b>
12/19/2014	7:30 PM	<b>Richland (Essex)</b>
1/6/2015		<b>at Perryville</b>
1/6/2015	7:30 PM	<b>at Perryville</b>
1/9/2015	7:30 PM	<b>Woodland</b>
1/13/2015	7:30 PM	<b>Bloomfield</b>
1/16/2015	7:30 PM	<b>at Bernie</b>
1/20/2015	7:30 PM	<b>Puxico</b>
1/23/2015	6:00 PM	<b>at Central (New Madrid County)</b>
2/6/2015	7:30 PM	<b>at Advance</b>
2/10/2015	6:00 PM	<b>at Bell City</b>
2/13/2015	7:30 PM	<b>Kennett</b>
2/17/2015	7:30 PM	<b>at Poplar Bluff</b>
2/24/2015		<b>at Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)</b>
2/27/2015		<b>at Central (Cape Girardeau)</b>

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## Several Bearcats Named to Media All-Region Football Team

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The 2014 Media All-Region Football Team was announced today.

Congratulations to Jared Deal, Offensive Lineman for the Dexter Bearcats who made the Class 3 First Team Offense!

Second Team Offense included Peyton Pollock, QB and Ethan Stevens, WR.

First Team Defensive honors went to Drake Mitchel, DL; Noah Kronk, LB; and Dylan Bazarian DB.

Second Team Defensive honors went to Ethan Stevens, P.

Below is a complete list of the Class 3 Media All-Region Football Team members:

### **FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**

QB – Jake Bridges, PH Central, Jr. 5'10, 162 lbs.

RB – Blaine Riddle, Potosi, Sr. 5'10, 185 lbs.

RB – Austin Brewer, Ste. Genevieve, Jr. 5'8, 170 lbs.

WR – Hunter Strange, PH Central, Sr. 6'3, 180 lbs.

WR – Brayden Manion, PH Central, Sr. 6'1, 166 lbs.

WR – Drew Schmelzle, Ste. Genevieve, Sr. 6'3, 160 lbs.

OL – Colin Bess, PH Central, Sr. 6'6, 235 lbs.

OL – Bud Hilburn, Kennett, Sr. 6'2, 225 lbs.

OL – Dakota Pope, PH Central, Sr. 6'1, 220 lbs.

**OL – Jared Deal, Dexter, Jr. 5'7, 215 lbs.**

OL – Russell Harrington, PH Central, Jr. 6'1, 233 lbs.

ALL PURPOSE – Edward Wilson, Kennett, Jr. 5'10, 170 lbs.

K – Drew Schmelzle, Ste. Genevieve, Sr. 6'3, 160 lbs.

### **SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**

**QB – Peyton Pollock, Dexter, Sr. 6'1, 200 lbs.**

RB – Brandon Maberry, PH Central, Sr. 6'2, 191 lbs.

RB – Drew Harlow, PH Central, Jr. 6'2, 210 lbs.

**WR – Ethan Stevens, Dexter, Jr. 5'8, 175 lbs.**

WR – Trevor Green, Perryville, Sr. 5'11, 175 lbs.

WR – Asten Newsom, New Madrid, Sr. 6'4, 217 lbs.

OL – Brandon Richardson, PH Central, Sr. 6'4, 259 lbs.

OL – Kade Jett, Ste. Genevieve, Jr. 6'1, 266 lbs.

OL – Britt Harris, Kennett, Jr. 6'0, 210 lbs.

OL – Zack Drennan, Potosi, Sr. 5'11, 220 lbs.

OL – Chaz Brown, Kennett, Sr. 6'4, 285 lbs.

ALL PURPOSE – Malik Stevenson, New Madrid, Sr. 5'11, 175 lbs.

### **FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**

DL – Colin Bess, PH Central, Sr. 6'6, 235 lbs.

**DL – Drake Mitchell, Dexter, Sr. 6'0, 210 lbs.**

DL – Brandon Maberry, Central, Sr. 6'2, 191 lbs.

DL – Wayland DeClue, Potosi, Sr. 6'1, 190 lbs.

LB – Drew Harlow, PH Central, Jr. 6'2, 210 lbs.

LB – Logan Dowdy, Ste. Genevieve, Jr. 5'9, 183 lbs.

**LB – Noah Kronk, Dexter, Sr. 6'0, 210 lbs.**

LB – Bud Hilburn, Kennett, Sr. 6'2, 225 lbs.

DB – Blaine Riddle, Potosi, Sr. 5'10, 185 lbs.

DB – Brayden Manion, PH Central, Sr. 6'1, 166 lbs.

**DB – Dylan Bazarian, Dexter, Sr. 5'9, 175 lbs.**

P – Jake Bridges, PH Central, Jr. 5'10, 162 lbs.

### **SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**

DL – Rylan Matthew, Fredericktown, Sr. 6'3, 175 lbs.

DL – Grayson York Sr. New Madrid, 6'5, 220 lbs.

DL – Dalton Craig, SR. Kennett 6'1, 195 lbs.

DL – Dylan Wright, Potosi, So. 6'0, 195 lbs.

LB – Jahaida Childress, Jr. Kennett, 5'9, 190 lbs.

LB – Logan Comfort, Sr. PH Central, Sr. 6'0, 175 lbs.

LB – Dalton King, Fredericktown, Jr. 6'1, 220 lbs.

LB – Jacob Coleman, Potosi, Sr. 5'9, 160 lbs.

DB – Matthew Williams Fredericktown, So. 5'8, 140 lbs.

DB – Anthony Hawkins, Sr. Kennett 5'9, 170 lbs.

DB – Tyler Sprouse, New Madrid CC, Jr., 6'0, 175 lbs.

**P – Ethan Stevens, Dexter, Jr. 5'8, 175 lbs.**

COACH OF THE YEAR – Kory Schweiss, PH Central

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