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Dexter, Missouri - With only one more day to go the Dexter Bearcats will take the field. For seniors it will be their first game of the 2015 football season, but the last time they will take on the Ste. Genevieve Dragon at Charles Bland Stadium!

Coach Just Peden is looking forward to his third year as head football coach. He's had three years to build relationships with players. His expectations are high this year, as the "Boys of Fall" have been working hard most of the summer in the weight room and on the practice field.

The Bearcats looked extremely confident at the annual Jamboree. Dexter went 2-0-1 defeating East Prairie and New Madrid County Central and tied with Kennett. Though no actual scores were taken and no official stats, the Bearcats dominated the field!

"I was really pleased with the way we performed offensively," stated Peden. "We are not a finished product by any means but the guys played hard and attacked the defense."

The offensive line took a big step forward at the Jamboree and I am pleased about that, "continued Peden. "Ethan Stevens did a great job. He is a game changer and will definitely be someone other teams have to account for."

"Defensively I thought we played really well also. We only allowed one score all day and that score was something that was easily correctable. We were flying to the ball and putting our pads on people, which was great!"

Dexter will meet up with Ste. Genevieve in their first game of the season Friday, August 21st at Charles Bland Stadium in Dexter. The Dragons defeated Dexter last season and won the two seasons prior. Time to change the scoreboard in the Bearcats favor!

“Overall I am very happy with our performance at the Jamboree,” stated Peden. “I can’t wait to see how we perform on Friday!”

Ste. Genevieve leads the Bearcats 13-3 historically and defeated Dexter by only one touchdown in the 2014 season. The Dragons will be under new head coach Ken Weik with former head coach Bob Stolzer retiring after 27 seasons with Ste. Genevieve.

Dexter will return several starters; however more than half of their lineup consists of freshmen and sophomores making them a rather young team. Senior Ethan Stevens will be the key offensively as quarterback and will throw to Gaven White and Austin Chesser who are also seniors and to junior Payton Tinnin.

“Stevens is a different kind of quarterback than Peyton was last year,” Peden said. “Ethan runs well and has been looking forward to being quarterback. He’s been around a long time and is taking this year serious! He will do well.”

Dexter seeks their second straight conference title this year. The Bearcats finished 2014 with a 3-1 in the conference and tied for first with New Madrid County Central and Caruthersville. Kennett came in 4th and Charleston finished 5th.

“We have a strong conference,” Peden said. “I think there will be quite a bit of good, close games this season. Hopefully we can squeeze out the wins in those situations and get the championship. I don’t want to share it this year. I want the whole thing!”

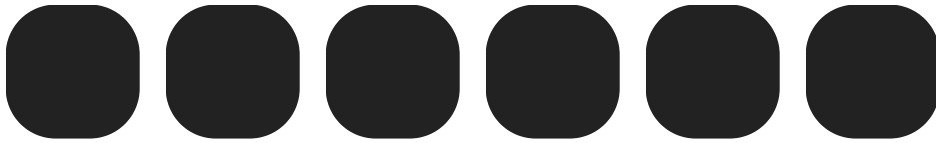
Dexter will compete in Class 3, District 1 with Park Hills Central, St. Pius of Festus, Ste. Genevieve, Kennett, Potosi, Fredericktown, and New Madrid County Central. Park Hills Central beat Kennett 48-14 in the District Championship and then lost to John Burroughs 46-0 in the Class 3 State quarterfinal last year.

Dexter opens on Friday night against Ste. Genevieve at home! Game time 7:00 p.m.
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Bearcats Take the Field at Annual Jamboree in East Prairie

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Dexter, Missouri - The Bearcats can't wait to get the 2015 football season started this year. Last year Dexter hit some enormous milestones. They defeated Sikeston on their home turf with a "hook and ladder" play. They beat Charleston by 67 points and was the second highest scoring game in the last 15 years and they defeated Kennett at homecoming. Three great wins equaled terrific atmosphere and dedicated fans who cheered from the sidelines.

This year they look to increase the totals in the win column and have been working very hard this summer lifting weights and working on and off the field. They are dedicated to each other and as the old saying goes, "Once a Bearcat, Always a Bearcat!" rings in their ears.

"These guys have been working hard all summer," commented head football coach Justin Peden. "Our weight program was extremely successful over the summer and camp attendance was great."

The Bearcats open their season with the annual Jamboree. Normally it would have been Dexter's year to host; however with the construction of the new entrance to the football field, **East Prairie will host this year. Kennett and New Madrid County Central also slated to participate in the Jamboree. Game time is 6:00 p.m.**

The Boys of Fall have been hitting practice pretty hard and the heat has been almost unbearable.

"We have gone through a week of two a days and are ready to hit someone else for a change," continued Peden.

Dexter will have 12 seniors on the team this year. "Some are first year players, but most have been in the program with me going on three years."

"I think we can expect a high effort, high intensity evening on Friday," continued Peden. "I am ready to see what we can do against another team."

Dexter opens the regular 2015 football season with a home game against Ste. Genevieve on Friday, August 21st. Game time 7:00 p.m.

They travel to Poplar Bluff the following weekend and then on to Charleston on September 4th.

The Sikeston Bulldogs are seeking revenge and will play on the Bearcat's home turf on September 11th. It will be a blood bath between these two.

They play Caruthersville at home on the 18th then travel to Kennett on September 25th.

Homecoming is on October 2nd against New Madrid County Central. The Bearcats will travel to Park Hills Central on October 9th and end at home on Senior Night with Malden on October 16th before going into play-off weeks.

Please come out to East Prairie for the annual Jamboree. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

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DPR Tackle Little League Football Registration Underway

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DPR Tackle Little League Football Registration Underway

Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Parks and Recreation Little League Football registration is underway! This is a tackle football program with a deadline to sign-up of August 21st.

On August 22nd a one day DPR Football Camp will held from 10 a.m. - noon at the Dexter Baseball Complex with lunch provided. Each player will leave with their very own football! T-shirts will also be available.

DPR football is open to any player in 3-4-5-6 grades. All players must be present at time of registration to be weighed using the DPR scales.

Registration forms are taken at the park office Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed during the noon hour). Registration fee is \$55 per player.

There will also be an evening registration August 18th. The evening registration will consist of an equipment fitting. On Monday, August 24th EQUIPMENT will be

issued. Games schedules will be handed out as well that evening.

Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the sports complex. Coaches may add practice dates. During the week of the Stoddard County Fair, practices will not be at the complex.

Registration forms may be printed off the web. Online registration will not be taken for football due to the fact all players must be weighed. DPR reserves the right to refuse any forms that are received after the deadline. No Refunds. **Click HERE for Registration Form.**

Players will also be required to weigh-in prior to each game. All players exceeding the weight limit must play on the offensive or defensive line.

If you have a brother or sister playing in the same league, list their name on the registration form so that they may be placed on the same team. Remember only brothers and sisters in the same household will be placed on teams together. If you have a special circumstance, please contact the Dexter Parks & Recreation office.

If you have any questions or concerns about DPR little league football, please contact Gaston Orahood, Aquatic & Recreation Programmer.

Football games will tentatively begin September 12th and anticipate the final games being October 10th. Most games will be on Saturday. Teams will also have some night games during the week throughout the season.

Grades 5 and 6 will travel some with potential games being held in Jackson, Kennett, New Madrid, Malden, and Portageville.

Grades 3 and 4 will play most of their games in Dexter. They may play a couple of games in Jackson or New Madrid, but the dates have not been set.

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Bearcats Host Joint Practice With Hayti

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Bearcats Host Joint Practice With Hayti

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats are preparing for a great 2015 football season and to add a little extra to their practices Coach Justin Peden invited the Hayti Indians to a joint practice on Monday morning.

With excruciating heat and humidity the boys performed quite well under the hot conditions. They drilled and worked on plays for a couple of hours before hosting a little 11-man scrimmage between the two varsity teams. Even the Junior Varsity Bearcats and Indians saw some turf time.

"It was great to get out there and compete against someone other than our own guys," commented head football coach Justin Peden. "Hayti is a fast, physical team and overall I think we learned a lot from today."

"We battled and did some good things on both sides of the ball. Overall I am pleased with how we did," continued Peden.

"I want to thank Coach Cruce at Hayti for coming up. I also want to thank Dexter Pizza

Company for helping us with pizzas to feed all these boys!"

You will be able to see the Bearcats in their first performance on the field at the Annual Jamboree on August 14th. Due to construction of the new football stadium entrance the jamboree has been moved to East Prairie. New Madrid County Central and Kennett will also be at the Jamboree! Game time 6:00 p.m.

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Final Rib City Shootout of the Summer - Girls Basketball

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Dexter, Missouri - The last Rib City of the summer will commence on Friday, July 17th with high school girls basketball.

The Lady Cats will have two varsity teams in action this weekend. Dexter (white) has the #1 seed and Dexter (black) has the #13 seed.

Dexter V (white) is scheduled to begin play on Friday at NOON on Court #2 of the Bearcat Event Center with Couch Varsity. At 2:15 p.m. they play Memphis Mambas also on Court #2. At 3:45 p.m. they play Valley View, AR and then at 6:00 p.m. they will compete against Poplar Bluff Lady Mules all on Court #2 of the Bearcat Event Center.

Dexter V (black) begin at 12:45 p.m. at the High School against Neelyville JV. Then at 3:00 p.m. they move over to Court #3 at the Bearcat Event Center and play East Carter County. At 6:00 p.m. on Court #1 of the Bearcat Event Center they will play Twin Rivers JV.

Dexter Middle School 7th/8th grade team will play at 9:45 a.m. against Twin Rivers MS on Court #1 of the Bearcat Event Center. Then at noon they play on Court #3 against Puxico 8th grade. At 5:15 p.m. at the High School they will take on Jackson Middle School. Then at 7:30 p.m. for their final game of the day they play Greenville Middle School on court #3 of the Bearcat Event Center.

Teams competing in the final summer 2015 girls Rib City Shootout are Dexter, Memphis Mambas, Valley View, AR, Couch, Poplar Bluff, Mansfield, Puxico, Greenville, Calico Rock, Ar, Blytheville, AR, South Iron, Valley Caledonia, East Carter County, Campbell, Malden, East Prairie varsity schools.

Poplar Bluff, Neelyville, Chaffee, Twin Rivers, and South Iron will have junior varsity teams. Chaffee, Dexter, Twin Rivers, Puxico, Jackson, and Greenville will have middle school teams.

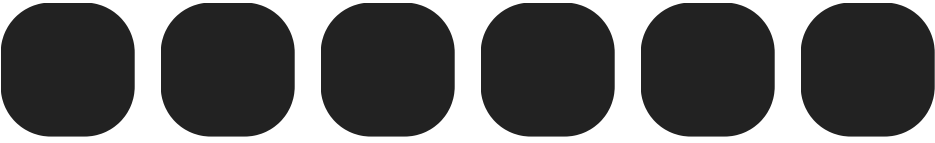
The Rib City Shootout will continue on Saturday, July 18th with quarterfinals beginning at 12:15 p.m.

For more information and schedules click **HERE**. Don't forget to follow the Rib City Shootout Facebook page by clicking **HERE**.

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