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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Defending Dig for Life Champions Dexter Lady Cats won their pool and finished second over all in the Gold Bracket.

Dexter defeated Calvary Lutheran 25-7, 25-4 and split with Jackson 22-25, 25-15 on the first day of the tournament. On Saturday they beat Scott City 25-13, 25-15 as they continued their pool play.

Dexter defeated the Bernie Mules 25-11, 25-19, beat Advance in three sets 25-12, 21-25, 25-14 and Seckman 25-16, 25-16 in the final four. Notre Dame defeated Dexter in the Championship game 27-25, 25-20.

GOLD BRACKET PLAYOFFS

SWEET 16

Bismarck def. Bloomfield 25-22, 24-26, 26-24

St. Vincent def. Eminence 25-19, 25-19

Jackson def. Central (Park Hills) 25-15, 25-10

Notre Dame def. Saxony Lutheran 25-15, 25-13

Seckman def. New Haven 25-18, 25-19

Jefferson (Festus) def. Woodland 25-20, 22-25, 25-14

Advance def. Lesterville 25-22, 16-25, 25-23

Dexter def. Bernie 25-11, 25-19

QUARTERFINALS

St. Vincent def. Bismarck 25-21, 25-23

Notre Dame def. Jackson 25-9, 25-15
Seckman def. Jefferson (Festus) 25-19, 25-20
Dexter def. Advance 25-12, 21-25, 25-14

CONSOLATION QUARTERS

Eminence def. Bloomfield 25-10, 25-19
Saxony Lutheran def. Central (Park Hills) 25-15, 25-15
New Haven def. Woodland 25-18, 25-18
Bernie def. Lesterville 25-9, 25-21

SEMIFINALS

Notre Dame defeats St. Vincent 25-23, 25-19
Dexter def. Seckman 25-16, 25-16

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS

Eminence def. Saxony Lutheran 25-19, 23-25, 25-17
New Haven def. Bernie 25-15, 25-9

CHAMPIONSHIP

Notre Dame def. Dexter 27-25, 25-20

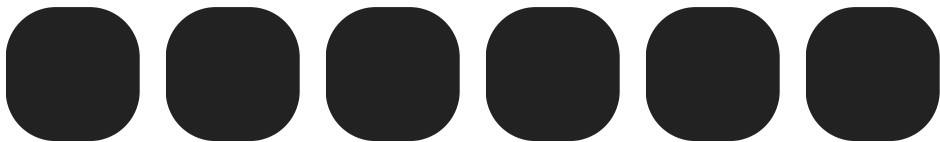
CONSOLATION FINALS

New Haven def. Eminence 25-15, 25-18

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats fell to the undefeated Sikeston Bulldogs on Friday night.

Sikeston put 22 points on the board rather quickly in the first quarter and never fell behind on their way to a 62-14 victory at Charles Bland Stadium in Dexter.

"We spotted them basically 22 points," commented Dexter head coach Justin Peden. "When you do that it is a tough hole to dig out of and I thought we fought back pretty hard. We came back, but had some stalled drives and turnovers in key situations. When that happens it starts to wear on you a little bit. We went into halftime feeling pretty good, but just couldn't get anything going offensively. We were moving well in the middle of the field. It just seemed like when we got in the red zone we had some issues."

Dexter recorded both of their touchdowns in the last few minutes of the first half. Ethan Stevens ran 18 yards for a touchdown with 2:27 left on the clock. Sikeston added two more touchdowns before Stevens scored again. He rushed for 72 yards with only 12 seconds left in the second quarter to set the halftime score at 36-14.

"It was good," Peden said of the closing minutes of the first half. "We showed Sikeston we could play with them. We had a good drive for a touchdown, a big play and recovered an onside kick. There were things we could do offensively. It was just a matter of putting it together play after play into a sustained drive. Once we learn to do that we will be a pretty good football team. There were plays where we looked pretty good . . . I'm proud of the effort we put out. The guys didn't quit and kept coming even when it started to get kind of bad there. Sometimes you see guys wanting to tap out and nobody tried to do that. They came out and played hard so I'm proud of the guys."

No one scored again until the last 34 seconds of the third quarter when Sikeston 3 yards for a touchdown to increase their lead to 42-14.

The Bulldogs tallied three additional touchdowns in the fourth quarter to set the final score 62-14.

Stevens tallied 131 yards on the ground for Dexter. He had a team-high 15 carries.

“Sikeston played us really well,” Peden said. “Ethan had to make some stuff happen with his rushing. He had 131 yards on 15 carries, which was a good amount. But we have got to be able to establish the run so we are going to go back and look at some different things we can do running the ball because if you can’t run the ball you are not going to win any football games.”

Austin Chesser caught three passes for a team-high 45 yards.

Sikeston intercepted five passes and recovered one fumble. Dexter recovered two fumbles.

Bo McMullin recorded a team-high 10 tackles for Dexter before leaving the game with an injury.

"I don't think the score indicated how well we played defensively," Peden said. "We forced them out of that double wing they had been running the first three games. They came out a little bit, but we forced them into a spread situation and when they got to it they were able to utilize their speed. We didn't have an answer for it in some situations, but defensively I thought we played pretty well. I thought we played better than the score and there were times where momentum started to swing our way, but we stalled out defensively. I take responsibility for that. We had some stalled drives where we should have got some points and put our defense in some bad positions by giving them a short field.

Final Score Sikeston 62, Dexter 14

Sikeston	22	14	6	20	- 62
Dexter	0	14	0	0	- 14

First Quarter

S - Victwon Riley 13 run (conversion good), 11:13

S - Jaylen Mallory 44 pass from Nathan Hampton (Hampton kick), 5:09

S - Riley 3 run (Hampton kick), 3:39

Second Quarter

D - Ethan Stevens 18 run (Jason Jarrell kick), 2:27

S - Riley 3 run (Hampton kick), 0:52

S - Deterio Newman 41 pass from Hampton (Hampton kick), 0:32

D - Stevens 72 run (Jarrell kick), 0:12

Third Quarter

S - Hampton 3 run (Hampton kick no good), 4:32

Fourth Quarter

S - Riley 7 run (Hampton kick), 11:55

S- Justus Faulkner 47 run (Hampton kick), 9:20

S - McKenzie Worth 60 fumble recovery (Hampton kick no good), 4:36

TEAM STATISTICS

STATS	SIKESTON	DEXTER
First downs	19	9
Rushing-yards	46-221	33-161
Passing yards	119	81
Comp-Att-Int	6-12-0	5-19-5
Total yards	340	221
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	2-20	5-35
Punts-Avg.	2-40.5	3-40
Possession Time	24:58	23:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing - (Sikeston) Victwon Riley 17-83, Nathan Hampton 10-38, Earnestt Fobbs 6-36, Jason Moore 4-11, Phazun Fobbs 2-8, Keyshawn Ellis 2-6, Jestus Faulkner 1-47, Jaylen

Mallory 1-3, Marcus Williams 1-2, Bryce Bays 1-(-2). (Dexter) Ethan Stevens 15-131, Carson Dean 11-1, Jason Jarrell 5-7, Jake Adams 1-1, Payton Tinnin 1-0.

Passing - (Sikeston) Nathan Hampton 6-12-0 = 119. (Dexter) Ethan Stevens 5-18-4 = 81, Jason Jarrell 0-1-1 = 0.

Receiving - (Sikeston) Earnestt Fobbs 2-23, Justus Faulkner 1-6, Jaylen Mallory 1-44, Bryce Bays 1-5, Deterio Newman 1-41. (Dexter) Austin Chesser 3-45, Carson Dean 1-22, Jason Jarrell 1-14.

Punting - (Sikeston) Nathan Hampton 2-81. (Dexter) Ethan Stevens 3-120.

Dexter (1-3) will host Caruthersville on Friday, September 18th. Game time 7:00 p.m.

"Coach Jackson over at Caruthersville is a good, young coach," Peden said. "He's a smart guy and has a lot of weapons at his disposal. Upfront I would said they don't have as many veterans as they did last year, but they are still a good unit upfront. We've watched some film on them the other day. They've got a lot of team speed and they know how to use it. They run a spread and try to get to the edge on you so we have to be able to defend it. I think it was good we saw the speed we saw tonight because Sikeston was fast. I think that will help us going into next week."

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SEMO Dig for Life Begins Today!

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The volleyball schedule has been released for the 48-team Dig for Life Classic Tournament

This year's tournament takes place Sept. 11th and 12th at Southeast Missouri State University Show Me Center and Notre Dame Regional High School.

This year 48 teams will compete in 16 three-team pools on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Bracket-play is slated for Saturday afternoon.

Last year the Dexter Lady Cats defeated Park Hills Central in the gold bracket championship.

Bernie plays Park Hills at 4:30 p.m. and New Madrid County Central at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Show Me Center.

Dexter plays Calvary Lutheran at 5:20 p.m. and Jackson at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

Pool-Play (Note: teams do not play teams within their own pool during pool-play. Therefore, a team could win every game in its pool and not win its pool. If two teams in the same pool finish with identical records win/loss point differential determines which team finishes first in each pool. Therefore, every point counts in pool-play)

Pool A: 1. Bismarck, 2. Bell City, 3. Senath-Hornersville

Pool B: 4. Cape Central, 5. New Haven, 6. Oak Ridge

Pool C: 7. Jackson, 8. Calvary Lutheran, 9. Scott City

Pool D: 10. Malden, 11. Dexter, 12. Marquand-Zion

Pool E: 13. Bernie, 14. Kennett, 15. South Pemiscot

Pool F: 16. Park Hills Central, 17. New Madrid County Central, 18. Southland

Pool G: 19. Notre Dame, 20. South Iron, 21. Cooter

Pool H: 22. Meadow Heights, 23. Woodland, 24. Southern Reynolds

Pool I: 25. St. Vincent, 26. Holcomb, 27. Greenville

Pool J: 28. Puxico, 29. Jefferson, 30. Richland

Pool K: 31. Eminence, 32. Portageville, 33. Clarkton

Pool L: 34. Advance, 35. Clearwater, 36. Twin Rivers

Pool M: 37. Lesterville, 38. Sikeston, 39. Caruthersville

Pool N: 40. Saxony Lutheran, 41. Leopold, 42. Campbell

Pool O: 43. Gideon, 44. Seckman, 45. Zalma

Pool P: 46. Oran, 47. Bloomfield, 48. Poplar Bluff

Friday Pool-Play Schedule

Time/Court	Rec 1	Rec 2	Rec 3	Rec 4	Notre Dame 1	Notre Dame 2	Show Me 1	Show Me 2
4:30 p.m.	1 vs. 4	7 vs. 10	13 vs. 16	19 vs. 22	25 vs. 28	31 vs. 34	37 vs. 40	43 vs. 46
5:20	2 vs. 5	8 vs. 11	14 vs. 17	20 vs. 23	26 vs. 29	32 vs. 35	38 vs. 41	44 vs. 47
6:10	3 vs. 6	9 vs. 12	15 vs. 18	21 vs. 24	27 vs. 30	33 vs. 36	39 vs. 42	45 vs. 48
7	1 vs. 5	7 vs. 11	13 vs. 17	19 vs. 23	25 vs. 29	31 vs. 35	37 vs. 41	43 vs. 47
7:50	3 vs. 4	9 vs. 10	15 vs. 16	21 vs. 22	27 vs. 28	33 vs. 34	39 vs. 40	45 vs. 46
8:40	2 vs. 6	8 vs. 12	14 vs. 18	20 vs. 24	26 vs. 30	32 vs. 36	38 vs. 42	44 vs. 48

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Missouri - The Missouri High School Volleyball Coaches Association has released the latest volleyball state rankings.

Several southeast Missouri teams are state-ranked.

In Class 1 Bernie is ranked #10.

In Class 2 Valle Catholic is ranked #5 and Woodland is ranked #7.

In Class 3 Dexter came in as #10. Their only loss was to Helias Catholic, which placed #1 in the rankings. St. Pius ranked 2nd and St. Francis Borgia ranked #3.

Class 1

1. St. Vincent, 2. Santa Fe, 3. Winona, 4. Osceola, 5. New Haven, 6. School of the Ozarks, 7. Green Ridge, 8. Bismarck, 9. Lesterville, 10. Bernie

Other teams considered: Advance

Class 2

1. Mountain View Liberty, 2. Strafford, 3. Lutheran St. Charles, 4. Jefferson, 5. Valle Catholic, 6. Bishop Le Blond, 7. Woodland, 8. St. Paul Lutheran, 9. Hermann, 10. Fatima
Other teams considered: Cole Camp

Class 3

1. Helias Catholic, 2. St. Pius X Festus, 3. St. Francis Borgia, 4. Bishop DuBourg, 5. Villa Duchesne, 6. Pleasant Hill, 7. Lutheran South, 8. Duchesne, 9. Mt. Vernon, 10. Dexter
Other teams considered: St. Pius X Kansas City, Cape Notre Dame, Perryville

Class 4

1. Blue Springs, 2. Nixa, 3. St. Joseph Academy, 4. Lee's Summit North, 5. Lafayette STL, 6. Cor Jesu, 7. Glendale, 8. Ozark, 9. St. Teresa Academy, 10. Francis Howell & Oak Park (Tie)
Other teams considered: Kickapoo, Nerinx Hall, Carl Junction, Carthage, Truman, Lee's Summit West

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Jackson, Missouri - T.S. Hill Middle School made history on Tuesday evening at the Jackson Cross Country Meet. Fourteen members of the middle school's first ever Cross Country team competed for medals.

Brett Pollock came in 2nd with a time of 10:06 in the one and a half mile course. He is the son of Dan and Monta Pollock.

"It was good to win," commented Pollock. "I thought I was farther back maybe 15th or so. Didn't know I was in 2nd!"

Madelyn Haynes finished 5th at the Jackson meeting earning herself a medal. She is the daughter of David and Carrie Haynes.

"I am the only girl on the Cross Country team," Haynes said after being prompted by Ellinghouse. "It felt good to win a medal and be the first girl to win."

Andrew Ellinghouse is the son of Dave and Amy Ellinghouse and earned a medal for 10th place.

"I thought I was way back too and didn't know I was in 10th until I finished the meet," stated Ellinghouse. "I was glad to beat some of the Jackson kids and the Cape kids. They always place well and I just wanted to beat them."

"Congratulations to Brett, Andrew, and Madelyn for earning their first medal at our first ever cross country competition," stated head cross country coach Leonard Morse. "We traveled to the Jackson Invitational on Tuesday."

"Brett finished 2nd and Andrew finished 10th in the seventh grade boys' race. Madelyn finished 5th in the seventh grade girls' race," continued Morse.

The DMS Bearcats will travel to Arcadia Valley Invitational in Ironton on Saturday. The boys run at 9:15 a.m. and the girls run at 9:35 a.m. These athletes work hard and have a long trip as they get on the bus at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning. That's true dedication to

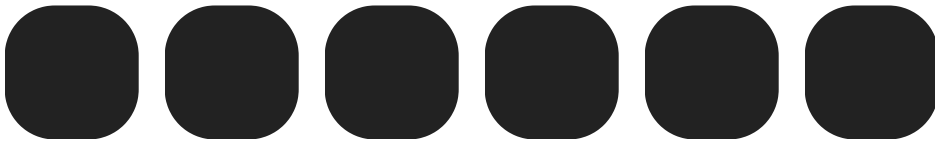
the sport!

Way to go Andrew, Brett and Madelyn on your inaugural medals of the first ever Cross Country Meet!!

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