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Buffalo, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats traveled across the state to Buffalo, Missouri during one of the hottest weeks of the summer thus far. With extreme heat conditions four teams quickly chose to drop out of the competition, but not our strong and mighty Bearcats! Only Buffalo High School and Springfield Catholic remained as competitors at the two-day camp on July 20th and 21st.

Dexter competed in the day and a half camp as one of the toughest teams among the three and was definitely the toughest team on the second day. Day two was cut short due to heat and the Bearcats were able to come home a few hours sooner. Perhaps a little beaten up with three new minor injured players, a few bruises, some jerseys that moms couldn't wait to get in the wash, but through it all they strengthened their offensive and defensive lines and learned from two opponents they had never competed against.

"Springfield Catholic gave us a good look," commented Dexter head football coach Kevin Goltra. "They have two tackles who got Division 1 offers. Their offense ran out of the shotgun and are big up front. We had great success against them and were tougher on the field."

"Buffalo High School is a spread team offense and gave us a chance to look at their offense to help us get better at what we do," continued Goltra. "I was really pleased with our efforts on the field."

The full contact camp was invitation only with 42 Dexter athletes participating.

"Corbin Strong, a sophomore, is one heck of a linebacker," stated Goltra. "If he continues to improve he will be a great asset this season and for the next two years."

"Bo McMullin is a good linebacker as well," continued Goltra. "Last year I believe he was the leading tackler for the Bearcats as a freshman. He's a smart player."

"The offensive line is extremely young this year and are doing a great job," Goltra said of his sophomore offensive line. "We are a little undersized and made up of mostly sophomores, but I have been very impressed and over the next couple of years will be amazed if they keep working hard."

"Our quarterback, Ben Sindle managed the games well against both opponents. He passes the ball well and is doing exactly what we are asking him to do on the field," Goltra said.

"Defensively we are very good against the inside run game. We are sometimes good and sometimes bad against the outside run game, it just seems we have a breakdown here or there with a player, but we are improving and getting better against the outside run. There was no doubt that Dexter won the Buffalo Full Contact Camp. Our coaching staff was really pleased with their efforts and we were able to see two different styles which will only improve our efforts during the regular season," commented Goltra.

Dexter will host the Football Jamboree on Friday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. This will be our first look at our players. This week is Dead Week for high school athletes. Practice begins Monday, August 1, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Parents, if your athlete has not had a recent physical he/she must get one before August 1st. Last year's physicals expire on July 31, 2016.

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