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Columbia, Missouri - The Dexter Lady Bearcats will take on the St. Pius X Warriors out of Kansas City on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia.

Dexter Lady Cats has a record of 22 - 8 and St. Pius X has a record of 25 - 3.

The winner will play in the Class 4 Championship on Saturday, March 18th at 4:30 p.m. The loser plays for third place at 12:45 p.m. on Friday at the Mizzou Arena.

The Lady Cats will make their 4th appearance at the Final Four. They finished 4th in 2009 and 2013 and second in 2014.

St. Pius X finished third in 2016 in Class 3 and was #7 in the final MBCA poll.

St. Pius X averages 54.4 points per game and Dexter averages 60.5 points per game.

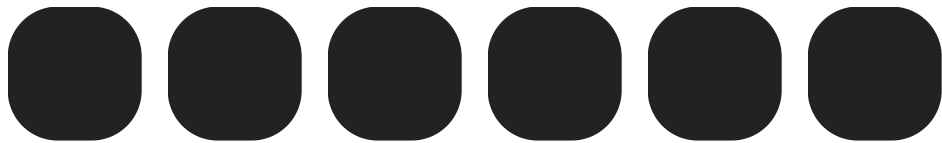
Junior guard Antoinette Mussorici leads St. Pius averaging 15.6 points per game.

Sophomore guard Chaylea Mosby leads Dexter averaging 22 points per game.

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DHS Boys Tennis Team Returns Two Seniors

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Dexter, Missouri - There will be a lot of new faces this season for the Dexter Bearcats Tennis Team. Last year five seniors graduated. In the 2017 season two seniors are returning to the court.

"This should be a fun year," commented Dexter boys tennis coach Kurt Lovelady. "I have a lot of new athletes on varsity after graduating five seniors last year. Most of the boys put in a lot of work in the off season and it has shown in practice."

Zach Potts and Will Brehmer are the only two seniors on the team.

"Potts is returning this year. He went to State last year in doubles," continued Lovelady. "He came up one win short of placing and getting medal."

"He is a tremendous worker and goes hard during practice," Lovelady said of Potts. "This will be his fourth year on varsity and hopefully he can improve upon his run to State last year."

"Brehmer has worked hard in the off season as well and has moved up this year to an upper varsity spot," stated Lovelady. "Will's ground strokes have improved a lot so far this season."

Dexter will open their 2017 season on the road at Poplar Bluff on Thursday, March 23rd. Match time 4:00 p.m. Their first home match will be Wednesday, March 29th at 4:00 p.m. against Cape Central.

The Dexter boys tennis team will compete in Class 1, District 1 against Arcadia Valley, North County High School, Notre Dame and Sikeston.

They will compete in three tournaments this year. The Poplar Bluff Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 1st. The Cape Central Tournament will be held on Friday, April 7th and the Famington Tournament will be held on Friday, April 28th.

"Each tournament will have a different layout (singles, doubles, mixed)," Lovelady said. "I hope the team will be contending for the Championship in each this season."

2017 Dexter Boys Tennis Team Schedule

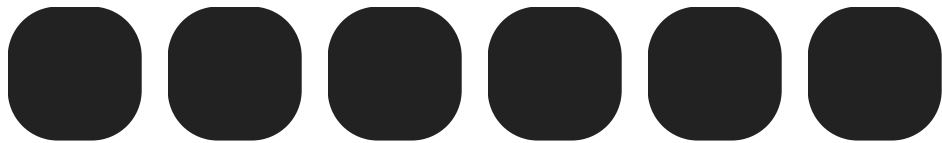
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3/28/2017	4:00 PM	@ Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)
3/29/2017	4:00 PM	Central (Cape Girardeau)
4/4/2017	4:00 PM	Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)
4/6/2017	4:00 PM	Poplar Bluff
4/24/2017	4:00 PM	@ Central (Cape Girardeau)
4/26/2017	4:00 PM	@ Sikeston
4/27/2017	4:00 PM	Arcadia Valley
5/2/2017	4:00 PM	Sikeston
5/3/2017	4:00 PM	@ Arcadia Valley

Shown in the photo are Front Row from Left to Right: Blake Bolin, Will Brehmer, Zach Potts, and Nate Gargas. Middle Row from Left to Right: Tyler Robinson, Matthew Chesser, Travis Propst, and Eric Hahn. Back Row from Left to Right: Eric Allen, Wyatt Parker, Logan Wyman, and Tres Hampton.

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DHS Baseball Team Anxious to Get Season Started

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Dexter, Missouri - With new renovations at the East Park baseball field, the Dexter Bearcat Baseball Team is anxious to get their 2017 season started.

"The renovations to our field brought a new level of excitement that as a coach is very pleasing," commented Dexter head baseball coach Brian Becker. "The kids are anxious, as am I, to get the season going."

Returning to the field this year are seniors Jason Jarrell, Hunter Parrott, and Riley Mason. Jarrell is starting as catcher and was All-Conference and All-District Athlete last year in Class 4, District 1 baseball. Parrott will play as an infielder and pitcher. Mason will play as an outfield and pitcher.

"Overall, I think one of the strengths of our team will be our pitching depth. We have several kids that return with experience on the mound," continued Becker. "That will prove to be important given the new pitch count restrictions that are in place this season. It is essential that you have depth, but right now I am looking for someone to step up and be the ace. We will see how that goes as the season progresses."

Dexter has two new key additions to the team this season. Clay Mullins and Cordell Holt. Mullins will perform as an out fielder and pitcher and Holt will be on third base.

"The big key for us will be our performance at the plate," stated Becker. "We struggled as a team last year, but part of that was because of our youth. They are another year stronger and most of them have matured enough to handle that bat a little better."

The Dexter Bearcats will compete in Class 4, District 1 against New Madrid County Central, Fredericktown, Kennett, Notre Dame, Perryville and Sikeston.

"Once again we are in the always competitive SEMO Conference," Becker said. "I feel it is one of the best conferences top to bottom anywhere around. Our district tournament will have a couple of new teams (Sikeston and NMCC) which only makes an already tough district even tougher."

Doniphan moved out of Class 4. Sikeston and NMCC are now in Class 4.

Competing in the SEMO Conference are Notre Dame, Jackson, Poplar Bluff, Kennett, Cape Girardeau, New Madrid County Central, Sikeston, and Dexter.

The Bearcats will have a total of 26 players on the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams for the 2017 baseball season.

Dexter will open on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at home against Cooter at 10 a.m. and Clearwater at 2 p.m. at the East Park Baseball Field.

2017 roster includes: Seniors: Ethan Martinez, Jason Jarrell, Riley Mason, and Hunter Parrott; Juniors: Trevor McDonald, Trenton Willis, Landon Henson, Cordell Holt, Clay Mullins, Kris Rinehart, and Spencer Owens; Sophomores: Dawson Jones, Tyler Wright, Tristan Williams, Luke Thurston, Caleb Stearnes, Caleb Hoggard, Colton Rodgers, and Ethan Kincy, ; Freshman: Mason Keena, Joon Jin, Carson Bell, Phillip Toledo, Garrett Henson, Luke Becker, and Haden Hillis.

The SEMO Conference Tournament will be held April 28 - May 1st and the Class 4 State Tournament will be held May 23rd - June 2nd.

2017 Dexter Baseball Schedule

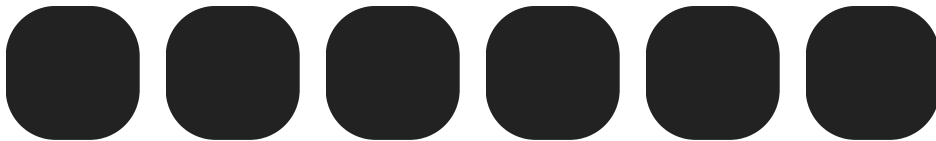
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3/18/2017	10:00 AM	Cooter
3/21/2017	4:00 PM	@ Malden
3/22/2017	4:00 PM	Kennett
3/25/2017	10:00 AM	Oran

3/25/2017	2:00 PM	Valle Catholic
3/28/2017	4:00 PM	@ Central (Cape Girardeau)
3/30/2017	4:00 PM	@ Neelyville
4/3/2017	6:00 PM	@ Campbell
4/5/2017	4:30 PM	@ Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)
4/6/2017	4:00 PM	Scott City
4/8/2017	2:00 PM	@ Ste. Genevieve
4/8/2017	12:00 PM	Perryville Neutral Site:Ste. Genevieve, MO
4/10/2017	4:30 PM	@ Sikeston
4/12/2017	4:00 PM	Chaffee
4/13/2017	4:00 PM	Central (New Madrid County)
4/17/2017	4:30 PM	@ Poplar Bluff
4/18/2017	4:00 PM	@ Jackson
4/22/2017	10:00 AM	Valle Catholic Neutral Site:Cape Girardeau, MO
4/24/2017	4:00 PM	@ Doniphan
5/5/2017	4:00 PM	Twin Rivers
5/8/2017	4:30 PM	Portageville

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DHS Track and Field Team Moves Up to Class 4

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Dexter, Missouri - One of the largest track teams in the history of Dexter will be competing in Class 4, District 1. This will be the first year the DHS Track & Field Team will compete in Class 4. Last year they competed in Class 3.

"Coach King and I have one of the largest group of track and field athletes since I can remember," commented head coach Kim Waldner. "There are 26 girls and 40 boys participating this year."

Dexter has had pretty good success over the past few years. There are four Lady Cats returning as state qualifiers from the 2016 season; Rhylan Hillis, Emily Page, Emily Ladd and Madelyn Webb.

Hillis, Page, and Ladd all ran the 4 x 800. Web threw the shot put.

"We moved up a class this year to Class 4 so times got a little faster, but overall I think we can still perform and have great success," stated Waldner.

There will not be any home track meets this year. That is unfortunate that everyone will have to travel to see our DHS Track & Field Team compete; however there are a couple of meets close to home at Sikeston, Poplar Bluff, Notre Dame, and Jackson.

Competing in the Class 4, District 1 will be Cape Central, DeSoto, Dexter, Farmington, Festus, Hillsboro, North County, Notre Dame, Perryville, Potosi, Sikeston, and Ste. Genevieve.

The SEMO Conference Meet will be held at Kennett High School on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

District Competition will be held at Hillsboro High School on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

The MSHSAA State Track and Field Meet will be held in Jefferson City, Missouri on May 20, 2017.

2017 Track & Field Schedule

March 21, 2017 Jackson Quad 4 p.m. Varsity

March 29, 2017 North County Relays 4 p.m. Varsity

March 31, 2017 Ste. Genevieve Old Settlement Meet 4 p.m. Varsity

April 4, 2017 Perryville Invitational 2 p.m. Varsity

April 8, 2017 Jackson Invitational 10 a.m. JV/V

April 12, 2017 Sikeston Twilight Relays 4 p.m. Varsity

April 13, 2017 Farmington Relays 2:30 p.m. Varsity

April 20, 2017 River Bend Invitational 4 p.m. JV/V

April 26, 2017 Notre Dame Open 4 p.m. JV/V

April 28, 2017 Poplar Bluff Invitational 3:30 p.m. JV/V

May 1, 2017 SEMO Central Conference Meet 4 p.m. (Kennett) Varsity

May 5, 2017 Hillsboro Invitational 2:30 p.m. Varsity

May 13, 2017 Districts

May 20, 2017 Sectionals TBA

May 26th - 27th, 2017 State

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Hillsboro, Missouri - The Lady Bearcats of Dexter have earned another trip to the Show Me Showdown Final Four in Columbia with a 81-63 victory on Saturday in the MSHSAA quarterfinal at Jefferson College.

The Lady Cats exploded in the second quarter scoring 28 points and going into the locker room at the half with a comfortable 47 - 30 lead.

"I thought we played exactly the way we wanted to play in the second quarter," stated Dexter girls basketball coach Chad Allen. He was referring to the full-court pressure by his team that shut down Lutheran South's ability to score. "We really got after it, caused a lot of turnovers, and scored a lot off those turnovers. That was just the biggest difference in the game."

Dexter (22-8) will advance to the Final Four for the third time in five seasons. They play St. Pius X-Kansas City (25-3) in the state semifinals on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:50 p.m. at the Mizzou Arena. Tickets are \$9.00 each.

Dexter sophomore Chaylea Mosby scored a team-high 34 points and hit four treys against the Lancers.

Krysten Garrison tallied 20 points including two treys and Natalie Sitze recorded 13 points for the Bearcats also with two 3-pointers.

"Chaylea has just been solid all year," commented Allen. "She is just a tremendous player offensively and defensively and so well-rounded and just makes things happen."

Lutheran South's Member-Meneh scored a game-high 37 points. She also broke the school's all-time scoring record according to the announcer.

"Our game plan was to definitely make her go left," stated Allen. "She is so explosive and when she gets to that right hand, it is almost impossible to stop her. We knew Leketor was going to score, but we wanted to limit her."

Lutheran South narrowed Dexter's lead to just one point with 14 seconds into the second period before the Lady Cats started their run and never looked back advancing to the state semifinal for the first time since the 2014 season.

"I am just excited for these girls and they have worked hard all year. We've had a lot of adversity this year with injuries and sickness and people coming back from surgery," Allen said. "It has been a trying time throughout the year, but the girls pulled it together here late and now we are on a roll."

Final Score Dexter 81, Lutheran South 63

Lutheran South 16 14 21 12 - 63

Dexter 19 28 19 15 - 81

Lutheran South (63) - Member-Meneh 37, Katie Brown 12, Abigail Howard 2, Peyton Anderson 5, Natalie Lawson 7, FG 25, F 18, FT 12/23. (3-pointers: Anderson 1, Fouled Out: None).

Dexter (81) - Macie Martin 4, Natalie Sitze 13, Cheyenne Mosby 2, Hannah Thurmon 8, Krysten Garrison 20, Chaylea Mosby 34, FG 28, FT 17/22, F 17. (3-pointers: Sitze 2, Garrison 2, Chaylea Mosby 4, Fouled Out: None)

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