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# 2017 - 2018 DHS Boys Basketball Team Preview

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Dexter, Missouri - With a roster of five seniors and five juniors, the Dexter high school boys basketball team has high expectations for the 2017 - 2018 season. This will be Coach Josh Dowdy's fourth year as head coach. Last year they finished their season 17-11.

The Bearcats will return three senior starters, Gabe Jackson, Clay Mullins and Ben Sindle.

Jackson 6' 5" averaged 13 points per game and 10 rebounds.

Mullins 6'1" also scored 13 points per game and Ben Sindle 5'9" averaged 10 points per game.

"We will count on these three guys for leadership and to serve as outstanding role models for our entire program," commented head coach Josh Dowdy.

Along with the returning starters are seniors Dawson Kasting 6'0" and Alan Pippins 5'10".

"They started at times for us last season and played significant minutes off the bench," stated Dowdy. "We expect both of these guys to build off the contributions they made for us last season."

"Additionally our juniors will add some depth that we have not seen in the past," Dowdy said. "We should be able to comfortably rotate eight or nine guys each night out."

Juniors are Seth Rogers 5'11", Nate Gargas 5'9", Joe Rice 5'11", Braxton Foster 6'4", and Ethan Kincy 6'6".

Dexter traditionally starts the season with a vicious and challenging stretch of games. The Bearcats will open their season at Charleston on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 p.m. Then they will host Sikeston on Friday, December 1st at the Bearcat Event Center before entering the first round of the SEMO Conference Boys Basketball Tournament at Sikeston.

Dowdy hopes that with a tough schedule in the beginning it will get them battle ready and experience they might not otherwise get playing other teams. This will also help them when they enter the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament which Dexter won last season. The 'Cats also competed in the SCAA Conference which they won the regular season championship and finished with a record of 7-0. In the SCAA Tournament they finished second to Advance.

Their tough schedule will prepare them for a very difficult district which includes Sikeston, Perryville, Ste. Genevieve, Cape Central and Notre Dame. One may remember the great Sikeston vs Dexter game last year when they fell 56-54 to the Bulldogs in the Class 4, District 1 semifinal.

"Once we embrace the concept of giving an all-out effort when the clock is ticking, we have a chance to be a pretty good team."

**The Dexter High School Boys Basketball Schedule can be found by clicking [HERE](#).**

Below is the 2017 - 2018 Dexter Bearcats Varsity Roster.

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