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## 2019 DHS Baseball - New Season, New Leadership

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School baseball team is slated to open its season on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at East City Park where they will face the defending Class 3 state champion the Malden Green Wave at 10:00 a.m. and then Clearwater at 2:00 p.m.

The Bearcats lost six starters from the 2018 season that went 5-16. Longtime head coach Brian Becker retired and assistant coach Drew Pixley has now stepped up to take over as head coach in the 2019 season. There are also a lot of new faces at the varsity level as well.

Drew Pixley is a 2007 graduate of Dexter High School and was a three time 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-District during his high school baseball career. He played two years of college baseball at Mineral Area College before playing two more years at Murray State University graduating in 2012.

Pixley has a passion for baseball there is no doubt that he will bring a lot of knowledge and experience to the plate. He moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2014 and worked for Elite Baseball where his main focus was to develop young baseball players and prepare them to play at the next level. He worked with more than 120 athletes that have either played baseball, are currently playing, or are signed to play next year. He also helped analyze swing mechanics for Derek Fisher, who is currently playing for the Houston Astros as an outfielder and was a 2017 World Series Champion.

It's great to have him back in Dexter working with our youth and developing talent on the baseball field. He is assisted by his father, Aaron Pixley, and by veteran assistant coach

Cody Boyer.

The 2019 Bearcat Baseball Team is comprised of the following players in alphabetical order: Carson Bell, Taylor Condict, Bradyn Crockett, Andrew Dodson, Peyton Driskill, Ben Dyle, Braxton Greenfield, Corey Hawkins, Garrett Henson, Haden Hillis, Caleb Hoggard, Trey Johnson, Dawson Jones, Josh Kaufman, Ethan Kincy, Diego McCormick, Clay Prance, Camden Riley, Adam Saylor, Riley Slusher, Luke Thurston, Tristan Williams and Tyler Wright.

Senior this year are Tristan Williams, Tyler Wright, Luke Thurston, Dawson Jones, Caleb Hoggard and Ethan Kincy.

#5 Tristan Williams P, OF

#3 Tyler Wright P, OF

#6 Luke Thurston P, 2B

#9 Dawson Jones P, UTIL

#16 Caleb Hoggard P, OF

#21 Ethan Kincy P, C, 1B

Juniors are Haden Hillis, Carson Bell, Garrett Henson, and Trey Johnson.

#15 Haden Hillis P, OF

#17 Carson Bell OF

#23 Garrett Henson P, 3B, 1B

#20 Trey Johnson P, 3B

Sophomores are Josh Kaufman, Ben Dyle, Clay Prance, Riley Slusher, Peyton Driskill, Corey Hawkins, and Bradyn Crockett.

#8 Josh Kaufman OF

#25 Ben Dyle P, 1B

#26 Clay Prance 1B

#24 Riley Slusher P, 1B, 3B

#10 Peyton Driskill P, SS, C

#18 Corey Hawkins P

11 Bradyn Crockett C

Freshmen are Diego McCormick, Taylor Condict, Andrew Dodson, Adam Saylor, Camden Riley, and Braxton Greenfield.

#2 Diego McCormick P, OF

#7 Taylor Condict P, 3B

#12 Andrew Dodson P, OF

#13 Adam Saylor P, INF

#4 Camden Riley P, INF

#1 Braxton Greenfield P, OF

2019 Dexter High school Baseball Schedule:

Sat 3/16 10 a.m. vs Malden (Home)

Sat 3/16 2 p.m. vs Clearwater (Home)

Tue 3/19 4 p.m. vs East Carter County (Home)

Wed 3/20 4 p.m. vs Kennett (Home)

Sat 3/23 1 p.m. vs Oran (Away)

Sat 3/23 3 p.m. vs Valle Catholic (Away)

Tue 3/26 4 p.m. @ Cape Central

Fri 3/29 TBA @ Notre Dame Showcase (Varsity Only)

Mon 4/1 4:30 p.m. @ Campbell (Varsity Only)

Wed 4/3 4:30 p.m. @ Notre Dame

Thu 4/4 4:30 p.m. vs Perryville (Home)

Mon 4/8 4:30 p.m. @ Sikeston

Wed 4/10 4 p.m. vs Chaffee (Home)

Thu 4/11 vs NMCC (Home)

Mon 4/15 4:30 p.m. @ Poplar Bluff

Tue 4/16 4:30 p.m. @ Jackson

Mon 4/22 4 p.m. @ Doniphan

Wed 4/24 4:30 p.m. @ Cooter

4/26 - 4/29 SEMO Varsity Conference (TBA)

Thu 5/2 4 p.m. vs Twin Rivers (Home)

5/3 - 5/4 SEMO Conference JV Tournament (TBA)

Mon 5/6 4 p.m. vs Portageville (Home) Senior Night

5/10 - 5/18 Districts (TBA)

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# 2019 Poplar Bluff 7th Grade Volleyball Classic Tournament

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## 2019 Poplar Bluff 7th Grade Volleyball Classic Tournament

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Six junior high/middle school volleyball teams will compete at the annual Poplar Bluff 7th Grade Volleyball Classic.

Poplar Bluff, Greenville, Zalma, Dexter, Bloomfield, and Doniphan will take the court in Pool Play on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Seeds for Pool A: #1 Poplar Bluff, #2 Greenville, #3 Zalma

Seeds for Pool B: #1 Dexter, #2 Bloomfield, #3 Doniphan

Schedule for Pool Play:

Court #1 9:00 a.m. Poplar Bluff vs Zalma

Court #1 9:45 a.m. Greenville vs Zalma

Court #1 10:30 a.m. Poplar Bluff vs Greenville

Court #2 9:00 a.m. Dexter vs Doniphan

Court #2 9:45 a.m. Bloomfield vs Doniphan

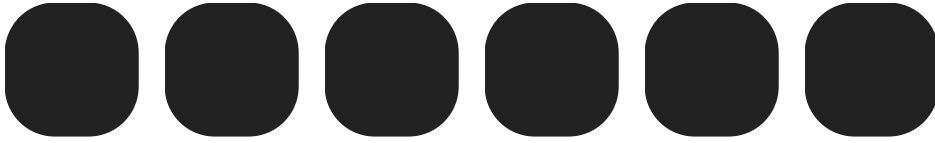
Court #2 10:30 a.m. Dexter vs Bloomfield

Silver and Gold Bracket will follow after a short break.

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## Former Pro Athlete Donates Memorabilia to Alma Mater

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### Former Pro Athlete Donates Memorabilia to Alma Mater

Poplar Bluff High School Class of 1967 graduate Eddie Moss, who went on to play in the NFL, donated his collection of sports memorabilia on Friday, Feb. 22, for a new Mules wall of fame display, spearheaded by security officer Wesley Lewis.

Moss, who comes from a large family of “super athletes,” according to Lewis, was selected in the 13th round of the NFL draft in 1972 by the Buffalo Bills, and went on to play for the St. Louis Football Cardinals from 1973-76, along with the Washington Redskins from 1977-78. Previously a top rusher in back-to-back seasons at Southeast Missouri State University, Moss was named a member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

Now retired in St. Louis, Moss decided he would pass on his prized possessions—which included a professional portrait, official resolution, newspaper article, sports program, award plaque and signed jersey—to his alma mater because he thought it would be “something good for the kids,” he said.

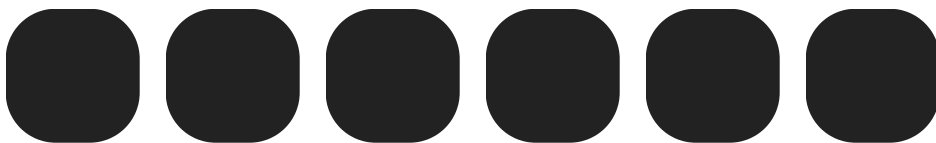
Pictured: Poplar Bluff native Eddie Moss (center) drove down from his home in St. Louis to contribute to the revamped display at PBHS. Also pictured is security officer Wesley Lewis (left) and Rod Priest, R-I assistant superintendent of business, who both graduated in the Class of 1979.

Article and photo submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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## Lady Raiders Crowned Region XVI Champions, Move on to NJCAA District K Championship

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Three Rivers College Lady Raiders basketball team defeated Moberly Area Community College 82-77 to become the Region XVI Champions on Sunday, March 3. The Lady Raiders are now 26-3 for the season.

The Lady Raiders will host Iowa Western Community College for the NJCAA District K Championship Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Libla Family Sports Complex on the Three Rivers campus. The cost to attend the game is \$5. TRC employees and their families and students will receive free admission with their TRC IDs.

“We’re so proud of the way our team has performed this year,” said Lady Raiders Co-Head Coach Jeff Walk. “We hope the community comes out to cheer them on in the District K Championship on Friday. It’s going to be a great game to watch.”

“We’re asking everyone to wear gold in support of the Lady Raiders,” said Alex Wiggs, Co-Head Coach of the Lady Raiders. “We would love to see a ‘solid gold’ crowd.”

Three Rivers will have shuttle service running from TRC parking lots and the Westwood Center starting one hour before Friday’s game. Signs are posted at pick-up locations in the parking lots.

If the Lady Raiders win the District K Championship, they will move on to play in the National Tournament in Lubbock, Texas, March 18-23.

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## PBHS January Athletes of the Month

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### PBHS January Athletes of the Month

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named Paige Earls and Kendric Gordon of Poplar Bluff High School the January Athletes of the Month, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Kendric, a senior wrestler, has a 30-10 record with 18 pins this season. He was named the Parkway South and SEMO Conference champion, was runner-up in the Tiger Classic, and went undefeated at the Marshfield Duals.

“Kendric has had a tremendous work ethic this year and is working toward districts,” his coach Kelton Thompson said.

Paige, a sophomore wrestler, has a 6-3 record, and placed third in districts. She is the first state qualifier in Lady Mules history, according to the coaching staff.

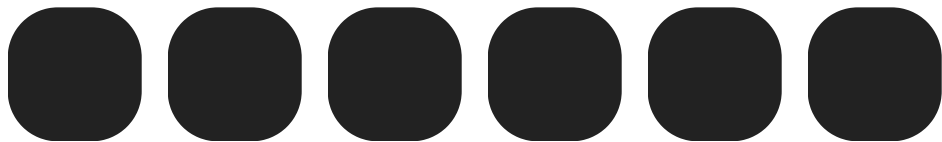
“Paige has been working hard since her seventh grade year and has qualified for the first ever girls state championship series,” noted Thompson, who is also the girls wrestling coach.

Pictured: Presenting the AOM awards on Tuesday, Feb. 12, to Kendric Gordon and Paige Earls is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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