

Dexter Kicks Off Season

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Dexter football kicks off the 2009 season hosting Garden City 7 p.m. Friday at Al Ritt Stadium.

Excitement is high as the Dreadnaughts look to improve upon last year's 1-8 overall record. With a 44-man varsity roster this season, Dexter begins its quest for a berth in the state playoffs against the Cougars. The Dreadnaughts have never qualified for the state's football playoffs. It takes six wins to automatically advance to the postseason.

Garden City enters the 2009 season in similar fashion as Dexter. The Cougars, whose colors are blue and orange, are coming off a 2-7 season a year ago. Garden City hasn't won five or more ballgames since 2003 when it finished 5-4.

The Cougars have made the state playoffs in 2000 (7-4 overall) and 1999 (8-3 overall).

Both Dexter and Garden City had a foe in common last season. The Cougars lost to Ypsilanti 35-3, while the Dreadnaughts fell to the Phoenix 31-9.

Garden City, a blue-collar, western suburb of Detroit, begins its inaugural season this year in the Western Wayne Red Division. For many seasons, the Cougars were members of the Michigan Mega Conference's Blue Division.

Last season, Garden City scored 125 points, while allowing 282 points.

In contrast, last year Dexter scored 139 points and gave up 363 points.

Since 2000, the Cougars have had overall records of 7-4 (2000), 4-5 (2001), 2-7 (2002), 5-4 (2003), 1-8 (2004), 3-6 (2005), 0-9 (2006) and 2-7 (2007).

During that same time span, the Dreadnaughts have had overall records of 0-9 (2000), 2-7 (2001), 3-6 (2002), 1-8 (2003), 3-6 (2004), 5-4 (2005), 4-5 (2006) and 3-6 (2007).

Last year, Dexter's lone victory was 21-20 over Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Garden City's two wins were 38-15 over Taylor Kennedy and 26-18 over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

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