

Jaguars whistled into foul trouble

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The Grant County/Mott-Regent boys basketball team has been playing one whistle away from deep foul trouble, a trend that continued last week for the Jaguars. The Jaguars hosted Garrison on the Elgin court Jan. 6, with the train heading for a victory – until it got derailed in the fourth quarter for a 49-65 loss. With the game tied at 36-36 with 6:55 left to play, Garrison scored 31 points in the final quarter, including 14 free throws, to run away with the contest. Key players Mike Greff and Malachi Meyer were whistled out with five fouls, and two other players scraped to the end of the game with four fouls apiece. The Jaguars finished the first quarter with a one-point deficit, then

roared in the second quarter, outscoring the Troopers by 10 points, with William Grist and Greff combining for 16 of the quarter’s 20 points for the Jaguars. The Jaguars sailed some on-the-run assists to each other, displaying a gelling of the young team. Three in a row, including a long bomb from Greff to Grist, a lob from Rowan Prescott to Meyer and a bounce pass from Grist to Greff, led to the Troopers calling a timeout to regroup in the second quarter. A halftime reset allowed the Troopers to start chipping away at the lead until the scoreboard crumbled in the final quarter as the Jaguars battled through a 31-point gallop by the Troopers. On Jan. 9, the Jaguars faced Belfield on the Mott court in a high-

scoring 81-92 loss. “It was a run-and-gun kind of game,” Head Coach Pat Perkins said. “The boys played hard and well.” But fouls haunted the Jaguars again. “We had too much foul trouble at the end and not a deep enough bench,” Perkins said. Meyer fouled out and three players stood with

four fouls at the final buzzer. Grist poured in 27 points, with Greff adding 25 points in the showdown, with four Jaguars sinking treys. In the demonstration night on three-point shooting, Belfield netted nine three-pointers. The Jaguars return to the home court in Elgin Jan. 17 against Center-Stanton.

GCMR vs Garrison				
49-65				
GCMR	8	28	36	49
Garrison	9	19	34	65
Scoring: William Grist 18, Mike Greff 12, Malachi Meyer 7, Brayden Wiesinger 4, Rowan Prescott 4, Jaxton Olson 4. Three-point field goals: Grist 1, Greff 1.				
GCMR vs Belfield				
81-92				
GCMR	16	34	56	81
Belfield	21	38	64	92
Scoring: William Grist 27, Mike Greff 25, Malachi Meyer 14, Jaxton Olson 9, Brayden Wiesinger 5, Rowan Prescott 1. Three-point field goals: Grist 1, Greff 1, Meyer 1, Olson 1.				



Junior Malachi Meyer reaches for the jump ball during the tipoff against Garrison. | PHOTO BY LUANN DART

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Senior Mark Fitterer readies a pass for the Tiger offense. | PHOTO BY LUANN DART

that we’re doing well right now is playing really good defense.

And we are rebounding extremely well, and those are two key components,

especially with our scoring woes right now, that are keeping us in ball games or allowing us to win,” Jung said. “We just need to fix that hiccup. Last year, we went through something similar and then things started clicking and we started to get some other guys playing and all of a sudden we started scoring in the 60s instead of the 30s,” Jung said. The Tigers return home on Tuesday, Jan. 20, against Belfield.

Tigers continue streak

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The New England girls basketball team stands at 0-9 as the young team struggles on offense. The Tigers traveled to face Grant County/Mott-Regent Jan. 5 for a 26-47 loss (see related story), then hosted Lemmon at home for a 28-55 loss on Jan. 8. The team ended the week Jan. 10 in Flasher for a 16-42 loss. The Tigers return home Jan. 23 against Richardton-Taylor.

New England vs. Bowman County				
42-60				
New England	12	22	36	42
Bowman County	8	27	42	60
Scoring: Gage Madler 22, Jordan Jung 9, Mark Fitterer 9, Ty Wolf 2. Three-point field goals: Jung 1, Fitterer 1.				
New England vs. White Shield				
54-70				
New England	12	24	33	54
White Shield	17	37	47	70
Scoring: Gage Madler 18, Jordan Jung 12, Mark Fitterer 12, Breken Binstock 9, McKoy Stecher 2, Ty Wolf 1. Three-point field goals: Jung 1, Binstock 1.				

PUBLIC Notice

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING
The Hettinger County Planning/Zoning Board has received an application for a conditional use permit to allow Allo Tower and the State of North Dakota permission to build up to a 300' (305' with 5' lightning rod) wireless communication tower for the State's first responder SIRN network. The 305' tower will be located within a 50'x50' area of property. The location is in the SW ¼ of Section 2 134-93 – Mott Township. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 8:00 a.m., in the Commissioners room of the Hettinger County Courthouse, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, North Dakota. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (701)824-2515. Hettinger County Auditor Jeri G. Schmidt Published 1/8, 15

PUBLIC Notice

ND GOP District 39 Republicans are holding their Candidate Endorsing and State Delegate Conventions. Wednesday, January 28th, 2026 at the Hettinger Armory, 1207 4th Ave S. Hettinger, ND. Registration 5 PM - 6:30PM, meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Must be a registered district member at start of meeting to vote or be considered for placement as delegate or to be endorsed. If you would like to be considered as a delegate for the state convention March 28th and 29th, please contact the chair prior to the meeting. Nominations will be allowed on the floor. Pre-registration is available on the NDGOP District 39 website www.ndgopdistrict39.org \$39/Registration fee – Registration is good for two calendar years. Jacob Odermann - NDGOP District 39 Chairman - Phone 701-388-7284 Published 1/15

New England vs. Lemmon				
28-55				
New England	10	17	19	28
Kidder County	17	32	45	55
Scoring: Meadow Olsonawski 7, Kallie Dinius 6, Teagen Penn 6, Ayrison Magelky 6, Leighton Olsonawski 3. Three-point field goals: Leighton Olsonawski 1, Meadow Olsonawski 1, Penn 1.				
New England vs. Flasher				
16-42				
New England	3	9	11	16
Flasher	13	25	30	42
Scoring: Ayrison Magelky 6, Meadow Olsonawski 5, Hannah Dinius 2, Ella Binstock 2, Teagen Penn 1. Three-point field goals: Olsonawski 1.				

The Mott Rural Ambulance District will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Mott Fire Hall.

The public is welcome to attend.

Slope-Hettinger Soil Conservation District
4th Annual *Winter Ball* Must be 18+

Semi Formal Dress Code
Men- Nice jeans, collared shirt & optional sports jacket
Women- Black Tie/ Cocktail Dress

Ticket Prices
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7:30 P.M. Calcutta
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