

COUGARS

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Cougars to build a comfortable margin early and never look back. Balanced scoring, crisp ball movement, and hustle plays defined the effort from the opening tip through the final buzzer.

The momentum carried seamlessly into Friday’s matchup at Mandaree.

Even after a second long bus ride in four days, Central McLean stayed sharp, once again imposing a pace the Warriors struggled to match.

The Cougars’ depth proved valuable, with contributions coming across the roster.

Stingy defense limited Mandaree’s scoring chances, while the Cougars capitalized on transition opportunities and executed with confidence in the half-court.

The 70-point offensive output served as further evidence of a team finding rhythm earlier than expected.

Sparrow said he has been impressed not only with the results, but with the mindset the group has carried into the season.

“The girls have set high

expectations for the year,” he said. “Coming off these two wins has helped them see the results of their hard work and build some confidence moving into a tougher schedule.”

That schedule begins this week with the team finally getting the reward they’ve been waiting for: a chance to compete in front of their home crowd.

After more than 500 miles of early-season travel, the Cougars will take the floor in Underwood on Tuesday, December 9, hosting Kidder County in what should be their strongest test yet.

As Sparrow noted, the Cougars understand the season is long, and sustained success will come from steady improvement.

“They will just continue to take this season one game at a time and try to add new concepts to the offense and defenses,” Sparrow said. “They are excited to get to play at home in front of our fans after two long trips.”

After Kidder County, Central McLean hits the

road once again, traveling to Towner-Granville-Upham on Saturday, December 13, before a December 16 matchup at Linton/HMB.

With confidence building and roles taking shape, the Cougars will look to keep their early momentum rolling as December unfolds.

Through two games, Central McLean has already showcased a hallmark identity—high effort, quick tempo, and a unified approach. If the opening week is any indication, the Cougars appear ready to make noise across the Region 4 landscape in the weeks ahead.

CM Cougars Girls B-ball
CM at Hettinger-Scranton on Dec 2
61-22 CM wins
CM at Mandaree on Dec 5
70-34 CM wins

Upcoming Games:
Dec 9, 7:30 p.m. CST Kidder County
Dec 13, 2 p.m. CST at TGU
Dec 16, 7:30 p.m. CST at Linton/HMB

PUBLIC NOTICES

Agenda for Mercer City Meeting

- Thursday, December 11th, 2025
Mercer City Hall @ 7pm CST
1. Open Meeting
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
 4. Minutes from November 13th, 2025, regular meeting
 5. Financial Report
 6. Discuss paid bills (auto pay) & bills yet to be paid
 7. Water Bills & November Reports:
 8. Mercer Memorial Park Report
 9. New Mercer Community Center Report
- Old Business:
MCC bill for Moore Engineering
Otter Tail Power Easement Map
McLean County Property Auction
ND League of Cities membership
New Fuel Pump Switch
New MCC property deed
New Business:
CD #5645 was renewal
NDIRF Blanket Bond #2329
Gov Card monthly charge

- Bravera Online Bill pay charges
Bills
Otter Tail (all accounts) - \$635.45
WRT \$178.18
Waste Management \$1190.25
McLean Sheridan Rural Water \$1428.05
McLean Sheridan Rural Water \$252.46 (November billing charges)
McLean Sheridan Rural Water District - \$1428.05
ND Dept of Health (Water Testing) \$27.00
Old MCC Building: December 2025 Water & Sewer Bill \$71.00
Dept. Of Environmental Quality - \$183.52 Water testing
ND Rural Water Assn. Membership Renewal - \$270.00
Rust's Hardware Hank – November Statement- \$15.99
NorDak North Publications –\$155.00
Napa Auto Parts - Credit Statement (\$14.42) dated 09/30/2025
ND Job Service – Credit Statement for Unemployment overpayment (\$27.21)

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