

Tigers win a clincher

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The New England boys basketball team played two jamboree games during the holiday break, winning a nail-biter game against Kidder County, then dropping the second game to Park River/Fordville-Lankin.

A one-point 54-53 win over Kidder County Dec. 29 at Bismarck State College came down to the last seconds, when senior Jordan Jung hit the go-ahead basket with just six seconds ticking away on the clock.

When the Tigers were down by four points earlier in the final quarter, Jung hit a three-pointer, then hit another shot to momentarily put the Tigers ahead. Jung scored 20 points in the game, including 12 points beyond the arc.

That came after a quiet first quarter, with the Tigers only scoring four points in the entire quarter before coming alive the second quarter, with Jung hitting two treys in that quarter.

Eighth-grader Breken Binstock helped seal the game, with two treys in the fourth quarter for 12 total points in the game to join Jung in double digits.

While the Tigers found a win in the fourth quarter against Kidder County, the final quarter turned the tide against the Tigers in the 36-45 loss to Park River/Fordville-Lankin Dec. 30 at United Tribes Technical College.



Sophomore Koedyn Awender puts the defender under as he goes up for a basket against Kidder County. **I PHOTO BY LAYN MUDDER**

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Jung again led his team with 18 points, but the Tigers only put six points on the scoreboard the fourth quarter to fall behind Park River. The Tigers lost steam after holding Park River to just two points in the first quarter, as Jung sank two treys in that quarter for the Tiger lead.

The Tigers return home on Saturday, Jan. 17, to face Central McLean.

New England vs. Kidder County

54-53

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| New England | 4 | 25 | 41 | 54 |
| Kidder County | 10 | 21 | 41 | 53 |

Scoring: Jordan Jung 20, Breken Binstock 12, Gage Madler 9, Koedyn Awender 6, Mark Fitterer 4, Ty Wolf 2, McKoy Stecher 1. Three-point field goals: Jung 4, Binstock 2.

New England vs. Park River

36-45

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| New England | 11 | 20 | 30 | 36 |
| Park River | 2 | 17 | 34 | 45 |

Scoring: Jordan Jung 18, Gage Madler 9, Mark Fitterer 6, Breken Binstock 3. Three-point field goals: Jung 2, Binstock 1.

Tiger girls face losses in jamboree

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The New England girls basketball team played two jamboree games during the holiday break, dropping games to Kidder County, 39-63, and to Park River/Fordville-Lankin, 26-43.

Freshman Leighton Olsonawski sank two three-pointers to lead her team with 10 total points against Kidder County. While the Tigers stayed with Kidder County in the first quarter, the Wolves ran away with the scoreboard mid-game, outscoring the Tigers by 25 points in the second and third quarters.

Park River held the Tigers to just one basket in the first quarter to outrun New England from the opening.

Sophomore Ayrison Magelky led her team with eight points in the game.

The Tigers return to the home court Thursday, Jan. 8, against Lemmon.

New England vs. Kidder County

39-63

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| New England | 12 | 23 | 30 | 39 |
| Kidder County | 16 | 41 | 59 | 63 |

Scoring: Leighton Olsonawski 10, Meadow Olsonawski 7, Teagen Penn 7, Kallie Dinius 6, Ella Binstock 4, Ayrison Magelky 2, Hannah Dinius 2, Shya Epperly 1. Three-point field goals: Leighton Olsonawski 2, Meadow Olsonawski 1.

New England vs. Park River

26-43

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|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| New England | 2 | 10 | 14 | 26 |
| Park River | 12 | 23 | 35 | 43 |

Scoring: Ayrison Magelky 8, Shya Epperly 6, Hannah Dinius 4, Meadow Olsonawski 4, Kallie Dinius 2, Teagen Penn 2.

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 1/4 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
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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.



Freshman Hannah Dinius powers to the basket against the Wolves during the jamboree game. **I PHOTO BY LAYN MUDDER**