

Bantams riding the wave

Bantam boys soar to top of District 7 while winning six of last seven games

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Since just after Christmas 2025, the Belfield boys team has posted six-of-seven victories – with the only hiccup coming at Alexander on Jan. 13 in a narrow, 62-58 loss – and the Bantams bounced back with a big 75-59 home win during the weekend over District 5's Williston Trinity Christian on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Meanwhile, the girls fell to District 7 rivals Grant Co./Mott-Regent at home on Jan. 13, with the Jaguars perched atop the D7 standings at 8-5, 5-0 and the Bantams flagging behind with a 4-7 overall record and 0-3 in the district.

Bantams (boys) 75, Crusaders 59

Over the course of the 2025-26 schedule, Belfield's boys are averaging more than 68 points per game, and they all have come in handy down the stretch. With a 75-point output at home versus Williston – the fifth time this season the squad has surpassed the 70-point barrier – along with four athletes in double-figures against the Crusaders, the team seems to be firing on all cylinders, thus-far.

Junior guard Carter Corneil led the way against Williston with 22 points and classmate Rush Olson poured in 14, while sophomore sensation Sutton Johnson scored 12 and senior forward Shane Stroh contributed 10 to the cause. Making matters more difficult for the Crusaders, sophomore forward Noah Obrigewitch came close to double-digits with 9 points and senior



forward George Lockett scored 8 to help hold off the Williston Trinity charge.

Comets 62, Bantams (boys) 58

District 5 Alexander is 9-1 overall this year, and Belfield nearly rose to the road challenge for the win on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Corneil had another standout game with 27 points from the field and Stroh eclipsed the double-digit threshold with 13 while Obrigewitch added 11 right behind him and Olson came close with 7.

The Bantams also pulled down a combined 30 rebounds in the game and shot over 45-percent from the field, but were only 8-of-18 from the free-throw line during the tight contest and gave up 21 turnovers.

Jaguars 61, Bantams (girls) 42

Grant Co./Mott-

Regent managed to race to a quick 28-20 lead by the halftime buzzer and pulled away with 33 second-half points on their way to the win over Belfield on Jan. 13, with the Jaguars' Jada Ottmar scoring a game-high 18 points – which included five shots from 3-point range – 14 from multi-sport standout Emily Manolovits and 13 more for Summer Meyer. In all, the scorching shooting from GC/M-R was too much for the hosts as the Jags sank eight shots from beyond the arc during the game.

For Belfield, junior forward Hadley Talkington scored 7 of her team-high 13 points in the first half as Grant County was in the middle of their torrid shooting on the night, and senior forward Sydney Froehlich converted a trey in the final frame on

her way to 8. Freshman forward Presley Buckman and Claire Shypkoski each added 7 to get close to double-digits, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Jaguars' scoring onslaught.

For the girls, Belfield's Saturday showdown with McIntosh, SD was canceled due to inclement weather and the Bantams traveled to Tioga on Monday, Jan. 19 and were away on Tuesday to South Heart for the big Eagles/Bantams rivalry matchup on – but the results were posted after press-time. Next-up for the girls will be a Friday, Jan. 24 at non-division Garrison as part of a five-game road-trip.



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The Belfield boys are riding atop the District 7 standings with a 7-3 overall record and are 2-0 in the district, while the girls stand at 4-7, 0-3.

The boys squared off with New England on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 20 in a game that was likewise posted after press-time. But the Bantams will be back in action this weekend on Saturday, Jan. 24 at non-division Garrison as part of a five-game road-trip.

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Pioneer will have write-ups for all these games in next-week's Jan. 29 edition of the paper.

For more information about Belfield Public School and all its activities, please keep reading the Billings County Pioneer and/or visit their website at www.belfield.k12.nd.us.

SECTION 00100 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given, that separate sealed bids for the construction of **MEDORA LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT** will be received by the **City of Medora, North Dakota** at the office of the **City Auditor, 465 Pacific Avenue, PO Box 418A, Medora, North Dakota** until 1:30 p.m., local time on January 29, 2026, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

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Dated at Medora, North Dakota the 30th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Derwin Zuroff
Derwin Zuroff, Mayor
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1929 N Washington St #A-1
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/s/ James Schmidt
Executive Dir. of NDSEB