

# Momentum builds

## Post 144 Knights split three doubleheaders, rise to 9-6-1

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Over the last week, the William C. Blair Post 144 Knights American Legion "A" team was three-up and three-down while splitting double-headers at home against Bismarck on Tuesday, June 30, Central McLean on the road the following day and on Thursday, July 2 over visiting Washburn. The team now stands at 9-6-1 on the season with about two weeks left to play.

**Barons 12, Knights 11 Knights 9, Barons 1**

Bismarck managed to edge out the visiting Belfield Knights in a 12-11 thriller in game one before Post 144 bounced back in the nightcap, 9-1. But while the Knights significantly outthit the Barons down the stretch, 12-7, 4 errors stood squarely on the path to a road win in the opener.

Brayden Buckman was one of four Knights with multi-hit outings in that early showdown, going a perfect 2-for-2 with a double, 2 runs and 2 RBI, while pitcher Payton Schiermeister helped his cause on the mound with a 2-for-5 effort that featured a triple, 2 runs and one driven home. Centerfielder Lane Hoff went 3-for-4 with 3 RBI and another triple, and first-baseman Eli Bock joined the hit-parade with a three-bagger on a 2-for-4 performance while crossing the plate twice and sending one home, himself.

On the basepaths, Connor Honeyman was responsible for 2 of the Knights' combined six cases of theft in the game, and Schiermeister fanned 5 during his four innings of work on the hill.

Belfield controlled the second-half of the twin-bill with 8 runs in the third inning as they coasted to victory, with Schiermeister behind the dish in a 2-for-3 performance at the plate that saw him drive in 3 and score a run with a triple and a homer. Shortstop Hoff added a triple during a 2-for-2 game with a run and 2 RBI, and Brayden Buckman scored twice and drove one in while outfielder Jake McCann also scored 2 runs.

Meanwhile, Kirby Dietz and Bock combined on a 1-hitter while walking zero batters and striking out one Bismarck batter.

**Cougars 7, Knights 6 Knights 20, Cougars 4**

Another game-one thriller awaited the visitors to Central McLean on the first day of July as Buckman and Peyton Erickson combined on the bump to strike out 12 Cougar batters and walk only 3 while surrendering 7 hits over six innings.

Buckman also shined at the plate with a 2-for-4 showing while driving in 2 and Schiermeister was 2-for-3 with a double and a pair of RBI as well, and Bock ended up with a multi-hit game at 2-for-3 with a run and a double as Honeyman crossed the plate 3 times to keep the game close.

In game two, the box-score looked like a minefield for all the numbers on it as Buckman drove in 3 runs and scored while outfielder Josh Davidson came across the plate 3 times and drove in 3 more. Erickson found his way home for 3 runs and drove in 2 and Hoff went 2-for-4 with 2 runs and 2 RBI. Schiermeister was another multi-hitter during a 2-for-4 game that added 2 runs and 2 RBI, while Bock was 2-for-3 with 3 runs and an RBI.

Bock, Hoff and Trevor Roberts split duties on the mound and combined for 3 Ks and 3 walks while giving up only 2 hits, with Hoff taking the win.

**Knights 5, Washburn 2 Washburn 13, Knights 1**

Post 144 got the jump in the opener as the visitors outthit Washburn 10-6 down the stretch and Erickson tossed a complete-game gem that saw him mow down 12 and scatter 6 hits while allowing zero free-passes.



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Kirby Dietz notched a dinger and Bock doubled in a 3-for-4 performance with a pair of runs, while Hoff was the other multi-hitter during a 2-for-4 effort that saw him score a pair of runs and drive in 1.

In the lopsided nightcap, Post 144 were outthit 15-4 with Washburn scoring consistently throughout the contest. McCann scored the only Knights' run in the third inning after doubling and Hoff had a multi-hit game at 2-for-3 that included a double of his own.

But the Belfield bats were flat in game two despite Honeyman and Dietz combining for 12 strikeouts and allowing 5 walks, while the visitors were snakebit in the field on 5 total errors.

**Bears 4, Knights BR 1 Bears 12, Knights BR 0**

Jacob Honeyman and Tripp Schiermeister provided the only hits in the opener – both rapping doubles – and Honeyman drove in the only run in the game, but three pitchers – Jett Ewoniuk, Honeyman

Roberts combined with David Sitter to sit down 6 RT batters and hold the hosts to a single hit in game one.

Tripp Schiermeister and Will Pavlicek both doubled and Schiermeister drove in 3 runs in a 2-for-2 effort that also saw him cross home plate twice. Jacob Honeyman also was 2-for-2 while scoring 3 runs and sending 2 home, while Colby Buckman went 2-for-4 with a run and 2 RBI and Leatherwood connected on a 2-for-3 performance with a run and 3 RBI.

Pavlicek and Tucker Buckman also drove in 2 apiece, while Roberts also stole 3 bags.

Game two only lasted two frames and there were no multi-hit efforts down the stretch, but Belfield/SH were economical as Ryker Schiermeister and Pavlicek each drove in 2 and Colby Buckman came home twice along with Sitter.

Schiermeister, meanwhile, struck out 3 while allowing zero hits and 1 walk for the win.

The Knights were on the road at Hettinger's Three Bears 18U on Monday and at Garrison on July 8, but the results weren't available by press-time. Post 144 will host Hazen's Post 189 on Friday, July 10 and Walleye 18U on July 13 before closing out their

2026 summer schedule at Beulah on July 15. Meanwhile, the Belfield/SH Knights Babe Ruth squad was in Bowman on Monday, July 6 and away to Hazen on Tuesday and will finish their season at Dickinson on Thursday, July 9.

The Billings County Pioneer will have all these game stories in future editions of the paper.

For more information about Belfield Public School and South Heart Public School, and all their activities, please keep reading the Billings County Pioneer and/or visit their websites at [www.belfield.k12.nd.us](http://www.belfield.k12.nd.us) or [www.southheart.k12.nd.us](http://www.southheart.k12.nd.us). Please see the Billings County Pioneer's Facebook page for more photo-galleries and videos.

### Request for Bid

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**REQUEST FOR BID STANDING HAY ON RIGHT-OF-WAY INTERSTATE 94 DICKINSON DISTRICT**

NDDOT will accept sealed bids at the district office. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Please submit your bid response on the attached form. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, "Bids for Standing Hay", and submitted to Dickinson District, 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 by 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, July 9th, 2026. Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Contractor must take all sections they show interest in on their bid for which they are high bidders. Failure to take all sections as requested in the bid request voids the bid and next rank of bidders is considered. The department will send out a notice of award to the successful bidder.

If no bid is received for a section, the department will take the first reasonable offer received. The District office will determine if the offer is reasonable.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract agreeing to the terms and conditions for Hay Harvesting and to provide a CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE that meets the Risk Management Appendix. The waiver of subrogation must be included and be worded exactly as stated in the Risk Management Appendix. Attached is a copy of the Risk Management Appendix and a sample Certificate of Liability Insurance for review.

The terms of the bid are such that the bid must be paid in full by July 13th, 2026. Payment must be made to NDDOT. Failure to make payment is deemed a rejection of the proposed contract.

Haying cannot begin until the payment is received, the insurance document is approved and the contract is signed.

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**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. CHAPTER 75-02-13 FAMILY PAID CAREGIVER PROGRAM**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-13 relating to definitions, application and eligibility, and administration at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol. The proposed changes are effective June 29, 2026, as interim final rules under North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-03(2)(c) to avoid a delay in implementing an appropriations measure (section 2 of 2025 Senate Bill No. 2305); the rules are required for the Department of Health and Human Services to comply with the opinion and order of the Supreme Court for the State of North Dakota in *Ferderer v. North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services*, 2026 ND 81, 34 N.W.3d 168 (N.D. 2026).

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zone offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2026.