



Night Hawks dominate Quiz Bowl

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Boy's baseball

APRIL

7 Hazen @ Mirror Lake Ball Park Rescheduled 4/24
 9 Shiloh Christian at MLBP Rescheduled 4/10
 10 Shiloh Christian L 3-0
 14 Wash/Wilton/Ctr-Stanton Rescheduled 5/9
 16 Heart River W 14-1
 21 Beulah at MLBP
 23 Hazen W 8-7
 24 Hazen L 4-3
 28 Shiloh Christian at MLBP 4:00
 30 Wash/Wilton/Ctr-Stanton at MLBP 3:30

MAY

5 Heart River at MLBP 4:00
 9 Wash/Wilton/Ctr-Stanton
 7 Beulah (Away) 3:30
 14 Hazen (Away)
 18-21 Hazen (Away) TBD
 28-30 2026 NDHSAA Class B Baseball State Tournament Jack Brown Stadium 10:30

Boy's golf

APRIL

23 JH/JV Hettinger Country Club
 27 JH/JV Killdeer (Away)
 28 Varsity Hettinger Country Club 9:00

MAY

1 JH/JV Mott-Regent (Away) 9:00
 4 JV Hazen (Away) 8:30
 4 JH Beulah (Away) 8:30
 5 Varsity Hazen (Away) 9:00
 7 JH/JV Beulah (Away) 9:00
 9 JH/JV Hettinger Country Club 9:00
 14 Varsity South Heart (Away) 9:00
 18 Varsity Killdeer (Away) 9:00
 19 JH/JV Flasher (Away) 9:00
 21 Varsity Regionals at South Heart TBD
 26 Varsity Regionals at South Heart TBD

JUNE

2-3 2026 NDHSAA Class B Boy's Golf State Tournament Cross Roads Golf Course 8:00

Boy's & Girl's Track & Field

APRIL

7 Bowman JH (Away) 2:00
 13 Bowman JH (Away) 2:00
 14 Bowman V (Away) 2:00
 17 Lemmon JH (Away) TBD
 20 Beach JH (Away) 1:30
 23 Bowman V (Away) 12:00
 27 Hazen JH (Away) 1:00
 28 Dickinson Trinity at Biesiot Act Ctr 12:00

MAY

4 Dickinson Trinity at Biesiot Act Ctr 12:00
 5 Beach V (Away) 1:00
 12 Beach V (Away) 10:00
 21-23 2026 NDHSAA Class B Girl's and Boy's Track & Field State Tournament Bismarck Community Bowl 2:00

In most schools the athletes receive the most publicity. But we are going to change that in this article about the North Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned Academic Olympics (Acalympics). Advisor Jason Lefebre said the competition subjects are broad and makes participants dig deep in their knowledge, both domestically and internationally. He asks each core subject teacher (English, science, math, history, geography and creative arts) for three of their students they believe would excel the best in competition.

Some of the competitions only require the contestant to write down the answer, however the Lemmon Quiz Bowl is different. The quiz bowl

requires coordination in being able to push the buzzer button if you are sure of the answer within just a few seconds and to speak in public—radio and live stream. Therefore not all students with the highest grades are suitable for competition nor do they necessarily want to compete.

The teams delve into competition without any practice.

Acalympics involves students in grades 7th through 12th grades. The middle schoolers (grades 7 through 9) took 4th out of 19 teams at “regionals” in Richardton on March 17th. The middle school level do not attend a state competition. These schools included all schools from the southwest corner of North Dakota.

The high schoolers,



MATTHEW TANSKA-HEESCH, CASEY KINDSFATER, ELLE BURNS AND BRYLY KUNKEL are 2026 KBJM/KNDC Quiz Bowl champions. | Submitted photo

grades 10 through 12, competed Hazen back in February, finishing 6th out of 19 teams.

The big finish was the KBJM/KNDC Quiz Bowl in Lemmon on April 15. The event was aired on area radio stations and, at least, Hettinger school's live stream.

The competition included 8 area schools of Grant County, Mott/Regent, McIntosh, Lemmon, Bison, Faith, Harding County and the 2026 quiz bowl champions, the Hettinger Night Hawks.

The event is on the order of Jeopardy where you push a buzzer button and, hopefully beating the competition, give a correct answer to earn your team points. It was a double elimination tournament and took approximately 10 hours to complete.

Hettinger dominated the competition, going 4 – 0, answering questions in history, current events, religion, science, English, pop culture, movies, actors, actresses, spelling and as Mr. LeFebre said, “crushed the Greek

Mythology section.” The tougher the questions, the more points they were worth. The team earned an average of 165 points and finished Number One!

The next great accomplishment was the Math Meet in New England on April 15th. This competition involved 15 schools and approximately 60 students in each grade from fourth through 8th. The seventh grade team took home the top prize by winning First Overall.

As you think, the meet involves math but not just basic math of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It also includes measurements, word problems and a division called Odds & Ends which is a mixture of everything mathematically that is not in the first 3 sections. Each test takes approximately 38 minutes so it is a long day of testing.

Each individual's score not only determines if that individual wins but there is a team test added to those score totals which determines the team's placing.

Katie Kilzer and Jacie Ness, fourth graders, were both one point away from winning a trophy individually. The 4th grade team of Hatti West, Hunter Wangler, Katie Kilzer and Jacie Ness placed 4th.

The 5th grade team of Julia Ranum, Citti Christman, Kari Kessel and Grayson Miller placed 6th. Mrs. Brooke Schneider said the 4th and 5th grade students were right on track with the rest of the schools.

Paxton Glines, Britton Stadheim, Liam Kruger and Jacob Kruger were the 6th grade team and finished 4th overall.

Overall champions were the 7th grade team of Sam Kilzer, Jake Kessel, Rachel Ranum and Camdyn Fried. Good work!

Eighth grader Daxton Kunkel earned first place individually. The rest of the team, Alyssa Henderson, Mark Pineiro, Nathan Buckmier and Charlee Weinert helped the team finish first! Daxton answered 34 of 40 questions correctly to earn his first place trophy.

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