

## Welcome to this MHSА State Tournament.

On behalf of the member schools of the MHSА, the Executive Director, and the office staff, your cooperation in supporting high school events is greatly appreciated.



# ***MEDIA NOTES***

**MEDIA MATERIALS ARE LINKED ON THE MHSА WEBSITE AT:**

<https://www.mhsa.org/media-resources/>

**MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT.**

*Some informational reminders:*

1. Only bona-fide media representatives are entitled to a pass. To receive a pass, one must have Montana Newspaper Association's credentials, must be a television station employee with proper identification or must be a radio station employee with proper identification. Prior pass arrangements with tournament management should be made by Monday of the tournament week.
2. Please display your press pass to assist tournament officials and workers.
3. For the safety of the high school athletes and because of MHSА insurance coverage, please be conscious of equipment and of photographer placement. If you have questions, please ask tournament personnel.
4. Photo Policy: Access to the floor is granted only to credentialed members of the media. Passes are issued with the understanding that any photos taken are for the exclusive use of the publication represented. Any other use, including but not limited to the sale of any images, is strictly prohibited except as expressly and specifically authorized by MHSА. **Mat access will not be allowed for wrestling tournaments.**
5. Please talk to designated tournament managers if special services are needed. MHSА personnel will do their best to accommodate your requests.
6. Your assistance in ensuring access for all media outlets throughout the tournament is needed. Media personnel seated at the tables must be actively covering/broadcasting the current game.
  - Print media are authorized to utilize space at the media table during games they are actively covering.
  - Broadcasters are authorized to utilize space at the media table (or booth, if applicable) during the games they broadcast.

When not actively covering a game, seats must be vacated, and equipment moved. Your assistance is appreciated.

7. Web site: state results are posted on the web. Visit the site at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org).
8. For additional assistance, please see the tournament manager.

## ***MHSA HANDBOOK EXCERPT: Policies on Radio, Media, Photography, Video, Webcast and Replay***

### **Section (31) RADIO BROADCASTING POLICY**

The Montana High School Association and the Montana Broadcaster's Association agree to the following joint policies on the radio broadcasting of MHSA Athletic Activities (revised policy effective July 1, 1994):

- A. The host member school shall be responsible for the local policies concerning radio broadcasting of all MHSA athletic events other than district, divisional, and state tournaments and playoffs and exhibitions. Member schools and local stations shall work cooperatively to promote the broadcasting of both male and female activities.
- B. The radio broadcasting of district, divisional, and state tournaments and playoffs and exhibitions shall be controlled by the MHSA Executive Board with the following guidelines:
  - 1. Any radio stations that declare their broadcasting interests to the tournament/playoff manager no less than three days in advance of the scheduled event shall, without charge, be granted permission to broadcast such contests.
  - 2. Radio stations with permission to broadcast any contests have an obligation to provide a reasonable amount of free air-time prior to the event to promote attendance and ticket availability of the tournament/playoff game.
  - 3. The local radio station serving the market that normally has carried and promoted tournament/playoff representatives' contests throughout the season shall be given first right of broadcasting facilities in the site location. This local station will broadcast the contests of any local teams participation, as well as, the consolation and championship contests.
  - 4. The tournament/playoff manager shall determine and assign broadcasting space to all other stations requesting permission. Assigned location shall be desirable for broadcasting and limited to no more than three (3) people. The tournament manager will provide a limit of three media passes if they are needed. These passes must be used by the broadcast team members only and are not transferable.
  - 5. Radio stations may request feeds from any radio station broadcasting the tournament/playoff contests. All stations are responsible for making their own broadcast arrangements. If feeds are not available, the stations may request permission to broadcast those contests of interest.
- C. The privilege to broadcast is granted on the following conditions:
  - 1. There shall be no announcements or advertisements contrary to the principles of high school athletics.
  - 2. Stations shall be responsible for any and all expenses incidental to setting up and broadcasting the activity.
  - 3. Reports of accidents, injuries, or other incidents should be minimized and factual to prevent or minimize undue anxiety on the part of the listener.
  - 4. Radio stations providing "feeds" will adhere to the format approved by the Montana Broadcaster's Association.
  - 5. No commercials or advertisements on behalf of or at the request of the MHSA will be broadcast without a signed Timed Brokerage Agreement between the Montana Broadcasters Association and the Montana High School Association.
  - 6. At all times, the sportscasters should be unbiased and shall use good judgment in providing an objective, fair and professional presentation of the contests. The sportscasters should "report" the contests rather than judge or criticize the performance of the officials, coaches or players. Broadcasts should reflect sensitivity and a caring attitude towards the contests' participants.
  - 7. Stations have demonstrated efforts to broadcast post season events for both genders when applicable.
- D. Stations that are not in compliance with MHSA policies on broadcasting will be notified in writing by the MHSA of details of their non-compliance and be allowed to respond and remedy the problem before their requests to broadcast are declined.

### **Section (32) POLICIES FOR VIDEO, CYBERCASTING, TELECASTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF MHSA EVENTS**

The MHSA reserves the exclusive authority to regulate photographic and video recordings and their distribution, including but not limited to photos, tapes, CD's, DVD's, broadcasts, telecasts, cybercasts, video-streaming, audio-streaming and other mediums. The Montana High School Association is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all audiovisual recording, filming, videotaping, telecasting, webcasting and photography of MHSA events involving MHSA member schools.

The MHSA and its member schools will consider equitable coverage of both male and female activities when granting permission for any photography, filming, audio and/or video recording, and the subsequent use of those mediums.

All regular season and post season audiovisual rights may be granted to other parties as stipulated below:

## ***MHSA HANDBOOK EXCERPT: Policies on Radio, Media, Photography, Video, Webcast and Replay***

### **A. Videotaping/Filming:**

1. All videotaping shall be conducted from an area designated by the event manager or tournament manager.
2. No videotaping shall be conducted for commercial purposes unless previously approved by the MHSA Executive Director.
3. Videotaping by spectators is allowed only from designated areas and only for private home use (not for distribution, broadcast or cybercast).
4. Videotaping by school/team representatives is allowed only from designated areas and only for use by the individual school program (not for distribution, broadcast or cybercast). Schools or their representatives may videotape only those specific competitions in which their students participate.
5. Videotaping by media and commercial outlets is allowed only from designated areas and is regulated as outlined below.

### **B. News Media Broadcast, Telecast, Cybercast and Video Display:**

1. News media may air, broadcast, telecast, cybercast, audio-stream, video-stream or display highlights only in a bona fide newscast or through an approved MHSA media outlet or website. "Bona fide newscast" is defined as a half hour or one hour program that is regularly scheduled and includes news, weather and sports, e.g., the 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. newscasts on broadcast television stations. Entertainment and commercial uses of highlights are not considered "bona fide newscasts" and shall not be permitted without the written consent of MHSA.
2. News media may display highlights of an event in progress as part of a bona fide newscast so long as such highlights are not live excerpts.
3. News media highlights may not exceed five (5) minutes per event (or per day of multiple day events such as post season tournaments) of running time total in any one newscast or via an approved MHSA media outlet website.
4. News media highlights may not be sold or transferred in any way except for transfers from newspaper to newspaper within the same publishing corporation or from a newspaper to a bona fide news agency. Media highlights may not be used commercially or in any other manner not specifically set forth above without the written consent of MHSA, except for provisions granted in Section E, #3 of this policy.
5. At all times, the sportscasters should be unbiased and shall use good judgment in providing an objective, fair and professional presentation of the contests. The sportscasters should "report" the contests rather than judge or criticize the performance of the officials, coaches or players. Broadcasts should reflect sensitivity and a caring attitude towards the contests' participants.
6. The MHSA may revoke or refuse to issue credentials to any person or entity failing to comply with these guidelines.

### **C. Commercial Broadcast, Telecast, Cybercast and Video Display:**

1. All commercial broadcast, telecast, cybercast or video display of any regular or post-season event must be approved by the MHSA Executive Director. Rights and conditions (including fees) of live commercial broadcasts, telecasts, and/or cybercasts of regular and post season events will be specified through written consent of the MHSA.
2. When granted authority for commercial broadcast, telecast, cybercast or video display of MHSA events, the commercial entity must comply with the conditions set forth by MHSA, including any safety, contractual, fiscal, or other concerns that apply. The MHSA will consider the promotion of both male and female activities when granting authority.

### **D. Non-Media/Non-Commercial Tape Delay Policy:**

Any filming by private or non-media outlets that is intended for tape-delayed broadcast, telecast, or cybercast must meet the following criteria:

1. All non-media, non-profit filming for any post-season event must be approved by the MHSA Executive Director. Rights and conditions (including fees) of tape-delayed broadcasts, telecasts, and/or cybercasts of post season events will be specified through written consent of the MHSA. The MHSA will consider the promotion of both male and female activities when granting authority. Schools may request permission to live-stream their post season events from the Executive Director only if they are a member of the NFHS Network's School Broadcast Program (SBP).
2. All non-media, non-profit filming for regular season events must be approved by the local school districts involved in the event. Member schools are granted the authority to regulate tape-delayed telecasts and/or cybercasts of regular season events, provided that member schools and local entities work cooperatively to promote both male and female activities. (If it's a commercial broadcast, telecast, cybercast or video display, it must be approved by the Executive Director, also.)
3. All entities and outlets must comply with the conditions set forth by MHSA, including any safety, contractual, fiscal, or other concerns that apply.

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### **E. Still Photography:**

1. Personal photography by individuals (including students, coaches, parents, and/or fans) is permissible provided that the resulting images are for private home use only and not for any manner of distribution. The act of photographing any part of an MHSA event must not interfere in any way with the conduct of the event or with the view of other patrons. Personal photography is allowed only from designated spectator areas.
2. Photography by school/team representatives is allowed only for use by the individual school program (specifically yearbooks, school newspapers, other school-produced publications and/or school websites). Resale of images is prohibited, unless authority is granted under item 4 (below). Press credentials will not be issued to school/team photographers, and these individuals are allowed to photograph only from designated spectator areas. School/team representatives are not allowed in areas designated for members of the media.
3. Bona fide members of the news media may photograph and print photo images as part of their established print media or websites. Newspapers will have unrestricted use and sale of photo images that appear in print or on newspaper websites as part of news articles or in photo galleries. News media photography must not interfere in any way with the conduct of the event and is allowed only from designated news media areas.
4. Rights and conditions (including fees) of commercial photography and subsequent distribution will be specified through written consent. When granted authority for commercial photography, the commercial entity must comply with the conditions set forth, including any safety, contractual, fiscal, or other concerns that apply. The promotion of both male and female activities will be considered when granting authority. Commercial photography rights are authorized as follows:
  - a. For regular season events, the event manager has the authority to grant photography rights with the permission of participating schools.
  - b. For district/divisional tournaments and playoffs (excluding post season football and Class A soccer), the tournament/event manager has the authority to grant photography rights with the permission of conference schools.
  - c. For all state level competition, all post season football and all Class A post season soccer, the MHSA Executive Director has the authority to grant rights.
5. The MHSA may revoke or refuse to issue credentials to any person or entity failing to comply with these guidelines.

### **F. Media Passes**

1. Print news media - one pass for Associated Press and passes for working staff of local newspapers of teams in the tournament or newspapers in the marketing area of those teams. Members of the print media are required to show their Montana Newspaper Association press credentials when picking up their passes.
2. Television news media - passes for working staff of local stations of teams in the tournament or stations in the marketing area of those teams.
3. Commercial photography or broadcast - passes for working staff as contracted by the event manager or MHSA.
4. Passes will not be issued for spouses or children who attend the event with working members of the media.

### **G. Policy on Venue Video Boards/Replay Boards**

***It is recognized that as technology advances, more facilities are adding video capability to the assets utilized at contests. To ensure the proper conduct of contests, and to ensure that such video is not used to the detriment of any school, coach, participant or contest official, the following specific restrictions shall be in place:***

- 1. Any live action being shown during the contest may only be the simulcasting of the event, and no audio from the simulcast can be projected via the venue sound system;***
- 2. In the event of officials holding any type of conference to properly interpret or apply a game situation, video replays may NOT be shown during that conference and may not be shown later. There cannot be any replay of any controversial call or controversial play;***
- 3. Any replay of game action that is shown on the video board, shall be shown only once immediately following the play, only at full game speed, and without announcing commentary from any source;***
- 4. Replays of specific scoring plays and contest highlights may be shown during time-outs or during breaks between periods, but must reflect a balance between participating teams and may not include announcer commentary;***
- 5. Game administration is continually expected to exercise prudent judgment and ensure that nothing shown on the video boards can serve to incite the crowd against either team or the contest officials. Failure to perform this expected discretion may result in penalties against the school for a violation of MHSA Rules and Regulations.***

# **Radio Reads**

## **NorthWestern Energy**

### **1. Dedicated Service**

NorthWestern Energy team members have a tradition of dedicated service and are committed to providing the highest quality customer service possible. When you need service, NorthWestern Energy workers will be there, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NorthWestern Energy team members are proud to keep Montana energized. NorthWestern Energy, Energy for Montana! (54 words)

### **2. Explore Your Boundaries**

NorthWestern Energy is proud to sponsor the Montana High School Association and help students explore new boundaries. You can explore new boundaries, too, with NorthWestern Energy's new bill payment options. To learn more, visit [northwesternenergy-dot-com](http://northwesternenergy-dot-com), click on Manage Your Account and choose from the menu of bill paying options. Explore your boundaries with new payment-option solutions from NorthWestern Energy! (59 words)

### **3. Energy Efficiency Coaching**

If you're a player in energy efficiency, NorthWestern Energy can give you some coaching. Like replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps and looking for the ENERGY-STAR® label when shopping for new appliances. NorthWestern Energy's Efficiency Plus Programs help you get more for your energy dollar. (47 words)

### **4. Teamwork**

NorthWestern Energy salutes all of the players, coaches and fans of Montana High School Association sports. Montana students instill pride in all of us and inspire us with their teamwork. NorthWestern Energy team members also believe in the power of teamwork. Working together, we can continue a tradition of dedicated service. NorthWestern Energy, a proud sponsor of the Montana High School Association. (56 words)

### **5. Coaches and NorthWestern Energy**

Coaches want players to focus their energy on winning the game. NorthWestern Energy wants to help you focus on using energy efficiently. Learn how you can get the most for your energy dollar by visiting NorthWestern Energy's Efficiency-Plus Website at [northwesternenergy-dot-com-slash-energy](http://northwesternenergy-dot-com-slash-energy). NorthWestern Energy, a proud sponsor of the Montana High School Association. (53 words)

### **6. Electrifying**

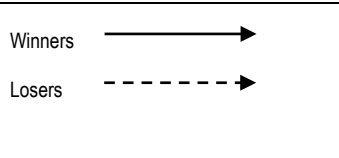
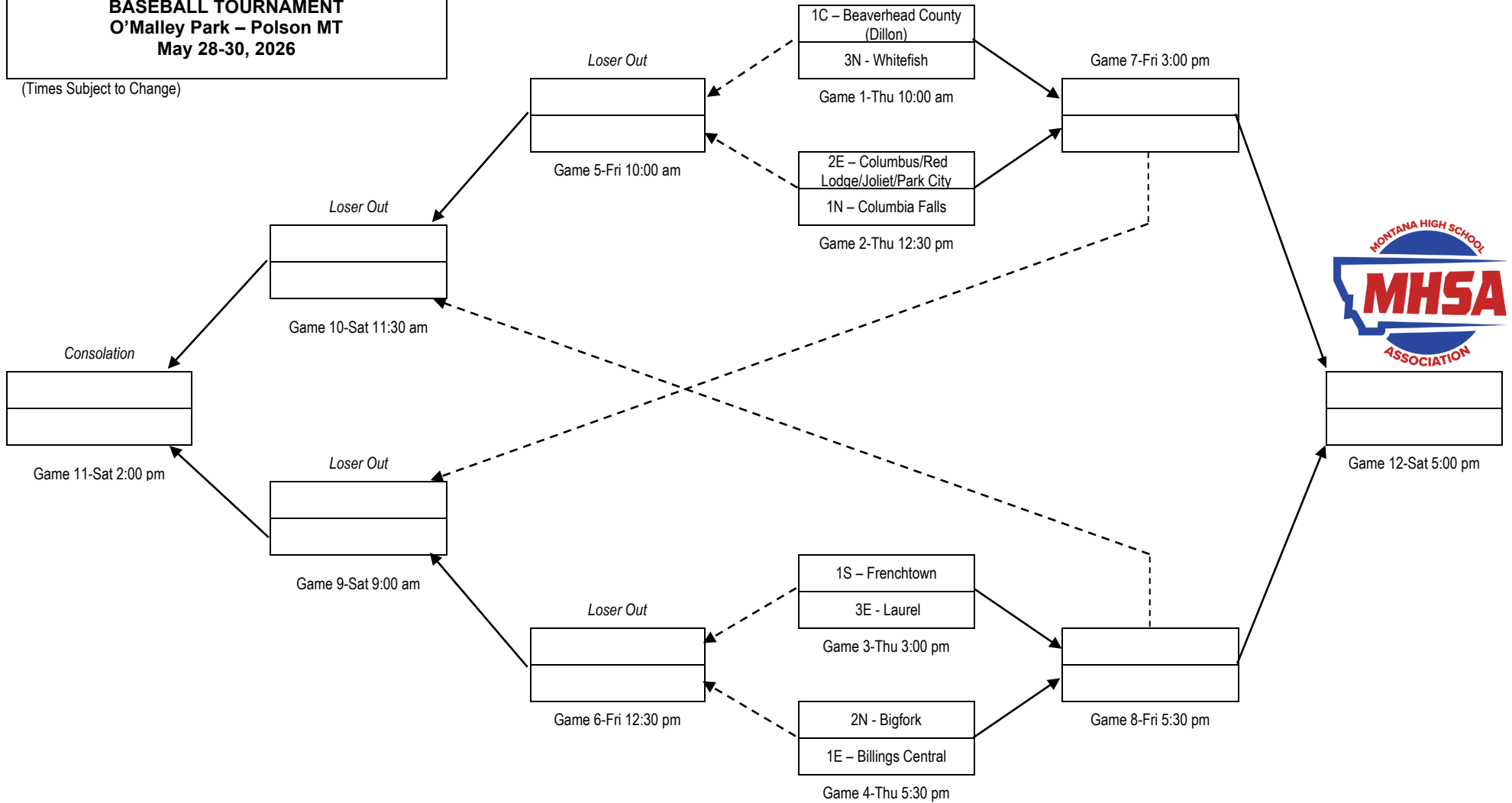
Montana high school sports are electrifying, but NorthWestern Energy doesn't want you to be. Be careful with overhead power lines. Always assume a downed power line is dangerous. Don't take chances with your safety. Call NorthWestern Energy. Their workers are trained to handle electricity safely. NorthWestern Energy, we care about your safety. (52 words)

### **7. Carbon Monoxide Safety**

Your team has great defense. You should exercise good defense, too, by having an annual heating system and appliance inspection. Call NorthWestern Energy or a qualified contractor to inspect and maintain your heating system and fuel-burning appliances. You'll protect your family against deadly carbon monoxide and get better energy efficiency, too! Brought to you by your defense partner, NorthWestern Energy's Efficiency Plus Programs. (63 words)

**Montana High School Association  
2026 STATE CLASS A-B  
BASEBALL TOURNAMENT  
O'Malley Park – Polson MT  
May 28-30, 2026**

(Times Subject to Change)



**\*\*\*If the host school or a school from the host site city is the number one seed from their division, the state baseball bracket will be switched so that the host school/city school plays the last game of the day on the first day of the tournament. All matchups and future matchups will remain the same.**



## STATISTICIANS' INFORMATION SHEET

**School Name:** Beaverhead County High School

**School Mascot:** Beavers

Number	Name	Grade
0	Will Hansen	12
1	Tanner Stonebraker	9
2	Parker Mills	10
3	Sawyer Tackett	12
4	Gage Curnow	9
5	Garrett Tackett	10
8	Ben Peacock	10
9	Andrew Bartlome	11
10	Logan Fox	10
11	Cohen Hartman	12
13	Levi Stonebraker	10
14	Kanin Engelhardt	12
18	Jase Alvarez	12
21	Brody Curnow	9
22	Tristan Alvarez	12
24	Trenton Moreni	12

Contact Information/Additional Team Personnel	
Head Coach: Zach McRae	Superintendent: Josh Patterson
Assistant Coach: Randy Shipman	Principal: Rob Hankins
Assistant Coach: Joel Rogers   Andy Bartlome   Jonny Reiser	Activities Director: Brock Myllymaki
School Colors: Navy Blue/Vegas Gold	Trainer: Alysa Brown
Student Managers (include filmers):	
Please list administrator(s) – <b>including their cell or contact numbers</b> - who will be in attendance to address crowd control/sportsmanship issues: Brock Myllymaki 406-660-2165	



2026

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High School

## BASEBALL

NO	NAME		HEIGHT	GRADE
3	Grady	Campbell	5'10'	12
4	Max	Schara	5'10"	12
5	Braxton	Wheeler	5'10'	11
8	Hayden	Mayer	6'1"	12
9	Wyatt	Hickey	5'10"	10
10	Alex	Vigil	5'11'	10
12	Cavin	Wiest	6'	11
21	Ryder	Hamilton	5'9"	11
22	Mason	Lewis	5'10"	11
23	Rye	Rodriguez	5'8"	11
25	Holland	Jantzen	6'2"	12
ALT	Sawyer	Kauffman	6'2"	9
ALT	Liam	Price	6'	9
ALT	Brewer	Ames	6'2"	9
ALT	Ansel	Britt	5'8"	9
ALT	Cayle	Sullivan	5'5"	9

### HEAD COACH

David Romano

### ASSISTANT COACH

Hunter Johnson

### SUPERINTENDENT

Tom Stack

### ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Matt Porrovecchio

### PRINCIPAL

Mark Hansen

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Shannon Varner

### ANNOUNCER

James LaFontaine

### TRAINER

Turea Venner

MASCOT: VIKINGS AND VALKYRIES

SCHOOL COLORS: BLUE, WHITE, RED

SCHOOL SONG: MINNESOTA ROUSER

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## STATISTICIANS' INFORMATION SHEET

**School Name:** Columbia Falls High School

**School Mascot:** Wildcats

Number	Name	Grade
1	Derek Juntunen	11
2	Tayvin Beach	10
3	Wyatt Dodson	12
4	Nico Young	12
5	Kyler Voermans	10
7	Lincoln Fisher	11
8	Connor Magnuson	10
9	Jaxson Cadwell	10
10	Caden Fisher	12
11	Tristan Victor	11
14	Jory Hill	11
16	Cayden Gietzen	12
18	Jett Pitts	11
19	Zeke Dunn	12
22	Easton Corbett	10

Contact Information/Additional Team Personnel	
Head Coach: Chad Green	Superintendent: Cory Dziowgo
Assistant Coach: Scott Corbett	Principal: Josh Gibbs
Assistant Coach: Austin Green	Activities Director: Troy Bowman
School Colors: Blue & White	Trainer: Troy Bowman
Student Managers (include filmers):	
Please list administrator(s) – including their cell or contact numbers - who will be in attendance to address crowd control/sportsmanship issues:	

## Columbus Cougars

Player Name	No.	Grade
Ryan Cunningham	1	9
Drew Dickson	2	11
Ethan West	4	12
Logan Kettenacker	7	12
Cole Tanner	8	10
Jake Cook	9	12
Colter Chamberlin	10	12
Colten Iurato	11	11
Tommy Lowe	12	11
Gracyen Waltner	14	10
Pierce Caton	15	12
Sy Calderon	17	12
Trystan Knight	18	12
Brock Johnston	21	11
Kolemen Garriett	23	12
Tanner Steigemeier	30	10
Davis Maxted	29	11
Travis West	Head Coach	
Cactus Anderson	Assistant Coach	
Carson West	Assistant Coach	
Clay Waltner	Assistant Coach	



## STATISTICIANS' INFORMATION SHEET

**School Name:** Frenchtown

**School Mascot:** Broncs

Number	Name	Grade
1	Brady Sypolt	12
2	Gabe Gibbs	12
3	Jordan Warner	12
5	Liam Wexler	11
6	Braxton Rodoni	11
7	Brooks Day	12
8	Konnor Klimpel	12
9	Dawson Rodoni	11
10	Hunter Nowlen	10
11	Karsyn Schriver	10
12	Clayton Mitchell	12
14	Hendrix Waln	10
15	Cash Mickey	12
17	Henry Scheffer	09
19	Silas Zetterberg	12
21	Kaleb Zenner	09
22	Landin Laverdure	11

Contact Information/Additional Team Personnel	
Head Coach: Brad Waln	Superintendent: Les Meyer
Assistant Coach: Jason Arbuckle	Principal: Jake Haynes
Assistant Coach: Tres Cunningham	Activities Director: Eli Field
School Colors: Black and Orange	Trainer: Meghan Hanrahan
Student Managers (include filmers): Graci Sivertsen, Addisyn Huber, Rheagan Torbett	
Please list administrator(s) – <b>including their cell or contact numbers</b> - who will be in attendance to address crowd control/sportsmanship issues:	



# 2026 Baseball

**Laurel Locomotives**

## *Varsity*

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Position</u>
2	Blake Evans	10	2B/P
3	Joe Holman	10	1B/P
5	Kale Hunter	11	OF
10	Ryan Berube	11	1B/P
11	Dallas Jackson	12	C/P
12	Tristan Markegard	10	OF/SS/P
15	Josh Johnson	9	C/Utility
20	Nolan Richards	10	OF
21	Luke Fox	12	3B/P
23	Loden Eastlick	9	P/OF
24	Mason Wilson	11	P/Utility
28	Preston Dennett	11	SS/P
29	Jack Carpenter	11	2B
30	Cael Eastlick	10	P/3B/C

Head Coach: Matt Kimmet

Asst. Coaches: Jon Knaub, Mike Ludwig, Nate Meiers

Managers: Hayden Wambolt & Tyler Lawson

Ath. Trainer: Becky Butler

Superintendent: Matthew Torix

Principal: Dr. Melissa Byington

Asst. Principal: Deryk Russell

Act. Director: Andrew Torgerson



## STATISTICIANS' INFORMATION SHEET

**School Name:** Whitefish

**School Mascot:** Bulldogs

Number	Name	Grade
1	Drew Queen	11
2	Carter Godsey	11
3	Wyatt Keller	10
4	Joaquin Gonzalez	12
6	Reyd Hobart	11
7	Royer Blackwell	10
9	Tait Orme	12
10	Luke Dalen	11
11	Vance Schwaiger	11
12	Cullen Wallace	11
15	Ashtyn Mintz	11
22	Reed Boyer	12
23	Logan Stewart	11
27	Wyatt Hanchett	10
30	Collison Lewis	11
33	Gavin Knapp	10
34	Finn Ryan	11
88	Liam Krezowski	9
99	Devin Meuter	9

Contact Information/Additional Team Personnel	
Head Coach: Kyler Blades	Superintendent: Dave Means
Assistant Coach: Forrest Kobelt	Principal: Kerry Drown
Assistant Coach: Scott Murray, Scott Lockman	Activities Director: Aric Harris
School Colors: Green Gold	Trainer: Josie Windauer
Student Managers (include filmers):	
Please list administrator(s) – <b>including their cell or contact numbers</b> - who will be in attendance to address crowd control/sportsmanship issues:	

**Montana High School Association  
State Baseball Champions of the Past  
2024-2025**

2023 ..... Polson 10 - Whitefish 4  
2024 ..... Florence-Carlton 4 - Hamilton 2  
2025 ..... Billings Central 4 - Belgrade 3