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## AROUND MONTANA

# Las Vegas gets the best of Bucks, 11-5

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Brooks Klein hit two home runs Thursday to lead the Las Vegas Lions to an 11-5 non-conference American Legion baseball victory over the Bozeman Bucks. Klein ended up with five runs batted in and scored three times for the Lions, who blew the game open with a four-run ninth inning.

Caleb Schlender hit two triples and finished 4-for-5 for Bozeman, which had just four other hits. Anthony Rinard hit a pair of doubles and knocked in three runs.

After Klein's two-run blast in the first inning, the Bucks tied the game in the bottom of the frame on successive extra-base hits from Schlender and Rinard. The Bucks (25-13) led 4-2 after four before Las Vegas put up two runs in the fifth and went ahead with three more in the seventh, two coming on Klein's second homer, another two-run shot.

Bozeman plays two games today in the UAS/Fleetwood Shootout in Billings. The first is at 11 a.m., the second at 8 p.m. The tournament runs through Tuesday.

## Lions 11, Bucks 5

Lions 200 020 304 - 11 9 3  
Bucks 201 100 001 - 5 9 3

Nick Kingham, Matt Klein (4) and Julian Cutolo, Sean Zabawa, Doug Crossman (6), Brendan Phillips (9) and Josh Mackay.

Lions - Dontrell Hall 2-3, Brooks Klein 2-4, Matt Holman 1-5, Tommy Barnes 1-4, David Decario 0-5, Nick Kingham 1-4, Cutolo 1-2, Billy Santwan 1-4, Dusty Stevens 0-1, Matt Klein 0-2.

Bucks - Phillips 1-5, Kyle Britt 1-4, Caleb Schlender 4-5, Anthony Rinard 2-5, Andrew Abate 0-1, Jamin Weldenaar 0-3, Dillon Peterson 0-2, Mario Santisao 0-1, Mackay 0-2, Ethan Wilkes 0-4, Andy Ballinger 0-3.

2B: Rinard 2, Holman, Schlender.  
3B: Schlender 2, HR: Brooks Klein, Cutolo.

## BUCKS ASSISTING WITH SANDLOT CAMP:

The Bozeman Bucks have joined the team of the Sandlot Baseball Camp and will be hosting this year's event to be held in Bozeman from June 29-July 1. The camp is for players ages 7-12 and runs from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. each day.

The camp will be held at Legion Field. For more information or to register by phone, contact Rick Phillips at 579-9232.

## Basketball

**BIG TIMBER'S CRNKOVICH SIGNS WITH ROCKY:** At Billings, Rocky Mountain College women's basketball coach Brian Hender-

son has announced the signing of guard Haleigh Crnkovich of Big Timber.

The 5-foot-7 Crnkovich averaged about 15 points per game as a senior, earning all-conference honors. Big Timber advanced to the state tournament and finished with an 11-17 record.

## Track and field

### CMR'S WILSON NAMED GATORADE TRACK ATHLETE:

At Great Falls, C.M. Russell sprinter and Montana State-bound Chris Wilson, who set state all-class records in the 100- and 200-meters this spring, has been named Montana Gatorade athlete of the year for boys' track and field.

Wilson automatically becomes a finalist for the national award, which recognizes athletic and academic achievement and character.

Wilson's state records are 10.67 seconds in the 100 and 21.06 in the 200. His time in the 200 meters ranked No. 6 in the nation among high school competitors. He ran a 10.48 in the 100 meters at the divisional meet, but official state records can only be set at the state meet.

Wilson plans to play football and compete in track at MSU.

## Golf

### MSWGA TO HONOR STEELE:

At Missoula, University of Montana golf coach Joanne Steele will be inducted into the Montana State Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame next month.

Steele, who is being recognized for her success as a player and a coach, will be honored during the women's state amateur tournament July 23-25 in Missoula.

Steele was the 2001 state amateur champion and the 2002 and 2003 runner-up. She recently completed her 13th season coaching the Griz women. She led UM to the 2006 Big Sky Conference championship and a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Steele, the former Joanne Roberts, golfed at Helena Capital and then at Jacksonville University, where she finished fourth at the Sun Belt Conference tournament in 1992 and was runner-up in 1993.