



2010-2011 New Ulm High School Girls' Basketball



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Eagles return eight players

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - The 2010-11 New Ulm Eagle girl's basketball team has eight players back from last year's squad that went 8-17.

Three of those returning players - Rachel Holstein, Marissa Klimmek and Angie Serbus - started last year.

"Marissa was out starting point guard last season," second-year head coach Matthew Dick said. "And Angie can also play the point. She did last year when Marissa was hurt and Angie was All-Conference last year as a sophomore and Marissa was honorable mention."

Dick said that Holstein is a great player.

"She may end up playing more inside than she did last year," he said. "She has great athletic ability - we will look for her to play inside and outside. I think that all three of those girls will create their own offense."

Other players who are looking at starting are Jill Gareis, Molly Schlieman, Kelsey Kannegieser and Hannah Stark and Dick said they will know more after their scrimmage.

Dick said that the team's strength this year will be their overall quickness.

"We want to get up and down the floor very quickly, we do not have a lot of height," he said. "And our defense will also be strong in the full-court press."

Holstein, one of five seniors on the Eagles' said that this year's team will have a good work ethic.

"We want to work as hard as we can," she said. "With our size, we will have to play hard all the time - we will be playing a fast game. We have a lot of girls who are athletic so playing that fast game should not be a problem."

Holstein said that having most of the girls back with experience from last year will also be an added plus.

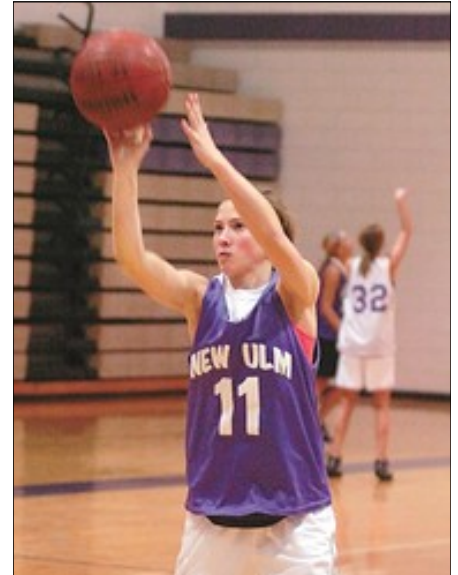
"Angie and Jill played on the varsity as sophomores," she said. "I think that we also have leadership on the floor because a lot of the girls played last year and got that experience."

Dick said that the Eagles will need to shoot the ball better than they did last year.

"We got a lot of nice looking shots last year," he said. "But we couldn't knock them down. Once we start doing that, the confidence will grow. I hope that we come out and start putting the ball in the hoop like I know that we can."

"We are spending a lot of time on shooting in practice," Dick said. "When we take that shot, we need to have that confidence that it will go in. We need to be ready to shoot the ball when we get it rather than get the ball and then adjust to shoot it."

The Eagles have a fairly experienced team, but depth is a question mark.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm senior Marissa Klimmek is one of eight returning players from last season.



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"We are low in numbers - we are only dressing 12 for the varsity," Dick said. "That is all that we have. One of the 12 will be a sophomore [Alex Welsh]. The style that we are going to play is going to hurt us if we do not have subs that can step in and play.

"Our subs are all veterans - they have all been here before. The subs that were sophomores last year got a lot of playing time. We went deep in the bench last year just to kind of grow the program. So these girls should be able to step in and give the starters a two to three minute break during games. The experience is there."

Holstein said that the mind set of the Eagles this year is good.

"Being positive is huge and we are doing it right," she said. "I do not see any of us really doubting each other or doubting that we can win. We need to get the season going and work hard."

Dick said that the lack of size will hurt the Eagles' in the half-court game.

"But we are hoping that we do not get into too many half-court situations," he said. "We will be a pressing, harassing team."

Dick said that he is looking for the Eagles to be at the top of the South Central Conference when the smoke clears.

"I told the girls that I am shooting for a conference title," he said. "If I was not shooting for a title, I would not be here."



Mankato East's Emmaline Crawford pulls down a rebound while being defended by New Ulm's Angela Serbus during the first half Thursday at the East gym. Pat Christman

Klimmek leads New Ulm comeback over East

December 2, 2010 - Mankato Free Press

Eagles overcome 10-point deficit to beat Cougars

By Tyler Buckentine Free Press Staff Writer

MANKATO — Every time Marissa Klimmek went to the free-throw line in the last minute, she had the confidence to get the job done. So did her coach Matthew Dick.

Dick made sure New Ulm got the ball to Klimmek every possession to get her to the line with the Eagles up by three or less points. In her four trips to the stripe, Klimmek made all eight shots and kept Mankato East at arm's length.

The result was a 78-73 victory for New Ulm over its Section 2AAA rival Thursday night at the East gym.

"Every time I got up to the free-throw line, I was thinking it's going in and I got it in," said Klimmek, who finished with 31 points.

Added Dick, "(Marissa) has nerves of steel. She has a lot of experience in pressure situations."

But before Klimmek was knocking down free throws, she led New Ulm's comeback with 18 points in the first 19 minutes of the second half. The Eagles trailed 42-32 at halftime.

"I told (Klimmek) before the season she was going to be our playmaker, and she needs to score 20 points per game," said Dick, whose team is 1-0 and plays Blue Earth Area at 7:30 tonight in its home opener. "There were times in the second half where I told her to take over."



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New Ulm opened the second half on a 17-6 run and snatched the lead on an Angela Serbus 3-pointer with 11:55 left in the game. There were five lead changes and six ties after that. The Cougars went 4:39 without a field goal until Kelsey Mosher broke the spell, giving East a one-point lead.

Klimmek hit her second 3-pointer of the night on New Ulm's next trip down the floor to regain the lead for good.

"In the second half our team worked together," Klimmek said. "We got a lot more open shots and we made them."

Down four with less than a minute to play, Mankato East coach Mike Barger went to Minnie Frederick to spark a late East comeback. Frederick drove to the basket, laid it in, got fouled and hit the free throw to make it a 74-73 game. Frederick finished with 12 points.

"(Frederick) is quick and the kind of kid that when we need a bucket, we know that no one has shown that they can keep her from getting to the basket," Barger said.

But the Eagles were able to get the ball in Klimmek's hands, and Klimmek was fouled by Mosher, who left the game with her fifth foul.

Klimmek hit both free throws with 22 seconds left. East got two attempts at 3-pointers in the last 15 seconds but Abby Connell and Frederick both missed. Klimmek added two more free throws with 1.6 seconds on the clock.

The Eagles had three other players in double-digit points. Serbus finished with 18, and Alanna Asmus and Jill Gareis each scored 10.

East's Mosher had 15 points by the ninth minute of the game but sat on the bench until halftime and finished with 20 points. With Mosher out, freshman Claire Ziegler helped East down low with 12 points.

"Fouls really affected (Mosher's) playing time but she was good when she was in," Barger said. "We did not box out and we played terrible defense in the second half."

New Ulm 78, Mankato East 73

Posted Dec. 3, 2010 - New Ulm Journal

MANKATO - New Ulm opened the season with a 78-73 win in girls basketball action Thursday.

Marissa Klimmek led the Eagles with 31 points. Angie Serbus had 18 points and Jill Gareis scored 12. Molly Schlieman had 10 points.

New Ulm (1-0) opens South Central Conference play today when it hosts Blue Earth Area.

Hutchinson 65, New Ulm 53

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HUTCHINSON - The New Ulm Eagles took a loss on Tuesday as the girls basketball team was overcome by Hutchinson 65-53.

Leading New Ulm's effort were Marissa Klimmek with 13 points, Angie Serbus with 12 points, and Jill Garbis with 10 points.

For Hutchinson, Alissa Retterath led with a total of 20 points.



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New Ulm High School 2010-11 Girls' Basketball Roster

#	Name	Pos	Grade	Height
10	Jill Gareis	G	11	
11	Marissa Klimmek	G	12	
12	Alex Welsh	G	10	
13	Angela Serbus	G	11	
14	Molly Schlieman	G	11	
15	Alanna Asmus	G	11	
21	Cassandra Swift	G	12	
22	Rachel Holstein	G	12	
31	Faith Collum	F	12	
33	Brooklyn Hoffmann	G	11	