



# 2010 New Ulm High School Baseball

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## NEW ULM HIGH SCHOOL 2010 BASEBALL SCHEDULE AND SEASON RESULTS

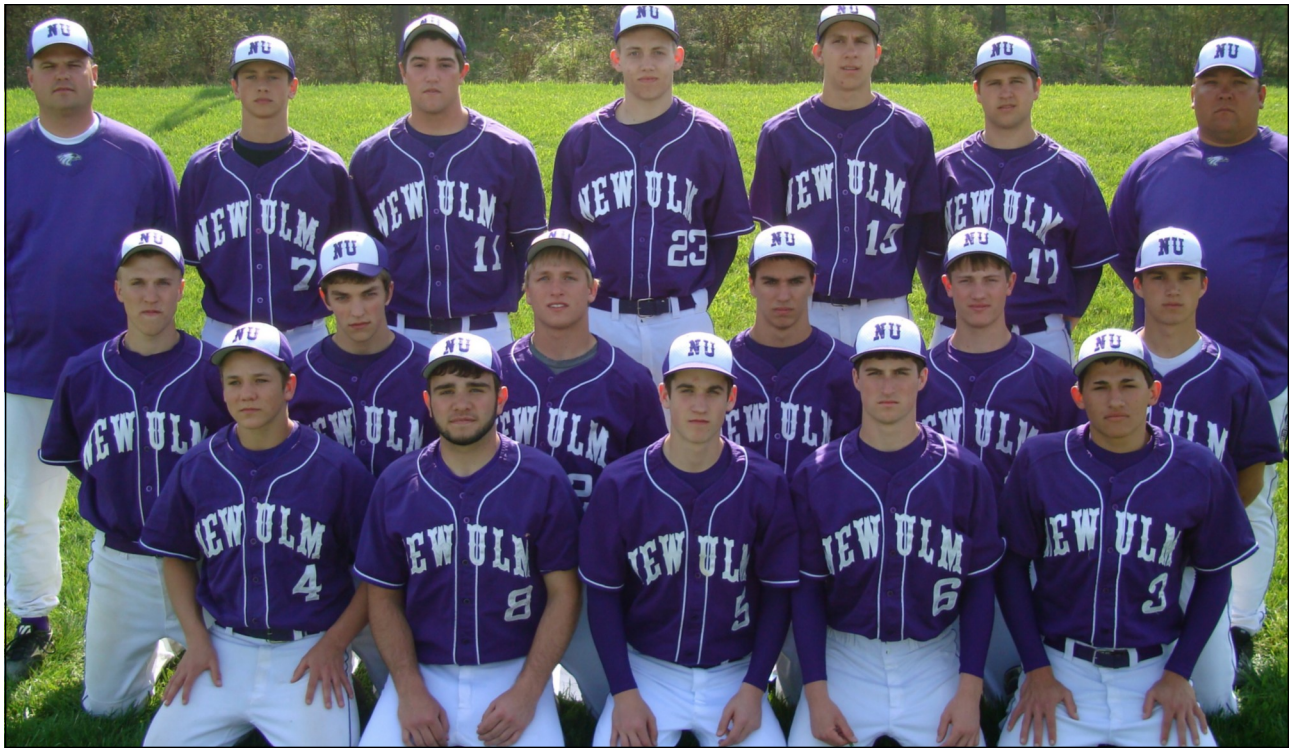
Date	Opponents	Site	Score	W/L	Accum.	Page	Extra
4/8/2010	Willmar 2AAA	Home	12 - 2	W	1-0	6	
4/9/2010	Marshall 3AA	Metrodome	7 - 6	W	2-0	7	
4/15/2010	Waseca 2AA	Waseca	11 - 3	W	3-0	7	
4/17/2010	Saint Antony Village 4AA	St. Anthony HS	14 - 4	W	4-0	7	
4/20/2010	Saint James 3AA	SJ High Sch	12 - 5	W	5-0	8	
4/22/2010	Saint Peter 2AA	Mueller Park	8 - 1	W	6-0	8	
4/23/2010	Grand Rapids 7AAA	Princeton	3 - 4 (8)	L	6-1	9	
4/24/2010	Eveleth (Cancelled)	Princeton					
4/24/2010	TBD (Cancelled)	Princeton					
4/26/2010	Jackson County Central 3AA	Jackson Co HS		(postponed)			
4/27/2010	Fairmont 3AA	Johnson Park	6 - 5	W	7-1	11	
4/29/2010	Blue Earth Area 3AA	BE Area HS	7-6 (9)	W	8-1	13	
4/30/2010	Saint Cloud Apollo 8AAA	Johnson Park	11-1	W	9-1	13	
5/4/2010	Waseca 2AA	Johnson Park	21-2	W	10-1	15	
5/6/2010	Saint James 3AA	Mueller Park	18-2	W	11-1	16	
5/7/2010	Worthington 3AA Cancelled	Worth HS					
5/8/2010	Edina	Braemer Park	7-18	L	11-2	17	
5/11/2010	Saint Peter 2AA	Vet's Field		(Postponed)			
5/14/2010	Fairmont 3AA	Fairmont HS	5-1	W	12-2	19	
5/15/2010	St. Francis	Princeton	7-1	W	13-2	20	
5/15/2010	Cloquet	Princeton	2-6	L	13-3	20	
5/21/2010	St. Peter	Vet's Field	5-8	L	13-4	21	
<b>5/24/2010</b>	Jackson Co Central 3AA	Jackson	14-3	W	14-4	21	
5/25/2010	Blue Earth Area 3AA	Mueller Park	9-0	W	15-4	21	
<b>Section 3A</b>							
5/29/2010	St. James	NU Johnson P	8-4	W	16-4	22	
5/29/2010	Luverne	NU Johnson P	8-4	W	17-4	23	
6/2/2010	Bird Island, Lake Lillian, Olivia, Danube	Marshall	4-6	L	17-5	23	
6/5/2010	Marshall	Marshall	6-2	W	18-5	24	
6/8/2010	BOLD	Marshall	9-4	W	19-5	26	
6/10/2010	Fairmont	Marshall	0-10	L	19-6	28	



# NEW ULM HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES BASEBALL 2010



## South Central Champions



The 2010 New Ulm Eagles (L-R)—**Front:** Cole Cihak, Colton Petron, Elliot Backer, Quinn O'Connor, Jason Shaul. **Middle:** Erik Curry, Kevin Kaufman, Jordan Lilleodden, Adam Loose, Shane Traulich, Dalton Deinhart. **Back:** **Coach** Jay Backer, Brett Gieseke, Zach Hoffmann, Zach Quiring, Kaleb Jutunen, Bryan Kehren and Assistant coach Ed Tietel.

### 2010 NEW ULM EAGLES BASEBALL ROSTER

Coach: Jay Backer. Ass't Coaches: Dave Buegler, Ed Tietl. Managers Kassi Hague, Kaylen Berle

#	Name	Pos	Grade
1	Kevin Kaufmann	P	12
3	Jason Shaul	C	11
4	Cole Chiak	3B	11
5	Elliot Backer	2B	12
6	Quinn O'Connor	SS	12
7	Brett Gieseke	IF	12
8	Colton Petron	P	12
11	Zach Hoffmann	IF	11
12	Adam Loose	OF	11
13	Dalton Deinhart	3B	12
17	Bryan Kehren	OF	12
18	Shane Traulich	OF	11
19	Kaleb Juntunen	P	11
20	Erik Curry	OF	12
22	Jordan Lilloedden	OF	12
23	Zach Quiring	OF	12



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### Season Ending Stats and Year-End Awards

#### Final Baseball Standings 2010

#### South Central Conference

As reported by Minnesota State High School League  
for 2009-2010 School Year

	W-L-T	Enroll.
<a href="#">New Ulm</a>	9-1-0	677
<a href="#">Fairmont</a>	7-3-0	535
<a href="#">Blue Earth Area</a>	5-5-0	355
<a href="#">Saint Peter</a>	5-5-0	519
<a href="#">Waseca</a>	2-8-0	566
<a href="#">Saint James</a>	2-8-0	319

# Eagles have high expectations

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: April 1, 2010

NEW ULM - Success can be determined in the eye of the person looking at the end results.

The past two seasons, the New Ulm Eagle baseball team has compiled a solid 41-9 mark.

But that record could, in some people's eyes, be somewhat tarnished in the fact that in that two-year span, the Eagles have twice lost in the Section 3AA championship game to Pipestone and Luverne respectively.

But with a solid pitching staff and good team defense, Eagles coach Jay Backer has high expectations for his team.

"We have four solid pitchers," he said.

That staff will be led by senior southpaw Kevin Kauffman, who last year went 6-1 and posted a 1.38 ERA.

Righthanders Dalton Deinhart, who was 1-0 for the Eagles but had a good summer pitching for Legion Gold, and Kaleb Juntunen, also 1-0 last season, will aid Kauffman.

Throw in Colton Petron, who had a solid year for the New Ulm Junior Legion, and you have pitchers who can keep other teams down in their run production.

And then add in spot pitchers Adam Loose, Jason Shaul, Brett Gieseke and Zach Quiring and you have some potential help.

While the Eagles have four solid pitchers, the New Ulm offense will have to find some new hitters to put runs on the board with the graduation of Kyle and Garrett Fischer - both who were 1 and 2 in the Eagle offense.

Some of that load will fall on the shoulders of junior Zach Hoffmann, who hit .369 last year and belted four home runs while driving in 22 runs.

"We are going to have to hit the ball better," Backer said about his team that had a team batting average of .280 last season. "We will need to hit the ball better to have the same success that we did last season."

Backer knows that he will have to find some hitters to surround Hoffmann and give him the chance to see some pitches and not be pitched around.

"That is a concern that I have this year," Backer said. "He is known in the [South Central] Conference as a top hitter so we need to protect him."

And the early concern over the lack of offense has Backer agreeing that his team will probably win a lot of 2-1 low-scoring games.

"We will play small ball - hopefully we can get the bunts down when we need them."

Backer knows that with Kauffman leading the pitchers, he will have a solid leader.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm High School's Kevin Kauffman is expected to help out the pitching staff this year for the Eagles.

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Backer knows that with Kauffman leading the pitchers, he will have a solid leader.

"He pitched on the varsity for the last two years," Backer said. "He has always pitched good for us and hopefully that can continue."

Kauffman feels that the Eagles are pretty solid.

"We have a good junior class coming up - I think that everything looks pretty good. Our team goal is to make it to the state tournament."

He said that losing twice in the sectional finals is more a case of execution than a mental block.

"We just need to play like we do during the regular season and we can do well."

Right now, Backer has penciled in Shaul as his starting catcher with Hoffmann at first base, Elliot Backer at second, Quinn O'Connor at shortstop and Deinhart at third base. All but Deinhart are returning starters from last year.

In the outfield, Backer has Erik Curry in left field, and Loose and Bryan Kehren in center field and right field, respectively.

Kauffman will be the designated hitter.

Cole Cihak will back up Shaul at catcher as well as Deinhart's back-up at third base with Kauffman seeing a reserve spot at first base.

Brett Gieseke will rest Backer at second and will also play some shortstop. Loose will be an additional replacement at shortstop.

Shane Traulich, Juntunen, Jordan Lilleodden, Petron and Quiring could also see some outfield duty.

Backer tags the Eagles and Fairmont as the preseason picks in the SCC with St. Peter and Blue Earth Area as sleepers.

In the section, he looks to an eight-team race between New Ulm, Worthington, Luverne, Fairmont, Morris Area, Marshall, Pipestone Area and Montevideo.



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### New Ulm wins season opener

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: April 9, 2010



Staff photo by Mary Roufs

New Ulm pitcher Colton Petron delivers a pitch against Willmar Thursday at Johnson Park. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)

NEW ULM - If Adam Loose continues to hit the ball like he did in New Ulm's season opener Thursday, the Eagles may just about be unbeatable this year.

Loose, hitting in the No. 1 spot in the lineup, reached all four times he came to the plate and finished the game with four RBIs as the Eagles defeated Willmar 12-2 in five innings at Johnson Park.

The Eagles scored 12 runs despite having Loose thrown out at the plate in the bottom of the first and having a double play turned on them that same inning.

"We knew that we could hit the ball," Loose said. "He was throwing pretty good but we were hitting solid contact."

New Ulm's Colton Petron was credited with the win. He pitched two innings and gave up both runs, both of those runs coming in the first inning.

After a scoreless first inning for New Ulm, Loose had an RBI single in the second inning as the Eagles scored four runs that inning to go up 4-2.

Jason Shaul had the big hit with a triple that scored Kevin Kaufmann. Dalton Deinhart, Loose and Erik Curry also gave the Eagles RBI singles that kept the inning alive.

In the third inning, New Ulm scored two more runs as the Eagles went up 6-2. Loose again provided the big hit with a two-run double that scored Reinhart and Quinn O'Connor.

"For the first time out, I thought our hitters did a nice job of attacking the fastball," Eagles coach Jay Backer said. "If the ball was in the zone, they were attacking it and they were hitting the ball to the gaps. Overall it was a very satisfying performance for us."

For Loose, it was just a day where he was able to take advantage of what was given to him.

"I was getting good pitches and they were just throwing it in there," he said.

The Eagles closed the door on the Cardinals in the bottom of the fifth.

With the bases loaded, Loose came to the plate and had an RBI single to put New Ulm up 7-2. Curry, Zach Hoffmann and Bryan Kehren drew bases-loaded walks and Shaul ended the game when he hit a pop fly that was dropped by the Willmar defense, scoring two more runs and making the final score 12-2.

The Eagles used three pitchers in the win. "We just tried to not overpitch anybody and get a lot of guys throwing," Backer said. "Obviously when the season gets going we're going to need a lot of pitching."



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and resources by New Ulm Sports Central.



### **New Ulm Edges Marshall 7-6**

*Game Played April 5 at 9 p.m. at Metrodome*

*(Compiled from second day story from New Ulm Journal as re-written by South Central)*

MINNEAPOLIS— New Ulm High School won its second game of the season, 7-6, by beating Marshall in a late-night game at the Metrodome.

Despite an opening performance by Kevin Kaufmann which was no-hit ball with four strikeouts for three innings, New Ulm fell behind after the fifth. The deficit was erased in the top of the sixth on Quinn O'Connor's two-out double to put the Eagles back on top. Dalton Deinhart was the winner with two innings of relief. He allowed two hits and fanned four.

Adam Loose had three hits and three RBI's for New Ulm.

### **New Ulm 11, Waseca 3**

POSTED April 16, 2010 New Ulm Journal.

WASECA - The New Ulm Eagles defeated the Waseca Bluejays Thursday in South Central Conference baseball action.

New Ulm's winning pitcher Kaleb Juntunen pitched five innings with seven strikeouts allowing five hits, two walks, and no runs.

The leading hitters for the Eagles were Zach Hoffmann who went 4-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs, Quinn O'Conner who went 2-for-3 with two doubles, Bryan Kehren went 1-for-2 with a double and three RBIs. Kevin Kaufmann was 1-for-3 with three RBIs.

### **New Ulm 14, St. Anthony Village 4, 5 inn**

*POSTED April 18, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE - New Ulm defeated St. Anthony Village 14-4 in five innings in nonconference baseball action Saturday.

Kevin Kauffman got the win as he pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed four runs on four hits with three walks and two strikeouts.

He was also 2-for-2 with three RBIs.

Zach Hoffmann was 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Bryan Kehren was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Adam Loose and Zach Quiring each had two hits.



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### New Ulm 12, St. James 5

*POSTED: April 21, 2010 New Ulm Journal.*

ST. JAMES - New Ulm defeated St. James Tuesday in a South Central Conference prep baseball contest.

New Ulm's Colton Petron got the win going five innings, allowing three runs on three hits along with six strikeouts.

Adam Loose led the Eagles with three hits and two RBIs. Elliot Backer was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and Bryan Kehren was 1-for-2 with a home run and two RBIs.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm starting pitcher Kaleb Juntunen tosses a pitch during the Eagles' 8-1 win against St. Peter Thursday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)

### New Ulm rolls past St. Peter

*POSTED: April 23, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - New Ulm wanted to get to St. Peter's pitcher early and get him out of the game Thursday.

Mission accomplished.

The Eagles scored six runs and sent 10 batters to the plate in the first inning as they rolled to an 8-1 South Central Conference win at Mueller Park.

"This was a quality team that we beat," New Ulm coach Jay Backer said. "This was a team that could compete for the conference title, and they still may. We played well tonight and got to their No. 1 starter early and rattled him a little bit."

The six-run first inning was all Kaleb Juntunen needed. He pitched all seven innings and allowed one run on five hits with 10 strikeouts.

"It's nice to get that support," Juntunen said. "I let the guys know that if I get a lot of support, I can keep the runs low enough and pitch well enough to get a W."

The Eagles had three hits in that big first inning. They were aided by two St. Peter errors and two walks and a balk by starter Jesse Munsterman.

But after that inning, New Ulm had just two more runs and three hits in the game.

"That has been kind of our downfall," Backer said "We have had a couple of games here, where we have started out big and then we kind of sit on it. We have to get that killer instinct and when we get ahead keep going."

The Eagles added a single run in the second and fifth innings. St. Peter's lone run came in the fifth.

Munsterman took the loss as he allowed six runs on three hits with two walks in an inning of work.

Brian Zabel pitched the next four innings and allowed two runs on three hits with a walk and three hit batters.



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Zabel, Musterman, Tanner McLain, Dylan Idso and Joey Bartlett had the hits for the Saints.

New Ulm was led by Jason Shaul, who was 2-for-2 with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored.

Erik Curry, Bryan Kehren, Colton Petron and Zach Quiring had the other hits. Kehren also had two RBIs.

The Eagles (6-0, 3-0) are off to a hot start to the season.

"This is a great start to the season," Juntunen said. "People have our number, and they want us to lose but we just want to keep on rolling."

New Ulm plays in the tough Princeton Tournament today with six ranked teams. The Eagles open against Grand Rapids at 5:30 p.m. If they win, they will play the winner of Eveleth and Brainard.

"We are going to go up there and try and compete," Backer said "Who knows what is going to happen up there. There are some really strong teams and if we play well, we could win the whole thing."

### **Eagles fall to Grand Rapids for first loss**

*POSTED: April 24, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

PRINCETON - The New Ulm baseball team dropped its first game of the season as it fell to Grand Rapids in eight innings in the the Princeton Tournament Friday.

Kevin Kauffman pitched the first six innings allowing three runs, four hits, six walks and six strikeouts.

Dalton Deinhart took the loss allowing a walk off home run in the bottom of the eighth.

Leading hitters for New Ulm were Zach Hoffmann who went 2-for-3 with two doubles, Bryan Kehren who went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Kaleb Juntunen who went 1-for-1 with an RBI.

New Ulm falls to 6-1 overall and the Eagles play in the losers bracket of the tournament at 10 a.m. today against Eveleth.

### **Princeton tournament scrubbed, two games added**

The Princeton tournament rained out was scratched for 2010. New Ulm, however, has added games with St. Francis and Cloquet at Princeton to its schedule for May 15th. The St. Francis game will be at 10 a.m. and Cloquet at 3 p.m.



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### Eagles baseball team off to fast start this season.

*POSTED: April 25, 2010*

By Jim Bastian  
Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - The New Ulm Eagle baseball team is off to one of their best starts in recent years with a 6-1 start to this season.

While the fast start may not be a surprise to coach Jay Backer, what is a surprise to Backer is the Eagles' offense.

They have outscored opponents 67-25 in their seven games.

Backer said that the offense has been keyed by two surprises this season.

"Adam Loose has been having a real nice year along with Bryan Kehren," Backer said. "Between Adam, Bryan and Zach Hoffmann, those three are really hitting the ball. Right now, we have nobody who is a weak link in the line-up. From one through nine in the line-up, everyone is putting the ball in play. Good things happen when you do that."

One of the concerns that Backer had about this year's line-up was the lack of hitting that existed in the lower part of the line-up last season.

But that has been solved.

"Right now we have a mixed bag on who our number eight hitter is but our seven hitter is Elliot Backer and our No. 9 hitter is Quinn O'Connor and they both are doing a nice job at the plate - putting the ball in play and getting an extra base hit."

The Eagles pitching staff has also been strong as they are one pitch away from a 7-0 mark this season.

"We played a very good team in Grand Rapids [Friday]," Backer said. "They are the best team that we have played so far this year. They are a [Class] AAA team who we stuck with until the bottom of the eighth inning when a guy hit one out on us. The kid that we faced supposedly is looking at being drafted out of high school in the major league draft. That is what the Brainerd coach told me. We almost got him."

Backer said that catcher Jason Shaul has also improved.

"From game one until now, he has a strong arm defensively and has done a nice job for us behind the plate."

But the biggest surprise to Backer has been the break-out season of lead-off hitter Loose.

"Last year, we moved him up to the varsity from the "B" squad because of an injury. And right now he is hitting the ball well. I think that the ball must look like a beach ball to him because even his outs are being hit hard."

Backer said that his concern right now is to not get too far ahead of themselves.

"We don't need to look at rankings. We just need to keep things in perspective and realize that it is a long season ahead yet."



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### Eagles escape with SCC win

*POSTED: April 27, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

By Jim Bastian  
Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Colton Petron was not having a good day for the New Ulm Eagle baseball team Tuesday afternoon.

In the top of the seventh, Petron relieved Eagle starter Dalton Deinhart after New Ulm had scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a 4-3 lead.

But Petron experienced control trouble and ended up giving up two runs as Fairmont re-took the lead at 5-4.

His troubles continued in the bottom of the seventh inning when, after Elliot Backer had tied the game with an RBI single, Petron missed a suicide squeeze bunt with the game-winning run on third for the second out.

But two pitches later, Petron got some big time redemption.

Petron laced a two-strike single to left field that scored Backer from third and lifted New Ulm to an emotional 6-5 win over Fairmont in a South Central Conference showdown.

Petron was credited with the win for the Eagles, who improve to 4-0 in the SCC and 7-1 overall.

Tyler Beck took the hard-luck loss for the Cardinals, who dropped their first game of the season to fall to 4-1 in the SCC and 6-1 overall.

Adam Loose, Zach Hoffmann and Backer each had two hits for New Ulm with one of Hoffmann's hits a solo home run.

Logan Peyman, Jon Ellis and Joey Duflo each had two hits for Fairmont with one of Peyman's hits also a solo home run.

"This was a classic game between two very good teams," New Ulm coach Jay Backer said. "Fortunately we were the home team and that was why we got the 'W' tonight."

And it was one of the games that people will talk about for a while, especially the last 1 1/2 innings.

Down 3-1 going into the bottom of the sixth, New Ulm used some magic to take its first lead of the game scoring three times.

Elliot Backer reached on a fielder's choice and pinch-hitter Zach Quiring singled. Quinn O'Connor followed by slicing a 2-2 offering from Tyler Beck to center field for two-run double.

A Loose single and an error by Fairmont second baseman Joey Fitzgerald gave New Ulm a 4-3 lead.

But in the top of the seventh, Petron walked Richie Haycraft who went to third on a Peyman base hit. Ellis' single tied the game at 4-4 before a wild pitch plunked Conner Guetter to load the bases before a groundout scored the go-ahead run.



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"I was feeling good in the bullpen but when I got out there, I could not hit the strike zone," Petron said. "I did not have my best stuff."

But baseball is a forgiving game as Petron would find out - more than once.

In the bottom of the seventh, Kauffman coaxed a walk off of Beck before Jason Shaul singled. An Elliot Backer single brought in Kauffman to tie the game at 5-5 and move Shaul to third.

That brought up Petron to the plate who promptly missed a squeeze bunt that resulted in Shaul being tagged out with Backer alertly going to third.

"The pitch was right down the middle, I just flat out missed the bunt," he said. "I was mad at myself, But I remembered that I was still at bat. I just hit the ball where I hit the ball. It was crazy. This was one great game."

Petron said that now Fairmont is chasing the Eagles - who were ranked No. 1 Tuesday in the Coaches Poll for Class AA teams - but also a big sectional win.

"When we play Fairmont it is a double whammy because we are also sectional teams," Backer said.

### **Another classic game at Johnson Park Tuesday**

By Jim Bastian, Sports Writer New Ulm Journal

*POSTED: April 28, 2010*

NEW ULM - There have been a lot of classic games played at Johnson Park in its almost 72 years of existence.

And Johnson Park has shown no favoritism it who it sheds its magic on. Comebacks - many of them seemingly improbable - have happened to all New Ulm teams.

And Tuesday afternoon, another chapter was written in the long and getting longer book about the magic of Johnson Park.

And maybe we all should have known that Tuesday's game was going to be a different game from most others right from the start.

In the first inning, both teams scored a run on solo home runs with Fairmont's Logan Peyman belting one over the fence in left field before New Ulm's Zach Hoffmann countered with his own solo shot in the bottom of the inning.

For the next three innings both pitchers, Fairmont's Tyler Beck, one of the better pitchers in the area and the Eagles' Dalton Deinhart had allowed the other team three hits.

Both pitchers had worked out of jams in the fourth inning.

After Fairmont scored a run in the fifth and sixth inning and with Beck getting stronger as the game went along, it appeared that the Cards were in good position to take sole possession of first place in the South Central Conference and get a leg up on repeating as SCC champions.

But in the bottom of the sixth inning, New Ulm's Quinn O'Connor tied the game with a two-out double before Joey Fitzgerald misplayed an inning-ending groundball off of the bat of Erik Curry - an error that permitted New Ulm to take the lead.



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In the top of the seventh, New Ulm's Colton Petron had a nightmare on the mound, walking the first batter he saw before allowing two singles and then hitting a batter.

A three-run New Ulm rally in the bottom of the sixth was erased by a two run Fairmont counter punch in the top of the seventh.

But the game of baseball gives you the chance to redeem yourself quickly if you allow it to.

That came for Petron -twice - in the bottom of the seventh inning.

His first attempt at redemption, with the game-winning run on third base, failed when he missed a squeeze bunt.

He followed that with a single that found its way between Fairmont third baseman Jordan Petschke and shortstop Max Waletich. The ball did not roll far - it forced Fairmont left fielder Richie Haycraft to charge it. His throw was not close to nailing Elliot Backer at home with the winning run.

New Ulm coach Jay Backer said that Petron had to battle himself in this contest but came back.

"Whatever could go wrong for Colton Petron went wrong for him," Backer said. "With the exception of one big thing, he still had a strike left and he made the most of it."

No one knows how the Eagles will do the rest of the season.

But one thing is for certain - all of the New Ulm players and coaches from this game have now experienced something that has been happening since 1939 at Johnson Park.

Some Johnson Park magic and yet another chapter in a growing book.

### **New Ulm 7, BEA 6, 9 inn.**

*POSTED: April 30, 2010* New Ulm Journal

BLUE EARTH - New Ulm defeated Blue Earth Area 7-6 Thursday in South Central Conference baseball action.

Colton Petron picked up the win in relief for the Eagles. Petron pitched 1 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on four hits with one strikeout. Zach Hoffmann was 2-for-2 with a home run and two RBIs and Elliot Backer was 3-for-3 also with two RBIs.

### **New Ulm roughs up Apollo**

*POSTED: May 1, 2010*

By Jim Bastian

Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - After two close come-from-behind wins, the New Ulm Eagles needed a game like this.

Kevin Kauffman scattered just two St. Cloud Apollo hits and struck out seven while the New Ulm bats pounded out 12 hits as New Ulm as it cruised to an 11-1 win in non-conference baseball game Friday at Johnson Park.

The game was stopped after five innings because of the 10-run rule.



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Adam Loose went 3-for-3 with Jason Shaul and Kauffman each adding two hits. Kauffman drove in three runs.

Ryan Tesch took the loss for Apollo (1-6). He went just 1 1/3 innings giving up seven runs and six hits.

"This was a nice game for us because of what we have gone through with our last two [South Central] Conference games," New Ulm coach Jay Backer said, in reference to a 6-5 win over Fairmont and a 7-6 win over Blue Earth Area. "I did not know what kind of an effort we would get tonight but we came out and attacked them right away."

New Ulm, now 9-1 on the season, scored two runs off of Apollo starter Tesch in the bottom of the first. And if not for a double play turned by Apollo, it could have been more.

Adam Loose led off the bottom of the first with a single before Elliot Backer laced a double to right field and Zach Hoffmann coaxed a walk to load the bases.

Loose scored when Bryan Kehren grounded into a 6-4-3 double play for a 1-0 lead.

Backer scored on Kauffman's infield single.

Apollo scored its only run of the game in the top of the second on an Evan Toupal sacrifice fly.

But any hopes that Apollo had of staying in the game ended in the bottom of the inning when New Ulm sent 14 batters to the plate and scored eight runs.

Walks to Dalton Deinhart and Quinn O'Connor preceded an RBI single by Loose for a 3-1 lead.

A wild pitch and an error scored another run before Kehren brought in Backer with a double to right field and end Tesch's night. Josh Wood took over and was greeted by a two-run double off the bat of Kauffman to increase the lead to 7-1.

An error on a Zach Quiring groundball added another run. Singles from Deinhart, O'Connor and Loose's second hit of the inning saw New Ulm's lead swell to 10-1.

"We took advantage of the pitcher that we saw tonight," said Backer, whose team collected six of its 12 hits in the game in that second inning. "We hit the ball hard and hit the ball on the nose. Our bats are still hot."

And Kauffman, who walked just two St. Cloud batters in the game, was strong on the mound. "He did a nice job for us," Backer said. "He is a key component of our success this year."

New Ulm ended the game in the bottom of the fifth when Colton Petron walked and went to third on a Cole Chiak single. Petron scored on a wild pitch to end the game.

## Eagles, Greyhounds continue to lead state polls

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For the second consecutive week, New Ulm's Cathedral Greyhounds and New Ulm High School's Eagles were ranked No. 1 in their classes. The poll is provided by "Let's Play Baseball" and was released May 4.

Cathedral received all first place votes and New Ulm High nine out of 10. Fairmont (9), Worthington (17) and Marshall (20) of the Section 2AA were also rated. In Class A, Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial was ranked 10th and Mankato Loyola 18th.



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### Eagles crush Bluejays

POSTED: May 5, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - With a gale force wind blowing out towards right field at Johnson Park Tuesday afternoon at the New Ulm/Waseca baseball game, fans in attendance perhaps were wondering how much that wind would play a factor in the outcome of the South Central Conference match-up.

But Mother Nature had to take a back seat in determining that game thanks to seven errors by Waseca's defense paired with 10 walks, four hit batters and six wild pitches from two Bluejay pitchers.

Add nine New Ulm hits and you have a 21-2 win for New Ulm. The game was stopped after 4 1/2 innings because of the 10-run lead rule.

Colton Petron got the win, allowing five hits while striking out three as New Ulm improved to 6-0 in the SCC and 10-1 overall.

Kyle Waugh took the loss for Waseca (2-4, 3-7). He went three innings and allowed 16 runs - 13 of which were unearned - while allowing just five hits.

Shane Traulich had two of the Eagles' nine hits with one being a triple. He drove in three runs. Adam Loose, Elliot Backer, Zach Hoffmann, Jason Shaul and Quinn O'Connor each drove in two runs.

Despite the lopsided win by the Eagles, it was a game where New Ulm coach Jay Backer felt that his team did not come ready to play at the start. "We came out flat today and we had talked about that at a team meeting [Monday]," he said. "We talked about how we needed to come out aggressive in games that we are supposed to win. But we came out flat but

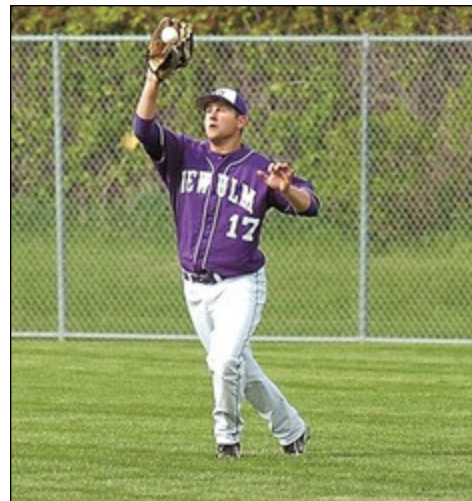
Waseca and the Eagles were tied at 2-2 going into the bottom of the second inning with all four runs coming courtesy of errors by both teams. An error by Eagle third baseman Dalton Deinhart in the first and an error by New Ulm first baseman Zach Hoffmann in the second allowed Waseca to counter a two-run New Ulm first.

The Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the second on the first of seven Bluejay errors in the game and a wild pitch.

But the Eagles, who host St. James at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Mueller Park, essentially ended the game in the bottom of the second, sending 15 batters to the plate and scoring 11 runs on just four hits.

Deinhart started the inning by reaching on a one-out error before Waugh plunked Quinn O'Connor. Adam Loose reached when he was also hit by a Waugh offering to load the bases before Waugh uncorked a wild pitch that allowed Deinhart to score.

Hoffmann's two-run single, the first hit of the game for the Eagles - proceeded a passed ball, a walk to Bryan Kehren and a run-scoring error for a 6-2 lead. Jason Shaul's two-run single made it 8-2. Another error coupled with two more walks upped the lead to 9-2.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm right fielder Bryan Kehren makes a catch during the Eagles' win against Waseca Tuesday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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Loose's base hit scored two more runs and kept the inning going before two more runs came in on an Elliot Backer triple off of Waugh who was still in the game.

"We came out with a vengeance later in the game," coach Backer said. "Good teams battle through slow starts and we did. They [Waseca] really struggled today."

The Eagles kept the pedal to the metal with five more runs in the bottom of the third off of Waugh and then reliever Christian Hall.

The Eagles added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth aided by two more walks and a hit batter.

"There is nothing really positive for us with this kind of a game," said Backer, whose team will have a key sectional game Friday at Worthington. "We cannot take too many positives out of this game."

### Eagles crush St. James

*POSTED: May 7, 2010*

By Jim Bastian

Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Perhaps the best way to describe the end results of the South Central Conference baseball game Thursday afternoon between New Ulm and St. James is to present this fact to you.

In two innings, St. James had sent 10 batters to the plate.

In those same two innings, the Eagles had sent 25 batters to the plate.

New Ulm scored nine runs in the bottom of the first inning and then added seven more in the second as the Eagles improved to 7-0 in the South Central Conference and 11-1 overall with an 18-2 win over the Saints at Mueller Park.

New Ulm has now scored 50-runs in its last three games.

The game was stopped after 4 1/2 innings because of the 10-run lead rule.

Dalton Deinhart got the win for the Eagles, going four innings and giving up two runs on four hits. He struck out four. Brett Gieseke pitched the top of the fifth.

Matt Westman took the loss for St. James. He went one inning and allowed those nine first-inning runs. Anthony Stordalen took over for Westman in the second and was charged with six runs.

Adam Loose, Bryan Kehren and Kevin Kauffman each had two hits as the Eagles out-hit the Saints 13-5.

While this game was similar to the 21-2 win over Waseca Tuesday, it was also a different sort of effort by the Eagles according to coach Jay Backer.

"This difference from Tuesday to today is today we really came out and hit the ball," he said. "We had some aggression at the plate and did well."



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That aggressive style resulted in the first five New Ulm batters reaching base before the Saints could record the first out.

Adam Loose led off with a single before Elliot Backer reached on an error. Zach Hoffmann walked to load the bases for Kehren who singled in both Loose and Backer for a 2-0 lead.

A Jason Shaul groundout resulted in the third run of the inning before Zach Quiring's sacrifice fly scored Kehren. Deinhart was hit by a pitch before Quinn O'Connor laced an RBI single for a 5-0 lead.

Loose's second single of the inning upped the lead to 7-0 before an error and a Hoffmann base hit made it 9-0.

"We had a good start to the game and kept on going," Backer said. "These were some tough elements to play in."

New Ulm added seven more runs in the second with Kauffman doing what Loose did in the first inning with two singles in his two at-bats in the inning.

His first base hit started the inning and by the time he laced his second single - a two-run single that scored both Backer and Hoffmann, New Ulm had a 15-0 lead.

Kehren scored the seventh run of the inning on an error.

St. James scored its two runs in the third on an RBI single from Matt Dahl and the only extra base hit of the game by either team - a run-scoring triple from Craig Nelson.

The Eagles matched that with two runs in the bottom of the inning on a Gieseke single and an RBI base hit from Jordan Lilleodden.

Backer felt that Deinhart did a very good job especially with the conditions which deteriorated as the game went along.

"We have been capitalizing on the pitching that we have seen and I give the kids credit for that," Backer said.

### **Cathedral, NUHS ranked No. 1 in baseball**

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: May 9, 2010 New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - Both New Ulm Cathedral baseball coach Bob Weier and Eagles baseball coach Jay Backer cannot ever recall this happening to both the Greyhounds and New Ulm High School for two consecutive weeks.

It is not that both teams 10-runned opponents on the same day nor is it that the Greyhounds and the Eagles are both leading their respective conferences.

Rather for the last two weeks, New Ulm Cathedral and New Ulm High School are ranked each ranked number one in the state in Class "A" and Class "AA" respectively.

New Ulm Cathedral is 17-0 while the Eagles are 11-1 with their only loss coming against "AAA" Grand Rapids on a walk-off home run.

"I cannot ever remember that happening before," said Bob Weier who has been the head coach of the Greyhounds for 18 seasons. "And I think that is because that baseball has always been the passion of a lot of New Ulm people and kids."



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And both Cathedral and the Eagles have dominated their opponents so far this season.

The Greyhounds have out-scored teams 176-42 and have seven shutouts.

EAGLES GETTING OFFENSE: At the start of this season, one of the strengths of the New Ulm Eagles was the pitching.

But one of the big concerns for coach Jay Backer was the offense.

New Ulm had graduated their two top hitters in Garrett and Kyle Fischer.

But 12 games into this season, the New Ulm offense is doing better than it did last year.

The Eagles, as the Greyhounds have, have almost identically dominated opponents by a 140-41 margin.

Last year, the Eagles scored 10 runs or more nine times in the season.

Thus far this year, they have scored 10 runs or more already seven times.

"We went into a funk in the middle of last season and this year, fortunately, we have not hit that," Backer said. "And hopefully that funk never comes. We have taken advantage of some average pitching that we have faced but every team needs to do that. We have hit good pitching and bad pitching."

Backer said this year's team is more balanced one through nine.

"Last year after our number six hitter we were just hoping that someone would make contact and get on base," Backer said. "But this year whether it is our number three hitter or our number nine hitter up, we have confidence in them."

Two prime examples are Elliot Backer and Quinn O'Connor who both have vastly improved their offense and become legitimate threats.

The Eagles got some help when St. Peter knocked off Fairmont last week which gave New Ulm a two-game lead in the South Central Conference.

New Ulm plays at St. Peter Tuesday and then at Fairmont Friday in two big SCC games with the Fairmont game also a key sectional meeting.

"We also have a game with Blue Earth Area here," Backer said. "The conference championship has not been decided yet and we do not have that mentality."

The Eagles will more than likely be home for the playoffs which begin Saturday, May 29.

"If the sectional tournament started right now, I would think that Jackson County Central and St. James are the seven and eight seeds and I think that New Ulm, Fairmont and Worthington will be the top three seeds. Then it is wide open in the middle between Pipestone, Blue Earth Area and Luverne."



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### Eagles win SCC title

New Ulm 5, Fairmont 1

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FAIRMONT - New Ulm defeated Fairmont 5-1 and claimed the South Central Conference baseball title Friday.

Kaleb Juntunen picked up the win for New Ulm going the distance, allowing one run on five hits with three walks and six strikeouts. Zach Hoffmann was 3-for-3 with one RBI and Jason Shaul was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs for the Eagles.

### New Ulm coasts past Fairmont

Charlie Sorrells - Sentinel Sports Editor

*POSTED May 15, 2010 Fairmont Sentinel*

FAIRMONT - Kaleb Juntunen already possessed a good fastball and a tight-seamed curve, but the New Ulm right-hander added another pitch to his repertoire.

Juntunen fired a five-hit complete-game gem, while catcher Jason Shaul delivered a key two-run double to guide the Class AA No. 1-ranked Eagles to a 9-1 South Central Conference victory over the Fairmont Cardinals on Friday in Fairmont.

New Ulm earned a share of the conference championship by improving to 8-0 against league opponents, with only two SCC games remaining.

"That's his M.O. (modus operandi) - change speeds (on his pitches) and throw a high percentage of strikes," New Ulm mentor Jay Backer said in reference to his junior pitcher. "He tried that side-arm curve during our first game in the dome earlier this season and it worked.

"He has really gained good command of it and can spot it, and the speed is just like a change-up."

Juntunen utilized all three of his pitches to work ahead in the count, including delivering a strike to every Fairmont leadoff batter in each inning.

The Eagle right-handed hurler also managed to work out of pitching jams in each of the first three frames, eventually stranding a combined six Cardinal runners without allowing a run.

Max Waletich finally ended Juntunen's shutout bid in the bottom of the fourth inning. Waletich hammered a leadoff double off the bottom of the right-field fence, wheeled to third base on Joey Fitzgerald's bloop single and crossed the plate on Justin Heinrich's RBI fielder's choice.

Juntunen had escaped damage when Jon Ellis doubled with two out in the first, Joe Duflo singled in the second and Ellis singled in the third.

Shaul delivered half of New Ulm's run production in the top of the first with one swing of the bat.

Elliot Backer drew a one-out walk from Fairmont starter Jordan Petschke, took second base on a passed ball and circled the bases when Zach Hoffmann cranked an RBI single to center.



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Juntunen allowed one earned run on five hits, struck out six and walked three in seven frames to earn the complete-game victory.

Fairmont (9-3, 5-3) travels to Waseca on Monday, while New Ulm (12-2, 8-0) faces St. Francis at 10 a.m. today at the Princeton Tournament.

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Kaleb Juntunen (WP) and Jason Shaul. Jordan Petschke (LP), Joey Fitzgerald (2), Jon Ellis (6) and Logan Peymann.

LOB-New Ulm 11, Fairmont 7. 2B-Ellis (F), Max Waletich (F), Shaul (NU). SF-Dalton Deinhart (NU).

The Fairmont B-squad improved to 10-1 overall by posting a 4-1 victory over New Ulm on Friday in Fairmont.

Starting pitcher Alek Borchardt allowed one run on two hits, struck out three and walked five in five innings to earn the win for the Cardinals.

Ben Kain struck out two and issued two walks in two hitless and scoreless innings of relief to notch the save.

Levi Becker went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to top the Fairmont offense, while Andy Reiter drove in two runs with a hit. Borchardt and Spenser Meadows each added a hit for Fairmont.

The Fairmont C-squad baseball team notched an 11-1 win over New Ulm on Friday in Fairmont.

### Eagles split at Princeton

PRINCETON - The New Ulm baseball team went 1-1 on Saturday in continuation of the Princeton Tiger Classic Baseball Tournament, that was rained out on April 24.

*(Note: Games with Princeton and Cloquet were arranged to be played on the Princeton diamonds in a cross-over doubleheader. The tournament, it is believed, was scratched after the initial rainouts. NUSC)*

The Eagles defeated St. Francis 7-6 in the first game, behind the effective relief pitching of Brett Gieseke. Gieseke threw 2 2/3 innings of scoreless ball to get the win. Bryan Kehren lead the Eagles at the plate going 2-for-2 highlighted by a three-run home run in the bottom of the first inning. Elliot Backer went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Zach Hoffmann went 1-for-3 with a homer.

The Eagles dropped the second game of the day to Cloquet 6-2. Cloquet scored all six runs in the bottom of the third inning off of starter and losing pitcher Colton Petron. Hoffmann went 1-for-2 with a home run, while Jason Shaul was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

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### St. Peter 6, New Ulm 5

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ST. PETER - St. Peter scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat New Ulm 6-5 in South Central Conference play.

Kaleb Juntunen took the loss for the Eagles. He pitched 1/3 of an inning and allowed two runs on a hit with a walk and a strike-out.

Kevin Kauffman pitched the first six innings and allowed four runs on six hits with two walks and 12 strikeouts. Zach Hoffmann was 1-for-2 with a home run and two RBIs. Quinn O'Connor had a triple and an RBI.

### New Ulm crushes Huskies

POSTED May 24, 2010 New Ulm Journal

JACKSON - New Ulm scored seven runs in the top of the first inning en route to a 14-3 nonconference baseball win over Jackson County Central Monday. Kaleb Juntunen earned the win as he allowed three runs on three hits with two walks and seven strikeouts.

Zach Hoffmann was 3-for-4 with a three-run home run. Jason Shaul was 2-for-3 with a triple and an RBI, Quinn O'Connor was 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBIs and Tim Kehren was 1-for-1 with a double and an RBI.

### Eagles close season with win

POSTED May 26, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Jonas Leyrer, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - It was a good close to the Eagles regular baseball season. New Ulm met Blue Earth Area Tuesday afternoon, and when it had reached the end of the game, the score showed that the Eagles were in control; they soundly defeated the Bucs, 9-0.

"We came out, and for the end of the season, I think we did a nice job" coach Jay Backer said. "I think we are ready for the post-season to start; the kids are anxious."

The game started out with New Ulm jumping off to a quick lead. In the first inning, Zach Hoffmann hit a double that drove in teammate Elliot Backer for the first run of the game.

Hoffmann added a second run himself a short time later.

At the hands of pitcher Dalton Deinhart, BEA began having some serious trouble getting its men on base.

Deinhart took the win for New Ulm, allowing only one hit and two walks while pitching for the first four innings of the game.

New Ulm took another two-run jab at the Bucs in the third inning when Kevin Kauffman came up with a big hit that brought both Hoffmann and teammate Adam Loose across home plate.

Things slowed a bit in the fourth inning as the Eagles were unable to get a hit, but minutes later they began to put the game out of reach.

At the top of the fifth, Brett Gieseke took over pitching for New Ulm. He kept BEA scoreless and allowed no hits during his three-inning stay at the mound.



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Taking the loss for BEA was Conner Hanson. He pitched five innings and allowed five hits and three walks.

In bottom of the inning, the Eagles made good use of their bats, scoring five runs as the team worked through its entire lineup. The most notable hit of the fifth belonged to Zach Quiring, who drove in two runs and helped set up for New Ulm two more.

The last innings for each team went by quietly. New Ulm had already finished its work on the Bucs and walked away from the field with a season ending shut out.



### Eagles soar to playoff win

POSTED May 30, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Michael Gasset — Journal Sports Writer

All subsections throughout the state moved from double to single elimination this year. Meaning any loss in the first two rounds and your season is over.

So the Eagles needed two wins Saturday in the Section 3A, South Subsection play-offs to ensure they would be in the double elimination round. Thanks to the offensive output of Zach Hoffmann and Jason Shaul, New Ulm will play another day as it ousted St. James in Game 1 and Luverne in Game 2 by identical 8-4 scores.

"We can take a big breath and relax a bit more," Shaul, the catcher said. "We don't want to have to end up winning two in the end. We want to just keep rolling."

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm's Zach Hoffmann drives a pitch during the Eagles' Section 3AA Playoff win against St. James Saturday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. Hoffmann was 3-4 with two home runs and a single. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)

"The section just went from 16 to four in one day," New Ulm coach Jay Backer said.

"We are one of those four and now someone has to beat us twice. Our goal this year is to not have to come through that loser's bracket."

In two games Saturday, Hoffmann was a blistering 5-for-8 with two long home runs, a double a triple and six RBIs.

With the two homers, Hoffmann set the the single season home run record with eight.

Former major leaguer and New Ulm standout Terry Steinbach had the previous record of seven set in 1979.

"Zach has been on fire all year," Backer said. "He is doing a good job for us and he is one of the best hitters to come through this school."

And Shaul, he just reached base every time he came to the plate.

"It just feels good," Shaul said. "I have been hitting the ball hard and the ball just seems to drop in for RBIs and stuff."

Against St. James, New Ulm looked like it was going to make easy work of the Saints.

The Eagles sent 18 batters to the plate in the first two innings alone and came away with a 7-0 lead.



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Hoffmann was the big hitter with a two-run homer in the first and a three-run homer in the second to account for five of the Eagles' seven runs.

But St. James started to make a game of it as it and whittled a way with single runs in the fourth and fifth and two in the sixth to make it 7-4.

New Ulm added an insurance run in the sixth to make the final 8-4.

Matt Dahl took the loss for the Saints. He pitched the first inning and allowed four runs on four hits.

Craig Nelson went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Bryant Schmitz had an RBI.

Colton Petron earned the win for the Eagles. He went 6 1/3 innings and allowed four runs on five hits with seven strikeouts.

Brett Gieseke pitched 1 2/3 innings with three strikeouts.

"For not being one of our top pitchers, every time he has come in, he has thrown strikes." Backer said of Gieseke. "In a playoffs situation as a senior he wanted the ball and he did a good job."

### **BOLD rallies for win**

*POSTED June 3, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

MARSHALL - In a wild, back-and-forth contest, BOLD was the team that came through in the end and New Ulm simply ran out of chances with a runner in scoring position.

The Warriors were down to their last out in the seventh inning and trailing 4-3 before New Ulm's Kaleb Juntenen walked Shawn Dollerschell and Alex Gray.

Both of them later scored in a three-run inning as the Warriors advanced to the Section 3AA winner's bracket championship with a 6-4 win over New Ulm.

The loss sends New Ulm to the loser's bracket where the Eagles (17-5) will meet up with Marshall at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Legion Field.

"I told the guys that the way it's set up now, if we fall into the loser's bracket, it's not such a long battle back," New Ulm coach Jay Backer said. "It's still long, but I don't think there's anybody in the section, that if we play our game right, that I don't think we're not gonna beat."

Juntenen took the loss for New Ulm. He went 6 2/3 innings, allowing five runs on five hits. Kyle Krause, who replaced starter Jacob Stevens in the fifth inning, earned the win. He pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed one hit in the bottom of the seventh.

BOLD scored the first run of the game and Stevens was in control most of the way during the pitching duel.

The Eagles finally got to Stevens in the fifth when Colton Petron had a one-out single. His courtesy runner Erik Curry stole second and came home on Elliot Backer's two-out single.



Photo courtesy the Marshall Independent  
New Ulm second baseman Elliot Backer tags out BOLD's Alex Steffel at second base. BOLD held on to win the game 6-4.



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"We weren't being aggressive, he was throwing first-pitch strikes and we were watching a lot of them go by, and it was just a game where they got more hits than we did," Backer said. "It was well played defensively, but it was just the case where they came through in the clutch and they didn't."

Bryan Kehren later had an RBI single that scored Adam Loose, who reached base via a walk earlier in the inning, and the Eagles found themselves up 2-1 heading into the sixth.

There, the Warriors once again took the lead, this time with the help of an RBI double by Tate Neubauer and an RBI single by Jacob Skeie that put the Warriors up 3-2.

And like the Warriors did the previous half-inning, New Ulm again re-took the lead in the bottom of the sixth.

Cody Shaul led off the sixth with a double and Zach Quiring singled to score Jordan Lilleodden, who was courtesy running for Shaul. Quiring was replaced by pinch-runner Shane Traulich, who took second on a sacrifice bunt by Juntunen.

Lilleodden then gave New Ulm the 4-3 lead after Quinn O'Connor singled with one out and that ended Stevens' time on the mound.

Krause came in to get the next two batters out to end the threat, and the Warriors had one more rally in them in the top of the seventh.

Juntunen got Tyler Hebrink to fly out to center for the first out and Zach Remillard to fly out to short for the first two outs of the inning, but that's as far as he got.

Dollerschell and Alex Gay each drew a walk to end Juntunen's stint on the mound.

Juntunen issued seven walks in the game and struck out six.

"He wasn't totally sharp, but he pitched a good game today," Backer said. "That was a good pitching performance, but unfortunately their pitcher was a little bit better today."

Dalton Deinhart came in to pitch and was greeted by a hard line drive off the glove of first baseman Zach Hoffmann to tie the game at 4-4.

And just when it looked like it would go into extra innings, the Warriors got a two-out triple from Neubauer to give them a 6-4 lead late in the game. Deinhart escaped further damage when Skeie hit a fly ball to center to end the inning.

The Eagles had one more chance in the bottom of the seventh, but after the first two hitters were out, Kevin Kauffman singled and took second on an error by the BOLD right fielder.

Shaul then hit a long flyout to center to end the game and it sent BOLD to Saturday's noon game with Fairmont, an 8-0 winner over Marshall earlier Thursday.

Offensively, Hoffmann was 2-for-3 for the Eagles. No other New Ulm player had more than one hit.

"Our postgame speech was you gotta think you can do this," Backer said. "Now it's going to be up to the kids. I can't do anything more, so maybe the kids decide if they want to keep playing baseball in the spring or if they want to just get ready for the summer."



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### New Ulm stays alive

POSTED June 8, 2010

By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

MARSHALL - With plenty of games still to go in the elimination bracket, New Ulm needed starting pitcher Dalton Deinhart to go at least five or six innings to keep the arms fresh for Tuesday.

Deinhart did just that and then some, pitching a complete game as the Eagles knocked off Marshall 6-2 in Section 3AA playoff action at Legion Field.

The win improves New Ulm's record to 18-5 and the Eagles will meet up with BOLD at 7 p.m. tonight at Legion Field. BOLD is the team that sent the Eagles to the loser's bracket last Wednesday and the Warriors lost to Fairmont earlier on Monday.

Photo courtesy Marshall Independent  
New Ulm starter Dalton Deinhart delivers a pitch in the Section 3AA playoffs against Marshall Monday in Marshall. New Ulm won the elimination game 6-2 to advance to today's consolation bracket final.

Deinhart was impressive when the Eagles needed him to be. He held Marshall to just six hits in seven innings as the Eagles didn't commit an error in the contest. He struck out four and walked three.

"I started off trying to get groundballs and let my defense do the work," Deinhart said. "We have no errors in the playoffs and I just have a lot of trust in them guys."

Cody Mather took the loss for the Tigers. He pitched 4 2/3 innings, allowing five runs.

New Ulm scored the first run of the game with aggressive baserunning, a long standing tradition of the Eagles.

Adam Loose led off the game with a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. He took third on a grounder to third base, and while on the way to third, Marshall first baseman Gregory Barnes tried to get Loose out at third, but the throw sailed high and Loose scored the first run.

The Tigers managed to tie the game in the bottom of the second after Barnes led off with a double and scored on a single by Aaron Antony.

But the Eagles re-gained the lead in the third with more aggressive baserunning. Tim Kehren walked to lead off the inning and when Quinn O'Connor sacrificed bunted, Kehren noticed that no one was covering third.

He immediately took off for third and slid in safely and Loose drove in his first run of the game with a grounder to third.

"That helped a lot because it moved the runner in position to score another run and it makes me feel better on the mound when we have more runs," Deinhart said.

In the fifth inning, the Eagles scored their third run after Loose drove in Kehren on a base hit. Loose was out at second trying to advance, but New Ulm scored two more runs to stretch the lead.

Elliot Backer and Zach Hoffmann both reached with two outs, and Bryan Kehren hit a fly ball to center that looked like it was going to be the third out.

But Marshall center fielder Andrew Mathiowetz dropped the ball, allowing both Backer and Hoffmann to score, giving the Eagles a 5-1 lead.



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The Eagles went up 6-1 in the sixth when Kehren hit a sacrifice fly to center that scored Zach Quiring, and the Tigers added a run in the bottom of the sixth.

With runners on first and second, Deinhart got out of the inning with a grounder to second, then pitched a 1-2-3 seventh to finish off the Tigers.

Now the Eagles get another shot at BOLD, and this time the Eagles would like to come out on top.

"We wanna attack early on in the game and not let up either," Deinhart said. "[We wanna] Keep going at them the whole time."

### Eagles gunning for state

POSTED June 8, 2010

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Editor

MARSHALL - Not much is usually expected from the No. 9 spot in the order.

Maybe that's why New Ulm's Quinn O'Connor is excelling there this postseason.

Thinking he is the weak spot, pitchers have been giving O'Connor pitches to hit and he is making them pay.

In Tuesday's consolation final with BOLD, O'Connor did most of the damage going 3-for-4 with four RBIs as New Ulm advanced to its third straight Section 3AA final with a 9-4 win at Legion Field in Marshall.

The Eagles now have to beat Fairmont twice on Thursday to finally break through and make the state tournament.

"Two games is a lot to ask for in the section finals," O'Connor said. "But if our pitching stays together and we hit the ball like we have been, I think we will do just fine."

New Ulm did just fine on Tuesday, mostly thanks to the hot bat of its shortstop, O'Connor.

Batting at the bottom of the order, he relishes the fact that opposing pitchers take him for granted.

"It's nice, I get a lot of fastballs from the pitchers and they don't expect me to hit well," O'Connor said. "They give it to me right there and I capitalize on the opportunities."

While O'Connor was doing it with his bat, New Ulm starter Kevin Kauffman was confusing BOLD's hitters most of the night. Kauffman pitched a complete game allowing four runs on four hits with six strikeouts and four walks.

"I was starting to feel better as the game progressed," he said. "I was starting to feel stronger. I just had a couple of batters where I couldn't throw strikes then I just started to come over the plate and it worked. I just needed to throw strikes, let them hit ground balls, and I had great defense behind me."

The Eagles struck early and BOLD never really had a chance to threaten.



Photo courtesy of Joe Brown/Marshall Independent  
New Ulm pitcher Kevin Kauffman delivers a pitch against BOLD in the Section 3AA play-offs in Marshall Tuesday.



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New Ulm went up 4-0 in the second when Kauffman, Zach Quiring and Colton Petron all singled, with Petron's single driving in Shane Traulich, who ran for Kauffman.

Erik Curry reached on an error to load the bases and O'Connor found the pitch he liked and laced it to right, driving in two runs in the process. Curry stole home to make it 4-0.

New Ulm made it 5-0 in the top of the third before BOLD finally got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

O'Connor drove in Petron in the fourth to make it 6-2 and BOLD attempted a rally in the bottom half of the inning.

Andrew Brooks led off the inning with a walk, Tate Neubauer singled and Jacob Skeie singled to drive in Brooks. Neubauer scored on an error to make it 6-4. But Kauffman got Tyler Hebrink to fly out to center to end the threat.

From there Kauffman cruised as he got nine of the next 11 Warriors he faced out.

The Eagles tacked on a run in the sixth and two big insurance runs in the seventh to make the final 9-4.

Shawn Dollerschell took the loss for BOLD. He went 5 1/3 innings and allowed seven runs on eight hits with a strikeout and three walks.

For New Ulm, Kauffman had a nice night at the plate too, going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Petron was 2-for-2 with two RBIs and O'Connor had the other three hits for the Eagles.

It was sweet revenge for New Ulm as BOLD was the team that knocked the Eagles down to the consolation bracket in the first place.

"I am nervous before any game but I was still confident," Kauffman said. "The reason we won this was the hitting, definitely. It makes it a lot easier to go out and step on the mound [when the offense is going strong]. It's just a lot easier, it makes me calmer and a lot less tense."

Now New Ulm must face Fairmont - the winner's bracket champion - for the third time this season. The Eagles beat the Cardinals twice in South Central Conference play earlier in the year.

"It's going to be tough, I really think that they are the second best team in our conference," Kauffman said. "It should be the two of us in the finals. I think that we can definitely pull it off. We have beaten them two times already this season and I think that we can do it again."

It will also be the third straight year that New Ulm has advanced to the section championship. The Eagles lost to Pipestone in 2008 and Luverne last year.

And playing in section finals definitely isn't a new thing for O'Connor, who also experienced a losing streak in section finals as a member of the New Ulm hockey team before the Eagles finally punched their ticket to the state tournament this year.

He is hoping the baseball team has a similar fate.

"I've been through this in baseball and hockey and we really want that blue ribbon this year," O'Connor said. "We have beaten Fairmont twice and we have a good shot. We got plenty of pitching left and I think we can do it finally."

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New Ulm .....	0	4	1-1	0	1-2	-9	-10	-1	-6
BOLD .....	0	0	2-2	0	0-0	-4	-5	-3	-5



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Photo courtesy Fairmont Sentinel  
New Ulm third baseman Dalton Deinhart attempts to tag out a Fairmont runner in Fairmont's 10-0 win in the Section 3AA playoffs Thursday in Marshall.

### Eagles hopes of state end

POSTED June 11, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Charlie Sorrells — Fairmont Sentinel , Sports Editor

MARSHALL - Jon Ellis clouted a Ruthian-style shot on Thursday that echoed throughout Legion Field in Marshall and the surrounding towns in southwest Minnesota.

Ellis' 390-foot, three-run home run literally walked the Class AA No. 13-ranked Fairmont Cardinals off the diamond with a 10-0, six-inning victory over the No. 2 New Ulm Eagles for the Section 3A baseball championship.

Tyler Beck delivered the majority of the damage for the Cardinals. The senior ace right-hander hurled a two-hit shutout from the mound, in addition to going 3-for-3 with a double from the batter's box and driving in a game-best four runs.

Fairmont earned its first trip to the state baseball tournament in 17 years via the 10-run rule decision over South Central Conference rival New Ulm.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, the traditional southern Minnesota powerhouse lost for the third consecutive time in the sectional finals. The 2010 SCC champion ended its season with a 19-6 record.

The Cardinals (18-4) open the Class AA state quarterfinals against No. 4-ranked Rocori at 12:30 p.m. next Thursday at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud.

Rocori eliminated No. 1-ranked St. Cloud Cathedral, 2-0, for the Section 6 crown.

"After losing twice to them (New Ulm) during the regular season this year, and twice during last year's playoffs, it's satisfying to beat one of our rivals in the biggest game of the year," said Fairmont head coach Todd Sukalski. "We executed well in all three facets of the game today.

"Tyler pitched a two-hit shutout, we played perfect defense (no errors) and with 10 hits, we obviously hit the ball well, too."

While Beck flirted with a no-hitter through four innings complete on the hill and the red-and-white defense vacuuming up every New Ulm connection, Fairmont's Nos 7-9 batters struck first in the bottom of the second inning.

Jordan Petschke, Joe Duflo and Beck - the final three spots in the batting order - went a combined 7-for-8 with four RBIs and scored four runs.

No. 6 batter Joey Fitzgerald lined a one-out single to left field off New Ulm right-hander Kaleb Juntunen to trigger Fairmont's string of four consecutive hits.

Petschke, who went 3-for-3, and Duflo each smacked singles to load the bases for Beck. The Cardinals' No. 9 batter drilled a two-run single just inside the right-field chalk to plate both Fitzgerald and Petschke. Duflo later scored on Richie Haycraft's RBI fielder's choice for a 3-0 lead.

Fairmont catcher Logan Peymann pegged a strike to second base to erase Beck's second of four walks on the game in the top of the third to keep New Ulm at bay.



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Beck assisted his own pitching performance in the last half of the fourth by hammering a two-run double into the right-center gap. Fitzgerald, who had walked, and Alek Borhardt - pinch running for Petschke, who had singled - scored on the extra-base blast.

Duflo, who had walked, later scored on Peymann's RBI fielder's choice to double the gap to 6-0.

New Ulm designated hitter Zach Quiring finally ended Beck's no-hit quest by chopping a leadoff single back through the box in the top of the fifth.

Quiring took second base on Quinn O'Connor's fielder's choice before Cardinal left fielder Richie Haycraft corralled Jason Shaul's sinking liner to rob the Eagle catcher of a hit.

Adam Loose drilled a double off the ivy-covered wall in left to open New Ulm's sixth at-bat, but Beck averted danger by getting a popout and a groundout before walking Bryan Kehren. Fairmont shortstop Max Waletich, however, ended the mini-rally with a flip to second baseman Ben Kain for the forceout.

Once again, Petschke set the offensive tone in the home half of the sixth by legging out an infield hit. Beck singled one out later before Petschke trotted home on Haycraft's sacrifice fly.

Peymann worked out a walk from New Ulm reliever Brett Gieseke before Ellis cranked a walkoff three-run blast over the center-field fence to end the game.

Juntunen allowed six runs on six hits, walked three and did not record a strikeout in three-plus innings to take the loss.

Gieseke gave up four runs on four hits, and walked two without a strikeout in 2 2/3 innings of relief.

### Section 3AA Finals ..... R—H—E—LOB

New Ulm ..... 000—000 — 0— 2— 0—5

Fairmont ..... 030—304 - 10 - 10— 0—3

\* Winning run scored with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Kaleb Juntunen (LP), Brett Gieseke (4) and Jason Shaul. Tyler Beck (WP) and Logan Peymann.

2B-Beck (F) and Adam Loose (NU). HR-Jon Ellis (F). SF-Richie Haycraft (F).



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### Section loss was tough to take

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports

NEW ULM - In the past three seasons, the New Ulm Eagle baseball team has posted a 60-15 record. But in the past three years, the Eagles' season has ended the same way - a loss in the Section 3A finals.

Thursday's 10-0 season-ending loss at the hands of Fairmont was hard to take for New Ulm High School baseball coach Jay Backer.

"We beat them twice during the regular season and we were the South Central Conference champions so I did not think that we would end our season by the 10-run rule," Backer said. "But that is baseball - that is how things happen. It was [Fairmont pitcher] Tyler Beck's show."

But Backer said that he felt confident before the game on the bus ride to Marshall.

"In the three years that we have taken the bus ride, this was the most focused that the team has ever been," he said. "We felt this was the best chance that we had to win two games out of the two opponents [Pipestone and Luverne] that we have played in the previous two years."

He said the team looked good in the infield-outfield drills. But the three-run second inning by Fairmont knocked the Eagles for a loop.

"It took the wind out of our sails and then they added six more runs," Backer said. "Plus we lost earlier to a BOLD team, that I felt we were better than."

SEASON LOOKED PROMISING: This was a season where it looked like the Eagles were poised to return to the state tournament. New Ulm was ranked No. 1 in Class 3A for four weeks before dropping to No. 2 in 3A in the last rankings.

But Backer felt the state rankings may have been misleading. "I honestly did not ever feel that we were the No. 1 team in the state," he said. "Overall, I did not think that we were that good. I thought that there were better teams in the state. I think that we got a lot of hype because of what New Ulm has done in the past. But then 19 wins [against six losses] is not a bad season. It just seems that right now we cannot get over that hump in the sectional finals."

Backer feels that the Eagles need to stay out of the loser's bracket in the sectional tournament and avoid the longer road back.

"You can talk and you can hype all you want but when you go up there and know that you have to win two games it is a different mindset than knowing that all you have to do is win one game," Backer said. "I think that the last three years that Wednesday game has gotten us. We need to come up there with someone needing to beat us twice."

Backer does not believe that the baseball talent at New Ulm High School has not dropped but rather a case of declining enrollment.

"We are not playing up with the big schools anymore - we are playing where we should be for our enrollment," he said. "I think that some other schools are coming up. It is a funny thing - I cannot explain it. On that championship day we are not playing good baseball." Backer said that when the season started, he thought that his team would have good pitching and average hitting.

"But it was the complete opposite," he said. "We had good high school pitching but we did not have great high school pitching on this year's team. Unfortunately, our hitting in the postseason went quiet. We could get by with that with some opponents but when we played anyone who was halfway decent in the postseason and did not hit, it came back to get us."

THAT IS WHY THEY PLAY THE GAME: Before the baseball season started, both New Ulm Cathedral and New Ulm High School were solid picks to get to the state tournament. But Minnesota Valley Lutheran at 13-13 is in the state while NUHS 19-6 and Cathedral, 20-2 are both done.



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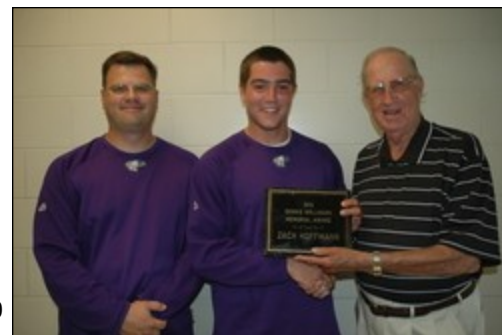


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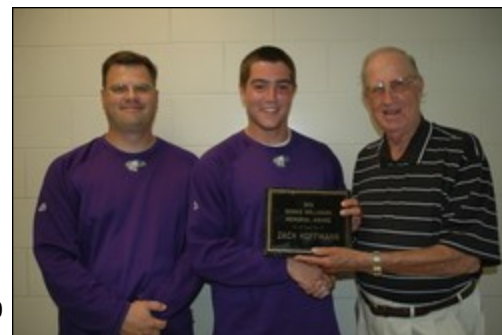


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### **NUHS, Cathedral lead All-Journal**

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2010 All-Journal Baseball

Zach Hoffmann, Jr., 1B, New Ulm

Hoffmann led the Eagles in batting average (.507), runs (35), hits (36), RBI's (30) and home runs (8). Hoffmann was selected to All-South Central Conference, All-Section and was named team MVP as he led the Eagles to the Section 3AA title game.

Zach Fischer, Sr., 1B, Cathedral

Fischer batted .462 for the season, knocked in 23 RBI's and had 28 runs scored. Fischer is an All-Tomahawk Conference selection and is the career leader at Cathedral in home runs, RBI's and total hits.

Kyle Fischer, Sr., P, Cathedral

On the mound Fischer went 5-1 with an ERA of 2.21. At the plate he batted .486 with 24 RBI's. For his career Fischer was 19-1 overall with an ERA of 1.28 and 108 strikeouts. Fischer was an All-Tomahawk Conference selection.

Derek Riley, Sr., CF, Wabasso

Riley batted .522 with 10 doubles, five triples, 23 runs scored, and 26 RBI's. Riley batted .403 for his career and was an All-Tomahawk Conference Selection this year.

Adam Loose, Jr., CF, New Ulm

Loose batted .400 along with 28 hits and 21 RBI's for the Eagles. He was named to All-South Central Conference team and helped the Eagles make it to the Section 3AA championship game.

Jordan Milbrath, Sr., P, Springfield

Milbrath hit a team-high .446 with seven doubles, 16 RBI's and 16 runs scored. On the mound Milbrath pitched 25 innings with an ERA of 3.41 and 29 strikeouts. Milbrath is an All-Tomahawk Conference selection and will play baseball at St. Cloud State University next year.

Aaron Pfaff, Jr., 2B, Cathedral

As a junior Pfaff batted .429 with 13 RBI's and a team-high 35 runs scored. Pfaff is an All-Tomahawk Conference selection and will be counted on to lead the Greyhounds next year.

Alex Fink, So., SS, Springfield

Fink played every inning for the Tigers this year at shortstop while batting .437 with nine doubles, one home run, 17 runs scored and 19 RBI's. Fink is an All-Tomahawk Conference selection and an All-Section nominee.

Michael Hahn, Sr., P, GFW

Hahn batted .439 for the season with six doubles, one home run and drove in 19 RBI's. On the mound he pitched to a record of 3-2 with one save and an ERA of 1.47. Hahn is an All Tomahawk Conference selection.



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Brandon Johnson, Jr., 1B, MVL

Johnson belted a team-high three home runs while batting .363 with 29 RBI's and seven doubles. He led the Chargers to a state tournament appearance this year, where they finished 0-2. Johnson was an All-Tomahawk Conference and All-Section selection.

Collin Wendinger, Jr., P, Cathedral

Wendinger pitched to a perfect 6-0 record with an ERA of 1.27 and 38 strikeouts. Wendinger was an All-Tomahawk Conference selection.

Nathan Miller, Jr., P, MVL

Miller struck out 44 batters in as many innings with an ERA of 2.39 and a record of 3-3. Miller is an All-Section selection and helped lead the Chargers to the Section 2A championship and a state tournament appearance, their first since 2004.

Sam Guetter, Sr. P, Wabasso

Guetter was perfect on the mound this year with a record of 5-0 and an ERA of 3.17 and 38 strikeouts. He batted .333 with 19 RBI's and is an All-Tomahawk Conference selection.

Kyle Maurer, Sr., P, GFW

Maurer logged 46 innings this year on the mound while having a record of 5-1. He had an ERA of 1.67 with 33 strikeouts. Maurer was an All-Tomahawk Conference selection.

Keith Besemer, Sr., P, MVL

Besemer logged a team-high 62 innings with an ERA of 4.29, a record of 5-3 and 33 strikeouts. At the plate he batted .268 with nine RBI's and four doubles and was a big reason for the Chargers' state tournament run this past year.

Jason Shaul, Jr., C, New Ulm

Shaul led the Eagles in triples with three while batting .393 and had 28 hits. Shaul was named All-South Central Conference and helped the Eagles reach the Section 3AA title game.

Galen Holzhueter, Sr., C, MVL

Holzhueter batted .380 with 15 RBI's, four doubles and 30 hits. Holzhueter is an All-Tomahawk Conference selection, All-Section selection and was named team MVP. Holzhueter led the Chargers to the state tournament this year and will attend Martin Luther College beginning next year.

Brett Ubl, Sr., P, St. Mary's

Ubl went 4-2 with an ERA of 3.06 and 55 strikeouts. At the plate Ubl batted .382 with 21 RBI's and 25 runs scored. For his career he batted .352 and was a 2010 All-Tomahawk Conference selection.



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### 2010 All-Journal Baseball

The following is the results of the 2010 All-Journal Baseball team voting by four Journal staff members. Nominated players are ranked 1-10 with the first-place votes worth 15 points, second 14 points and so on. Only players nominated by area coaches were eligible for selection. First place votes are in parenthesis.

#### FIRST TEAM

1-Zach Hoffmann, New Ulm (3) 58  
T2-Kyle Fischer, Cathedral 55; Zach Fischer, Cathedral (1) 55  
T4-Derek Riley, Wabasso 31; Adam Loose, New Ulm 31  
T6-Jordan Milbrath, Springfield 30; Aaron Pfaff, Cathedral, 30  
8-Alex Fink, Springfield, 26; 9-Michael Hahn, GFW, 25

#### SECOND TEAM

10-Brandon Johnson, MVL, 24; 11-Colin Wendinger, Cathedral, 21; 12-Nate Miller, MVL, 16; 13-Sam Guetter, Wabasso, 13;  
14-Kyle Maurer, GFW, 11; 15-Keith Besemer, MVL, 10; T16-Jason Shaul, New Ulm, 9; Galen Holzhueter, MVL, 9  
Brett Ubl, St. Mary's, 9

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Sean Mathiowetz, St. Mary's, Tyler Marz, Springfield, Michael Schlottman, MVL, Scott Salfer, St. Mary's