

# CATHEDRAL GREYHOUNDS SOFTBALL 2010

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## 2010 New Ulm Cathedral Softball Season Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Game Site</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Accum</u>	<u>Page</u>
4/8/2010	Sleepy Eye 2A	NU Cathedral	5 - 3	W	1-0	5
4/12/2010	Buffalo Lake-Hector 2A	NU Cathedral	3 - 0	W	2-0	6
4/13/2010	Springfield 2A	Springfield Riverside	3 - 0	W	3-0	7
4/15/2010	Wabasso 3A	Wabasso High School	3 - 1	W	4-0	7
4/19/2010	Minnesota Valley Luth 2A	New Ulm Cathedral	1 - 0	W	5-0	8
4/22/2010	Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's 2A	New Ulm Cathedral	2 - 0	W	6-0	9
4/22/2010	Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's	New Ulm Cathedral	8 - 3	W	7-0	9
4/23/2010	Le Sueur-Henderson 2AA	New Ulm Cathedral	5 - 6 (11)	L	7-1	10
4/26/2010	G-F-W 2A	G-F-W High School	13 - 6	W	8-1	10
4/27/2010	Sleepy Eye 2A	Sleepy Eye High School	13 - 3	W	9-1	11
4/29/2010	Buffalo Lake-Hector 2A	Buffalo Lake-Hector	10 - 1	W	10-1	11
5/3/2010	Cedar. Mt./Comfrey	Cedar Mt/Comfrey	4 - 5 (8)	L	10-2	11
5/3/2010	Cedar. Mt./Comfrey	Cedar Mt/Comfrey	7-3	W	11-2	11
5/6/2010	Springfield 2A	New Ulm Cathedral	16-4 (5)	W	12-2	12
5/7/2010	St. Paul Academy	Delano Tournament	9-0	W	13-2	13
5/8/2010	Faribault	Delano tournament	3-4	L	13-3	13
5/13/2010	Delano	MLC, New Ulm	5-1	W	14-3	14
5/10/2010	Wabasso 3A	New Ulm Cathedral	<i>Postponed</i>			
5/15/2010	Wabasso 3A	New Ulm Cathedral	2-1	W	15-3	15
5/17/2010	Minnesota Valley Lutheran	Minnesota Valley Lutheran	7-0	W	16-3	16
5/18/2010	G-F-W 2A	New Ulm Cathedral	6-1	W	17-3	17
<b>Section 2A, North sub-section Playoffs</b>						
5/25/2010	Springfield	New Ulm Cathedral	10-0 (5)	W	18-3	19
5/29/2010	Sleepy Eye St. Mary's	Caswell Park, Mankato	7-0	W	19-3	20
5/29/2010	Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	Caswell Park, Mankato	7-3	W	20-3	20
6/1/2010	Martin County West	Caswell Park, Mankato	5-0	W	21-3	21
6/3/2010	Lake Crstyal-Wellc Mem	Caswell Park, Mankato	11-1 (5)	W	22-3	22
<b>State Tournament, Mankato</b>						
6/10/2010	Barnum	Caswell Park, Mankato	0-7	L	22-4	27
<b>State Consolation</b>						
6/10/2010	Blooming Prairie	Caswell Park, Mankato	4-3	W	23-4	27
<b>State Consolation Championship</b>						
6/11/2010	Cherry/Cotton	Caswell Park, Mankato	4-1	W	24-4	30



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CATHEDRALS 2010 GIRL'S fast pitch softball team includes, L-R, front: Kasey Bode, Taylor Moldan, Leah Eckstein, Morgan Zollner, Anne Giesen, Kari Berg. Middle: Paige Pautzke, Hayley Hornick, Hallie Kuelbs, Lisa Helget, Amy Eckstein, Ali Brey, Britney Sellner. Back: Coach Bob Mertz, Assistant Coach Ron Domeier, Assistant Coach Jo Derksen, Stats Nicole Palmer, Assistant Coach Karan Whitmyer, Assistant Coach Becky Hosna.

## 2010 Cathedral Softball Roster

No	Player	Position	Grade
2	Anne Giesen	OF	11
3	Hayley Hornick	C	11
4	Hallie Kuelbs	OF	11
5	Lisa Helget	1B	9
6	Paige Pautzke	OF	9
7	Kari Berg	SS	11
8	Leah Eckstein	2B	12
9	Britney Sellner	OF	11
10	Morgan Zollner	3B	11
11	Kasey Bode	P	11
12	Amy Eckstein	1B	10
13	Taylor Moldan	OF	12
18	Ali Brey	P	10



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Reserved for Year-End stats and awards



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## A lot to prove

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: April 4, 2010

NEW ULM - The loss of eight seniors, six of them starters, to a starting line-up can be devastating to a lot of teams.

This spring, the New Ulm Cathedral softball team faces that problem. But while a lot of teams may struggle in a similar situation, it doesn't appear that the cupboard is completely bare for the Greyhounds.

Two mainstays in the Cathedral line-up, Kaitlin DuChene and Katie Larson, graduated after starting five years on the varsity. The Greyhounds finished last year 21-4.

Despite the holes in the line-up, the Greyhounds aren't too worried and they expect that they will be competitive again this year.

"It's just getting the game experience," coach Bob Mertz said. "A lot of these girls came from a B-squad where they were successful, so we think it's going to continue, what they're lacking is that varsity experience. I think once that comes around, we'll be alright."

So far, practice has been competitive this spring.

"There are a lot of open spots this year and a lot of people are stepping up," senior second baseman and three-year starter Leah Eckstein said. "We're working on getting everything, just the little stuff, right and being able to build off the basics."

Eckstein said that the Greyhounds have a lot of players that can play multiple spots, something that'll definitely help Mertz when he's filling out the line-up card.

Eckstein is one of those players who came up with a lot of veterans. Now she's the veteran, so that means she has to set all of the examples on and off the field.

"It was a really nervous time [as a sophomore] but hopefully now I can help some of the younger ones out," she said.

There are only two seniors on the roster, one being Eckstein and the other being Taylor Moldan who will play in left.

Junior Kasey Bode takes over the pitching duties. Last year, Bode was 7-2 with a 1.03 ERA, so she gives the Greyhounds some experience at that position.

Bode has been working on a new pitch - the rise ball - and she hopes that it will create a lot of frustration for the opposing hitters.

She said she worked on it all summer and during the fall and it was a difficult pitch to learn. She also said that having the rise ball gives her an advantage.

"A lot of people, if they stand back further in the box, they'll miss it completely," Bode said. "For bunters, it's a lot better because if they bunt it, it'll go straight up."

This year Bode will do most of the pitching. She shared the mound duties with Kate Bock last year. "I'm excited and I'm ready," Bode said. "I've been pitching since I was really little so I'm really excited for it."

Morgan Zollner is expected to go from center field to third base. Paige Pautzke will back her up at third. Last year, Zollner hit .339. She said the switch to third base may take some time to get used to, but she's ready for it and it doesn't matter to her where she plays.

"I've been working hard for third but played outfield last year so I think I'd be an asset to the outfield as well," Zollner said. "It's a lot different, at third you have to be a lot more attentive and you have to be more in the game, there's a lot more going on."

Replacing DuChene behind the plate this year is junior Hayley Hornick and freshman Lisa Helget will play first base. Junior Kari Berg is expected to take over for Larson at shortstop and Hallie Kuelbs will play right field. Anne Giesen or Taylor Moldan will play in left. Junior Britney Sellner will play DH, outfield or enter as a courtesy runner.



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## Cathedral tops Sleepy Eye

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer  
POSTED: April 9, 2010

NEW ULM - Aggressive baserunning has long been the style of the New Ulm Cathedral softball team.

The Greyhounds showed that philosophy will still be the case this season.

In Thursday's season opener with Sleepy Eye, Cathedral turned the Indians' miscues into extra-base opportunities as the Greyhounds won the Tomhawk Conference game 5-3.

"The first two runs of the game, we really didn't deserve," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "If we don't get our hitting down, we really need to be aggressive like that and take extra bases. That's our style that's our philosophy and it was really nice to see."

It was the second game of the season for Sleepy Eye and coach Tim Hoffmann was very pleased with the way his team competed.

"I couldn't be more pleased with how the girls played," Hoffmann said. "We had some inexperience out there, they made some mistakes and against a team like Cathedral that's all it takes."

The Indians struck first when Carissa Hillmer led off the game with a double to the fence in center. She scored when Leah Siefkes reached on a fielder's choice.

Cathedral came right back and tied it in the bottom half of the inning when Morgan Zollner singled and scored an error.

The Greyhounds took the lead in the second when Taylor Moldan walked and scored on another Sleepy Eye error.

The Indians tied it up in the third when Kasey Bode came down with some control problems. She hit Hillmer to lead off the inning, Siefkes walked and Sydney Remus singled to load the bases. Mistie Zeig walked to drive in Hillmer and tied the game at two.

Cathedral added another run in the fifth and two more in the sixth on aggressive baserunning and another Sleepy Eye error to seal the game.

The Indians attempted a late rally in the top of the seventh when Remus led off with a double to center and Paige Walter followed with another double to nearly the same spot. She was thrown out when she tried to stretch it into a triple.

Walter took the loss for Sleepy Eye. She went six innings allowed five runs on eight hits with a walk and eight strikeouts.

Remus led the Indians going 3-for-4 and Hillmer was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Sleepy Eye (0-1, 0-2) plays at Mountain Lake/Butterfield-Odin today.

"I like the competitiveness and the effort of this team," Hoffmann said. "There is just no quit in this team and that's what I like to see. They are working hard together as a team and they keep battling. If they keep that up good things will happen."

Bode earned the win as she scattered five hits with five walks and 13 strikeouts. Zollner and Hallie Kuelbs each went 2-for-3.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm Cathedral starting pitcher Kasey Bode winds up to deliver a pitch during the Greyhounds' game against Sleepy Eye High School Thursday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)

## **Brey pitches Cathedral to win**

By Michael Gasset, Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: April 13, 2010*

NEW ULM - With his usual starter Kasey Bode sick and unable to play, New Ulm Cathedral coach Bob Mertz sent Ali Brey to the pitching circle for her first varsity start.

If there were any first-game jitters, Brey didn't show it Monday against Buffalo Lake-Hector.

The sophomore pitched with the poise of a veteran as she struck out 12, walked two and didn't allow her first hit until the top of the seventh.

The Greyhounds defense and offense did the rest as they won the Tomahawk Conference softball game 3-0.

"She throws hard and she did a really nice job," Mertz said. "We got just enough offense to get some runs. We actually hit the ball better today."

Brey never allowed a runner past second and after a walk to Jessie Kalenberg in the top of the third, she set down the next 10 Mustang batters until Larissa Karl broke up the no-hit bid with a double to the fence in right in the top of the seventh.

Meanwhile, the Greyhounds got down to business right away in the second inning. Kari Berg led off with a single and Amy Eckstein followed with a single. They both advanced on Lisa Helget's groundout before Berg scored on a wild pitch and Paige Pautzke drove in Eckstein to give Cathedral a 2-0 lead.

"Paige really had a nice game," Mertz said. "She stung the ball and she made a couple of nice plays out in the outfield too."

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Cathedral (2-0, 2-0) is at Springfield today and at Wabasso Thursday.

"All in all, I was very pleased with the way we played today," Mertz said. "It's my birthday today, so it was a nice birthday present."



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## New Ulm Cathedral blanks Springfield

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SPRINGFIELD - New Ulm Cathedral defeated Springfield 3-0 Tuesday in Tomahawk Conference prep softball play.

Ali Brey earned the win for the Greyhounds. Brey went the distance allowing no runs on five hits and eight strikeouts.

Brey also helped her cause at the plate going 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Paige Pautzke went 2-for-3 with one RBI.

The loss went to Katie Timm, who also had a complete game, allowing two earned runs on six hits.

Stacia Jones went 2-for-4 for the Tigers.

## NUC 3, Wabasso 1

POSTED: April 16, 2010 New Ulm Journal

WABASSO - New Ulm Cathedral was able take a win over Wabasso on Thursday as it beat the Rabbits 3-1 in Tomahawk Conference softball action.

Kasey Bode had the win, pitching a complete game, getting eight strikeouts and giving up five hits and a walk.

Desi Kramer took the loss. She also pitched a complete game, getting three strikeouts and giving up five hits and four walks.

Ellen Franta led the Wabasso offense, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

For Cathedral, Paige Pautzke was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Amy Eckstein and Hayley Hornick were next, each going 1-for-2 with an RBI.

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## Greyhounds hang on

*POSTED: April 20, 2010* New Ulm Journal

By Jeremy Behnke  
Journal Sports Editor

NEW ULM - Over the years, the Minnesota Valley Lutheran softball team has lost more than its share of games against cross-town rival New Ulm Cathedral.

But even though Monday's 1-0 loss to the Greyhounds may have shown a lot of progress made by the Chargers, it still was a tough pill to swallow in the end.

The Greyhounds survived a couple of baserunning mistakes and got a crucial out at home plate to stay unbeaten in Tomahawk Conference softball action Monday at Harman Park.

Down 1-0 in the top of the sixth, the Chargers had a chance to at least tie the game. With Mashaye Wilson on second base and two outs, Kayleigh Kassulke hit a hard grounder to second base that was bobbled by Cathedral second baseman Leah Eckstein. MVL coach Julie Detjen saw Eckstein bobble the ball and sent Wilson home.

But Eckstein didn't panic and instead fired home, gunning down Wilson at the plate and ending the threat of the Chargers finally beating their cross-town rivals.

It was a play that Detjen would do all over again as it took a perfect throw to get the speedy Wilson out at the plate. "We came in with a real positive attitude and we've been playing really well," Detjen said. "Mashaye is one of our more aggressive baserunners, so if you're not going to do it with her, who you going to do it with?"



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
Minnesota Valley Lutheran shortstop Mashaye Wilson tags out New Ulm Cathedral's Taylor Moldan during the Greyhounds' win Monday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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Cathedral's Kasey Bode earned the win. She went the distance, allowing two hits. She struck out 10.

Freshman Carlie Maasz took the hard-luck loss for the Chargers. She went 5 2/3 innings, allowing three hits and she walked six.

"She plays summer ball with some of them [Cathedral players], but Carlie really doesn't get intimidated," Detjen said. "Carlie plays like a seasoned veteran, and I don't really have to worry about that Cathedral jitter thing. She knows it's been a long time [since MVL has beaten Cathedral], but we're getting closer."

The Greyhounds scored the game's only run in the bottom of the second inning when Amy Eckstein singled home Paige Pautzke. The Greyhounds had a golden opportunity to score earlier in the inning, but Kari Berg was out on a rundown between third and home with runners on second and third and one out.

The Greyhounds had another runner out in a similar situation in the fifth inning to end another scoring threat.

"I was frustrated with a couple of the runners that we lost," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "A couple of times we sacrificed but we didn't wait for the bunt to get down."

## Cathedral sweeps St. Mary's

POSTED: April 23, 2010

By Jeremy Behnke

Journal Sports Editor

NEW ULM - Over the last few years, the New Ulm Cathedral softball team has relied on the big hit and power in the middle of the order to build a successful program.

But this year, the Greyhounds have had to rely on good pitching and defense and small ball at the plate to stay unbeaten.

The Greyhounds defeated Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 2-0 in the first game of a Tomahawk Conference softball doubleheader, then broke out the bats and scored eight runs in an 8-3 win in the nightcap.

In the first game, the Greyhounds scored all of the runs that they needed early on.

Hallie Kuelbs scored the first run of the game when she stole home in the bottom of the first, and Anne Giesen scored Cathedral's second run in the bottom of the second inning to put her team up 2-0.

From there, Ali Brey kept the Knights off the bases and she struck out 10 while allowing only three hits. Nevada Helget took the loss in the first game, allowing both runs and three hits.

In the second game, the Knights scored off of Cathedral starter Kasey Bode right away, scoring two runs in the second inning. But the Greyhounds answered with five runs in the top of the third inning and three more runs in the top of the fourth inning to put the game away.

Bode struck out six and allowed seven hits in the win. The Greyhounds finished the game with 13 hits. Leah Eckstein was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a double and Morgan Zollner was 2-for-3 with four RBIs. Anne Giesen was 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

Kahley Pelzel took the loss for the Knights. Kelsey Sellner and Megan Gilland were 2-for-3.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
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### Greyhounds drop first game

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NEW ULM - The New Ulm Cathedral softball team lost its first game of the season Friday as Greyhounds fell to LeSueur-Henderson 6-5 in 11 innings in a rain-soaked nonconference contest at Harman Park.

With the game tied at three, the Giants scored two runs in the top of the fifth when the game was delayed due to heavy rain.

After a 15-minute delay, play resumed and the Greyhounds scored two runs to tie it up and sent it to extra innings.

LSH finally scored in the top of the 11th and Cathedral had the tying run thrown out at home in the bottom of the 11th to end the game.

Kasey Bode went the distance and took the loss for the Greyhounds. She allowed 10 hits with five walks and five strikeouts.

Cathedral walked 13 times in the game and scored four of its five runs on passed balls.

Taylor Moldan led the Greyhounds going 1-for-2 with a double.

### Cathedral 13, GFW 6

POSTED: April 27, 2010

FAIRFAX - New Ulm Cathedral defeated Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop 13-6 Monday in Tomahawk Conference prep softball action.

Kasey Bode picked up the win for New Ulm in releif. Bode pitched 6 1/3 innings giving up no runs on just one hit and three walks with three strikeouts. Bode went 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs. Hayley Hornick went 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Rachel Schweiss took the loss for GFW going all seven innings, allowing 13 runs on 12 hits with five walks and one strikeout. Jamie Katzenmeyer went 2-for-4 for the Thunderbirds.



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### Cathedral 13, Sleepy Eye 3

*POSTED April 27, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

SLEEPY EYE - New Ulm Cathedral defeated Sleepy Eye 13-3 Tuesday in Tomahawk Conference prep softball action.

Kasey Bode picked up the win for Cathedral, allowing three runs on five hits with seven strikeouts in five innings of work. Bode also had two hits on the day and Amy Eckstein had four hits.

Paige Walter took the loss, going 4 2/3 innings, allowing six runs on eight hits with two strikeouts. Rachel Schroeder had two hits for the Indians and Sydney Remus had a home run and two RBIs.

### Cathedral 10, BLH 1

*POSTED April 30, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

BUFFALO LAKE - New Ulm Cathedral moved to 10-1 on the season with a Tomahawk Conference win over Buffalo Lake-Hector Thursday.

Ali Brey earned the win, pitching four innings and striking out eight. She gave up two hits.

Brey was was 2-for-2 and Taylor Moldan was 2-for-4.

For BLH, Erin Daak was 2-for-3.

### CM/C 5, Cathedral 4, 8 innings: Cathedral 7, CM/C 3

*POSTED: May 4, 2010*

COMFREY - Cedar Mountain/Comfrey and New Ulm Cathedral split a doubleheader Monday.

The Laura Carnell went eight innings to earn the win for the Rockets, allowing four runs on seven hits with four strikeouts.

Angie Gewerth and Ashley Schumacher had two hits for the Rockets.

Ali Brey took the loss in Game 1, going eight innings, allowing five runs on seven hits with 10 strikeouts. Amy Eckstein went 3-for-4 for Cathedral.

Brey picked up the win for Cathedral in Game 2, going seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits with 10 strikeouts. Taylor Moldan went 2-for-2 and Eckstein was 2-for-3.

Gewerth had two hits for the Rockets.



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### Cathedral rolls by Springfield

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: May 7, 2010 New Ulm Journal

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NEW ULM - The New Ulm Cathedral softball team got its offense going in a hurry Thursday against Springfield.

The Greyhounds scored seven runs in the first inning alone. That's all the runs they needed but not all they got as they easily handled Springfield 16-4 in five innings of Tomahawk Conference softball at Harman Park.

"It was nice that we scored some runs and we ran the bases well," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "We got everyone in and that was good to see too."

Kasey Bode got the win for Cathedral and she did some damage at the plate as well. Bode allowed four runs on six hits with five strikeouts and two walks.

She was also 2-for-4 with a two-run homer in the first inning and she scored three runs.

"Kasey finally got a hold of one, that was nice to see," Mertz said. "It was the first one of the year for her and she had four or five last year. It was nice to see her get one."

Cathedral sent 11 batters to the plate in the first inning and scored seven runs on five hits but was aided by four Springfield errors.

Brittany Sellner and Taylor Moldan led off the game by reaching on errors and Morgan Zollner drove them both in with a single to center. Bode followed that up with her homer over the fence in left to put Cathedral up 4-0.

Amy Eckstein singled and scored when Paige Pautzke reached on the third error of the game for Springfield. Ali Brey singled and Anne Giesen drove in Pautzke and Brey with a bases clearing double to put Cathedral up 7-0.

The Greyhounds added two runs in the second before again sending 11 batters to the plate in the third as they scored six more runs on six hits to go up 15-0.

Springfield finally got something going in the fourth when the Tigers scored four runs but Cathedral added a single run in the bottom of the inning to make the final 16-4.

Sarah Reiner took the loss for Springfield. She pitched the first two innings and allowed nine runs on eight hits. Dawn Roiger pitched the final two innings and allowed seven runs on seven hits with a walk.

Roiger was 2-for-2 with a run. Kelsea Cummins was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Springfield hosts Windom today.

For Cathedral, Ali Brey was 3-for-3 with two RBIs. Anne Giesen was 2-for-2 with three RBIs and Paige Pautzke was 2-for-3 with three runs. Amy Eckstein had two RBIs and Taylor Moldan and Lisa Helget each had an RBI.



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### Cathedral goes 1-1 at Delano

*POSTED: May 9, 2010*

DELANO - New Ulm Cathedral went 1-1 in the Delano Tournament Saturday.

The Greyhounds defeated St. Paul Academy 9-0 in the first game. Kasey Bode earned the win, pitching six innings and allowing one hit. She struck out five.

Amy Eckstein came in to pitch the final inning, allowing one hit and striking out two.

Eckstein also was 2-for-3 and Bode was 2-for-4 with a two-run home run.

The Greyhounds then lost to Faribault 4-3 in the second game.

Bode took the loss, going all seven innings and allowing three hits. She struck out eight.

Morgan Zollner was 3-for-4 and Kari Berg was 2-for-2 for Cathedral (13-3).



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## Greyhounds top Delano

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer  
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NEW ULM - After nearly a week, the rain finally went away and the New Ulm Cathedral softball team got to play.

The Greyhounds had games rained out at the Delano Tournament Friday, and against Wabasso Monday.

Getting Thursday's nonconference game with Delano in didn't look all that promising either.

But with their normal field at Harman Park unplayable, the Greyhounds moved to the Martin Luther College campus, where the change of scenery and the extended layoff didn't seem to hurt the Greyhounds as they came away with a 5-1 win.

"I don't think it affected us too much we were ready to play," Cathedral starter Kasey Bode said. "We've had a few days off and that was enough."

After a shaky start Bode settled down and finished strong.

Delano got its lone run in the top of the first. Ashley Lewis was hit by a pitch and scored on Katie Emmer's single up the middle. Abby Vidmar then singled but Bode struck out Jessica Prinsen to end the threat.

After that, Bode allowed just three more hits in the game as Delano stranded runners at third in the fourth and seventh innings.

"They hit her at times but they didn't get the big hit," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "She used her change-up really well and threw it for strikes."

Cathedral did its damage in the third inning. Taylor Moldan and Anne Giesen singled. Amy Eckstein drove in Moldan before Bode lined a double to left-center field, scoring Giesen and Eckstein. Morgan Zollner reached on an error to drive in another run and make it 4-1.

"We like to hit and we knew we would get back in the game," Bode said. "Our bats have been going really good. Everyone has been producing from the top and the bottom of the order."

The Greyhounds got an insurance run in the sixth. Zollner reached on an error and scored on Ali Brey's single to center.

Rhea Ylitalo took the loss for the Tigers. She went the distance and allowed five runs on eight hits with a walk and four strikeouts.

Bode allowed five hits with seven strikeouts, two walks and two hit batters.

Eckstein and Ali Brey had RBIs. Moldan had two hits. Giesen, Eckstein, Bode, Zollner and Kari Berg each had a hit.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm Cathedral's Taylor Moldan slides into home as the Delano catcher waits for the ball during the Greyhounds' win Thursday at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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Cathedral, which is in first place in the Tomahawk Conference has just three games left on the season and all are against the next three teams in the standings.

The Greyhounds (14-3) host Wabasso at 5 p.m. Saturday and travel to cross-town rival Minnesota Valley Lutheran on Monday and hosts Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Tuesday.

"We've got three big conference games coming up," Mertz said. "They are all right on our tail and we need to get some wins there. Everything is in our hands, we just have to get the job done."

*Note: It is not known if the Delano game is a continuation of the Delano tournament or if there is a placing in the tournament. It is believed the "tournament" will have the organization of a round-robin schedule .)*

## Cathedral Takes Tomahawk Title

By Michael Gassett — Journal Sports Writer  
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NEW ULM - New Ulm Cathedral coach Bob Mertz has talked about moving Kari Berg up in the line-up.

But the No. 7 spot seems to be working out just fine for her.

The junior short stop drove in both runs as Cathedral won the Tomahawk Conference title outright with a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Wabasso Saturday at Harman Park.

"I am always thinking of moving her up, but I think that she likes that spot," he said. "She gets better pitches back there and it doesn't put so much pressure on her."

With just two games remaining on the season, the Greyhounds needed the win to keep their three game cushion on second place Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop.

"This was a nice win for us and now we can relax a little bit," Mertz said. "The section seeding meeting is Wednesday and this was big win for us because now we should be seeded No. 1. I am very proud of this group, they have really come together."

It was the combination of Morgan Zollner and Berg that did the damage for the Greyhounds Saturday as Zollner scored both runs on Berg's RBIs.

"She is really hitting the ball well right now," Mertz said of Berg. "When she gets her pitch, she hits the ball hard. She is getting a lot of confidence in herself now too."

It was the Rabbits that got going first. After loading the bases with one out in the top of the first inning, Cathedral's Kasey Bode got Desi Kramer and Paige Pistulka to strike out to end the scoring threat and the inning.

But Wabasso did get to Bode in the third. Kimberly Frank led off the inning by reaching on an error. She scored the lone run of the game for the Rabbits on an RBI single by Morgan Samyn, which also happened to be Wabasso's only hit.

Bode was unhittable the rest of the game as she allowed just two more baserunners - one by walk and she hit another - the rest of the game.

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Staff photo by Mark Newsom  
New Ulm Cathedral's Morgan Zollner comes home and scores the winning run as Wabasso's Alonna Baune attempts to make a tag during their game at Harman Park in New Ulm on Saturday. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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Kasey got behind early and just couldn't get ahead of batters," Mertz said. "She has been doing that lately. It seems that first couple innings she is just not herself. But she gets warmed up and over the last four or five innings, she really throws a nice game in the end."

Berg was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Zollner, Sellner, and Moldan had the other hits for the Greyhounds.

Meanwhile, Cathedral had it's chances to open the game up but never quite got that clutch hit. Britney Sellner was thrown out at home in the bottom of the first and the Greyhounds stranded runners at second and third in the third.

But in the fourth, Cathedral finally started to get to Kramer, the Wabasso starter. Zollner lined a double off the fence in center field and a batter later, Berg hit it to nearly the same spot to tie the game at one.

Cathedral left Taylor Moldan stranded at third in the fifth inning before getting the winning run across in the bottom of the sixth. And it was Zollner and Berg that did it again.

Zollner walked and was sacrificed to second on Paige Pautzke's bunt, Berg followed with a single to right and Zollner beat the throw home for the winning run.

Kramer took the loss for Wabasso. She allowed two runs on five hits with four walks. Samyn had the lone hit for the Rabbits. Bode earned the win for Cathedral. She allowed one unearned run on one hit with seven strikeouts, two walks and two hit batters.

## Greyhounds win rivalry game

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer  
POSTED May 18, 2010 New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - New Ulm Cathedral starter Kasey Bode said it's much easier to pitch with a lead.

After leaving a pair of runners on base in the top of the first inning, the Greyhounds gave Bode all the run support she needed in the top of the second.

Cathedral scored six runs in that second inning as it swept cross-town rival Minnesota Valley Lutheran in the season series with a 7-0 victory Monday.

"It's a lot easier," Bode said. "Our defense works really hard and I feel really comfortable having them behind me."

In that second inning, the Greyhounds sent 10 batters to the plate but were helped by two costly MVL errors.

Kari Berg and Amy Eckstein reached on errors to lead off the inning and Paige Pautzke reached on a bloop single between pitcher and third that scored Berg.

Lisa Helget followed with a bases-clearing double to left to make it 4-0. Taylor Moldan and Hailie Kuelbs both singled and scored to put Cathedral up 6-0.

That was really all the offense the Greyhounds got. They had just one base runner over the next three innings until getting the final run across in the seventh to make the final score 7-0.

"We had physical and mental errors that second inning and that last run shouldn't have happened either," MVL coach Julie Detjen said. "If we could just erase that one inning it would be great. We got people on base but we just couldn't sneak them in today.



Staff photo by Mary Roufs  
New Ulm Cathedral's Britney Sellner slides into home plate as Minnesota Valley Lutheran catcher Mikyla Weilage attempts the tag. Sellner was safe on the play.



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The Chargers had their chances to stay in the game. They left runners at second and third in the fourth and bases loaded in the fifth.

Abbie Kretsch took the loss for MVL She allowed six runs on seven hits with a strikeout and two walks.

Emily Wessel and Mashaye Wilson each had two hits for the Chargers.

Bode picked up the win as she pitched five innings and allowed three hits with three strikeouts and three walks.

Ali Brey pitched the final two innings and allowed a hit and struck out three.

Cathedral (16-3, 14-1) closes out the regular season at home against Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop today. The Section 2A seedings come out Wednesday and Cathedral should be the top seed when the playoffs start next week.

"We feel we are set and ready to go," Bode said. "We are ready for the playoffs to get started."

MVL (10-9, 8-7) closes out the regular season at home against Wabasso Thursday.

"I want to finish strong with the conference season," Detjen said. "We just need to refocus, we can't be down after this one, we just need to focus on Wabasso then get ready for the playoffs."

### **Cathedral closes with a win**

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor  
**POSTED May 19, 2010** New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - With the Tomahawk Conference title already locked up and a possible No. 1 seed to go with it in the subsection playoffs, the New Ulm Cathedral softball team was able to relax against second-place Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop on Tuesday in the final game of the season for both teams.

The Greyhounds surrendered the first run of the game, but came back to score the next six runs en route to a 6-1 victory over the Thunderbirds at Harman Park.

Both Cathedral (17-3, 15-1) and GFW (13-7) open the Section 2A, North Subsection playoffs Tuesday and both teams more than likely will have a home game to start off.

Kasey Bode earned the win for the Greyhounds. She went all seven innings and allowed two hits. She struck out five. Karissa Schwecke took the loss. She pitched six innings, allowing eight hits and six runs.

GFW scored the first run in the top of the second when Jamie Katzenmeyer doubled and scored on a grounder to short.

But after that, the Greyhounds scored two runs in the bottom of the second after Amy Eckstein and Paige Pautzke scored on an RBI single by Hailie Kuelbs to make it 2-1.

Then, the Greyhounds scored three more times in the bottom of the third to widen the gap, one that GFW could not recover from.



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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm Cathedral center fielder Taylor Moldan makes a catch during the Greyhounds' win against Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Tuesday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more

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"That really helps, because once one person gets going, then everybody gets the swing of it," Cathedral's Kari Berg said. "We start getting more confidence because we know we can hit off of her."

The Kuelbs hit was especially big because it got the Greyhounds going offensively. That also boosted Kasey Bode's confidence on the mound.

"We needed that, because we build off of those kinds of things," Bode said. "I'm glad people can do that for us."

The Thunderbirds weren't able to get much offense going after the second inning.

"We just didn't hit," GFW coach Brian Magnusson said. "You can't win ball games when you don't hit the ball. We sat back a little too much and watched a few too many good pitches go by."

Taylor Moldan, Leah Eckstein and Kari Berg all scored for the Greyhounds in the third inning. A passed ball scored Moldan and Kari Berg had an RBI single that scored Leah Eckstein. Amy Eckstein doubled to score Berg and Cathedral led 5-1 after three innings.

The Greyhounds added another run in the fifth inning on another RBI single by Amy Eckstein.

Berg had two hits and an RBI and Amy Eckstein was 3-for-3 with a run and two RBIs.

Now the Greyhounds are hoping to carry this win into a long postseason run.

"Everyone's really excited, we're looking forward to it and hopefully we can come back with the bats we've been having and have good defense," Bode said.



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### Cathedral blanks Springfield, 10-0

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Dustin Briggs, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - The New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds defeated the Springfield Tigers 10-0 in first round game of the Section 2A, North Division Playoffs Tuesday.

New Ulm's Kasey Bode pitched almost flawlessly in the shutout, allowing only two hits the entire five-inning game. She had eight strikeouts and only one walk.

Springfield's Katie Timm took the loss pitching only the first inning as the Greyhound bats were unstoppable. She allowed seven runs in the first giving New Ulm a big lead that the Tigers could not overcome.

Bode earned the Greyhounds their first two runs in the first inning when she hit a double past the Springfield right fielder for two RBIs.

Shortstop Kari Berg followed with an RBI single, then Amy Eckstein smashed an RBI double into left field. Paige Pautzke kept the rally going with an RBI double into right-center.

Springfield's Tiffany Schwanke relieved Timm in the first and kept the Cathedral bats scoreless until the bottom of the fifth when Greyhound left fielder Anne Giesen hit a double into center field and Karlee Pfaff smashed an RBI double to end the game with a 10-run-rule.

"Everyone contributed the entire game and the momentum allowed me to come through with a double," Pfaff said after the walk-off double to end the game.

It was tough loss for the Tigers who couldn't recover after the first inning.

"[The Greyhounds] put six hits together in that first inning and we couldn't recover physically or mentally. They are good hitters and a well coached team," Springfield head coach Paul Dunn said.

Greyhound coach Bob Mertz was very happy with the way his team performed but is already preparing for the next round of the playoffs.

"I thought the first inning would set the pace for the game but our bats went dead until the fifth," Mertz said. "[Bode] pitched a great game and had a lot of control. It was a good first round win but now we got St. Mary's."



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## Cathedral stays alive

POSTED May 30, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Dave Clark — Journal Sports Writer

**NORTH MANKATO** - If the journey to become the 2A state softball champions could be compared to a horse race, the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds hit the trifecta on Saturday in a couple of different ways.

First, the Greyhounds won against the Sleepy Eye St. Mary's Knights and Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Thunderbirds, the third time this season Cathedral had defeated each team.

Second, the Greyhounds won with the coach's dream combination of pitching, defense and clutch hitting.

Cathedral eliminated the Knights from tournament with a 7-0 victory, then beat GFW 7-3, sending the Thunderbirds to the losers bracket. The end result means the Knights season ends with a 12-10 record, GFW will play Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial on Tuesday night at 5 p.m on field 3 at Caswell Park in North Mankato and the Greyhounds will play Martin County West at 5 p.m. at Caswell Park on field 1.

"It was a really rewarding day," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "It's not easy beating teams three times in a season. We're kind of peaking at the right time. Now we're really hitting well with two outs, we were really disciplined against GFW. GFW is a nice team, and we knew it was going to be a tough game."

The Thunderbirds drew first blood, though, manufacturing a run in the top of the first after Kellsie Farenbaugh opened the game with a walk, reached third on a steal and a grounder, then made it 1-0 on a wild pitch.

Cathedral tied it in the second when Kari Berg hit her first pitch to the center field fence for a double, broke for third on a steal attempt, then scored when the throw got away and she was able to slide under the tag.

Some clutch hitting with two out gave the Greyhounds the lead in the third. Morgan Zollner singled to left, followed by walks to Kasey Bode and Berg. Amy Eckstein then lined a 2-1 pitch to the left field fence, clearing the bases to give Cathedral a 4-1 lead.

The Greyhounds added two more in the fifth on a Eckstein grounder that scored courtesy runner Britney Sellner, and a triple by Pautzke scored Berg, who had walked.

GFW fought back in the sixth when Kayla Schuette had an infield single, Jamie Katzenmeyer walked and Whitney Vorwerk doubled to deep left to clean the bases, making it 6-3. The final Greyhounds' run came in the sixth when three walks loaded the bases, followed by a wild pitch that brought home Taylor Moldan.

For the Thunderbirds, it was a tough loss following an earlier 10-0 win over the Sleepy Eye Indians in six innings that eliminated the Indians from the tournament.

"We just didn't hit in the second game," GFW coach Brian Magnusson said. "You make a mistake against Cathedral, you pay for it."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
Cathedral's Britney Sellner (9) dives back to first under the tag of Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop's Kellsie Farenbaugh during the Greyhounds' Section 2A Playoff win Saturday at Caswell Park in North Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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The battery combo of pitcher Bode and catcher Pautzke was another big reason for the Greyhounds two wins. Bode pitched a total of 12 innings, five against the Knights and a complete game against the Thunderbirds, giving up just eight hits in the games, while striking out 11 against GFW.

"I was just working inside and outside with changeups," Bode said, while Pautzke gave Bode the responsibility of calling the pitches. "She's really good and she knows what she's doing," Pautzke said.

At the plate, Eckstein showed why she's the designated hitter, tallying six runs batted in on the day, three of them coming on the two-out double against GFW she said was "an inside fastball, it felt like a really good hit."

Against the Knights in the early game, the Greyhounds played flawless defense and broke the game open in the middle innings, ending with game with 15 hits.

But St. Mary's was discouraged early in the game by leaving six runners stranded in the first three innings, leaving the bases loaded in the third.

"Cathedral hit the ball," St. Mary's coach Wendy Owens said. "They were solid hits. They're an experienced team. It was nice to get here, though."

The Greyhounds opened the scoring in the third when Anne Giesen singled and scored on Bode's double to the center field wall. Bode came home on Berg's double, and after Eckstein singled, a base hit to right by Lisa Helget cleared the bases for a 4-0 Cathedral lead.

In the fourth with two out, a Zollner double to the right field fence and a Bode single made it 5-0, followed by a hit up the middle from Berg. An Eckstein blast up the middle scored the final two runs, making it 7-0.

## Cathedral one win from state

POSTED June 2, 2010

By Dave Clark — Journal Sports Writer

NORTH MANKATO - While it's important to sing the praises of the obvious hero a game, it's not a bad idea to give the unsung heroes at least a hum.

New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds softball pitcher Kasey Bode shut out the Martin County West Mavericks 5-0 Wednesday, giving up just three hits, striking out eight, plus went 2-for-3 at the plate with two runs batted in.

Obvious hero.

But it was Anne Giesen, who laid down three perfect sacrifice bunts and had an RBI single, that kept the Greyhounds offensive machine going.

Then there's the Cathedral defense, which hasn't committed an error in the three games played at Caswell Park in North Mankato, that have contributed mightily to the Greyhounds being able to play today at 5 p.m. for the Section 2A championship against Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial.

A win against LCWM also means a trip to the state tournament next Thursday and Friday at Caswell Park.

With Cathedral undefeated in the playoffs so far and double elimination the rule, LCWM would have to beat the Greyhounds



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
Cathedral's Hayley Hornick (3) slides safely into second base under the tag of Martin County West short-stop Paige Breneman during the Greyhounds' Section 2A playoff win Wednesday at Caswell Park in North Mankato For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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With Cathedral undefeated in the playoffs so far and double elimination the rule, LCWM would have to beat the Greyhounds twice today to be the team to advance.

Peaking at the playoffs is the desire of every coach, and while Cathedral coach Bob Mertz knows the season isn't anywhere near over, he's pleased with the way the Greyhounds have played so far.

"What a game," Mertz said. "We executed extremely well, and we did lots of things the right way. Kasey threw a heck of a game. They were waiting for her fastball and she was getting them on her changeup."

The Greyhounds didn't waste any time putting pressure on the Mavericks, opening with a run in the first when leadoff batter Halie Kuelbs lofted a single to left, went to second on Giesen's first sacrifice bunt, then scored on a hit to right by Morgan Zollner that skipped past the right fielder for a double.

Cathedral broke the game open in the third when Leah Eckstein opened the inning with a base hit to right center, was bunted to second by Kristi Larson and took third on a wild pitch.

Giesen then bunted towards the first baseman, who took the ball in one hand, but tagged Giesen with an empty glove, making Giesen safe at first. Meanwhile, Eckstein scored to make it 2-0.

Zollner followed with another bunt down the first- base line, but this time the first baseman dropped the ball on the tag, allowing Zollner to reach. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch, and Bode came up and promptly lined a 3-2 pitch to right to make it 4-0.

With Hayley Hornick replacing Bode as a courtesy runner, Amy Eckstein fired a single down the third-base line, scoring Hornick to make it 5-0.

The Mavericks had just two baserunners after the second inning, with their batters going down 1-2-3 in five of the seven innings.

Bode entered the game with a 1.24 ERA and with her eight K's, now has 125 on the season.

"I warmed up with a lot of changeups," Bode said. "It was one of my go-to pitches tonight. And we all have confidence in each other."

"We trust each other to know their jobs and do what they're supposed to do," catcher Paige Pautzke said.

### **Greyhounds Are State Bound**

*POSTED June 4, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

**NORTH MANKATO** - So much for the pre-season pearl of wisdom from area fans and pundits that the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds softball team was in for a down year.

The only thing that went down on Thursday afternoon at Caswell Park in North Mankato was the Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Knights, who were bludgeoned out of the section tournament by the Greyhounds 11-1 in five innings.

Going up was the Section 2A championship plaque now held by Cathedral via that victory that propels the Greyhounds into the state tournament that will be held at Caswell park next Thursday and Friday. The Greyhounds will face the Section 5A champion at 11 a.m. Thursday.



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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm Cathedral's Kari Berg (left), Kasey Bode (11), Leah Eckstein (middle) and Taylor Moldan (right) grab the Section 2A Championship trophy after defeating Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Thursday at Caswell Park in North Mankato. For more

"We've really just peaked at the right time," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "This is a nice way to complete the regular season. We started the year wanting to win the Tomahawk Conference and this is just icing on the cake."

"We've come a long way. They've worked really hard to get to this point. They've surprised a lot of people and they surprised me."

What wasn't a surprise against the Knights was the total domination on the mound again by Kasey Bode, who allowed a single hit while striking out 11, six of them swinging.

"I was really comfortable out there," Bode said. "Better than [Wednesday against Martin County West]. Everyone had a good game."

In rapping out 14 hits, the Cathedral offense obviously performed, as every batter reached base either with a hit or on an error by LCWM and three players had hits on each at bat.

Hallie Kuelbs started the game off for the Greyhounds with a hit to right, followed by a Morgan Zollner liner that went off the third basemen's glove. This brought Bode to the plate, who deposited a down-the-middle, waist-high fastball over the center field fence that gave Cathedral a quick 3-0 lead. Kari Berg scored later after walking on consecutive singles by Amy Eckstein and Paige Pautzke.

The Greyhounds continued their attack in the third after a single by Bode, a ground rule double by Amy Eckstein and a walk to Pautzke. Lisa Helget nailed a grounder to the shortstop, who was playing deep, but courtesy runner Hayley Hornick beat the throw home to make it 5-0. Amy Eckstein made it 6-0 on a grounder by Leah Eckstein that was bobbed by the shortstop's second consecutive error.

The Knights avoided a goose egg with a run in the fourth, but the Greyhounds got that back and more in the bottom of the inning when a Bode fly was dropped by the center fielder. With Sarah Petersen running for Bode, Berg was then safe on an error, with Petersen scoring on a single down the first base line by Amy Eckstein. Pautzke walked to load the bases, with a Helget fly ball bringing home Berg to open an 8-1 lead.

The finisher came in the fifth, as Kuelbs and Karlee Pfaff walk, with a Britney Sellner single sandwiched in the middle to load the bases. Bode's single to center scored Kuelbs, an Amy Eckstein hit to left scored Pfaff, with Hornick's single to left ending the game by scoring courtesy runner Tori Zanke.

Bode was 4-for-4 with the homer and four RBIs, Amy Eckstein entered the game hitting .462 and was 4-for-4 with two RBIs and Pautzke was 2-for-2.



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## Bode leads New Ulm Cathedral to fourth state berth in five years

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By Jim Rueda Free Press Sports Editor

NORTH MANKATO — Don't ask New Ulm Cathedral softball coach Bob Mertz to talk about the most surprising thing about his 2010 team ... at least not unless you have a lot of time to kill.

Cathedral rolled to another Section 2A title on Thursday, downing Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial 11-1 in five innings at Caswell Park to earn its fourth state tournament berth in the last five years.

"Anything surprising?" Mertz said. "Where do I begin?"

"We lost eight seniors off last year's team and many of them had been four and five-year starters. This is almost like a brand new team. I think we had just one girl playing the same position she played last year in today's game."

Brand new or not, it was the same old results for the Greyhounds. They relied on stellar pitching, solid defense and timely hitting to put the Knights away early. Cathedral pitcher Kasey Bode was the lynch pin of the victory, getting the complete-game win on the mound and blasting a three-run homer along with an RBI single.

"We were confident coming into this game," said Bode, who allowed just one hit and struck out 11. "We knew they had to beat us twice today and we didn't want to let that happen. We knew they were a good team and we wanted to get up on them right away."

That's exactly what the Greyhounds did. After giving up a leadoff walk to Latai Tuita, Bode proceeded to strike out eight of the next nine batters.

While the right-hander was keeping LCWM off the base paths, Cathedral struck for four runs in the bottom of the first. A single to right by Hallie Kuelbs, a double down the third-base line by Morgan Zollner and Bode's three-run shot to straight-away center highlighted the rally. Another walk to Kari Berg, followed by base hits from Amy Eckstein, Paige Pautzke and Lisa Helget accounted for the fourth run.

Cathedral (22-3) scored twice more in the third, twice more in the fourth and ended the game with a three-run fifth.

LCWM's only score came around in the top of the fourth. Elliott Lenz lined a single to right and kept going to second as the throw back to the infield got away from Bode. She moved to third on an infield out and scored when Cathedral unsuccessfully tried to pick her off third.

Amy Eckstein, the designated player, had a big day for the Greyhounds, going 4 for 4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored.

"Our hitting has really come on the last half of the year," Eckstein said. "Today it seemed like everybody contributed. It's a fantastic feeling to be going to state."



New Ulm Cathedral catcher Paige Pautzke takes a throw as Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial's Elliott Lenz dives for the plate. Lenz won the race, but Cathedral won the game 11-1.



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Elliot, one of five LCWM players who played their final high school game Thursday, said her team proved the skeptics wrong this season. While many thought the Knights would falter without ace pitcher Whitney Johnson, they put together a 16-8 season that included a trip to the Section 2A finals.

"We really came together as a team this year," Lenz said. "We were determined to show everybody that we were still a pretty good softball team and I think we accomplished that.

"My hats off to New Ulm, though; they have a good pitcher and they can hit the ball. I think they'll represent our section very well at state."

## Putting it all together

By Dave Clark

NEW ULM - The a-ha moment.

It came for the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds on April 26 against Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop. Cathedral was coming off its first loss of the year, a 6-5 decision to LeSueur-Henderson, and it was down 6-0 against GFW.

The Greyhounds won 13-6 and, sporting a 22-3 record, are now just three games away from winning the Class A state championship.

"I think that was the turning point," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "We started getting confidence."

Another turning point came just a week into the season, when sophomore Amy Eckstein was called up from the B-squad. All she has done is lead the Greyhounds in hitting with a .493 average, plus lead the team in hits (34), runs batted in (27) and on base percentage (.625).

"I was kind of surprised when I was brought up, but it was a good surprise," Amy Eckstein said. "The first week, I was nervous, but I concentrated on hitting. The rest of the team was really welcoming, and I had played on B-squad with some of them."

One of the welcoming faces was older sister Leah Eckstein, who with Taylor Moldan, are the only two seniors on the Greyhounds.

"It's been really fun being with her," Amy Eckstein said. "She helps me stay motivated."

For Leah Eckstein and Moldan, this year's team has some unique qualities.

"We haven't really played together except for this year," Leah Eckstein said. "There's a different chemistry this year. We just try to enjoy the time."

While the seniors are looked up to as the team leaders, Moldan says she and Leah Eckstein aren't necessarily vocal leaders all the time.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm Cathedral's Amy Eckstein drives a pitch during a recent playoff game. The Greyhounds will play Barnum at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Class A State Softball Tournament at Caswell Park in North Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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"We say something when we have to," Moldan said. "We make sure no one is wearing earrings before the game starts."

"Leah and Taylor are quiet leaders," Mertz said. "Kari Berg and Kasey Bode are the real sparkplugs."

The real noise for the Greyhounds come from their bats, defense and the arm of pitcher Kasey Bode.

"The defense has been our glue," assistant coach Becky Hosna said.

Indeed, the defense has averaged less than an error a game, and has committed just one in the four tournament games that led Cathedral to capture the Section 2A championship.

In those same four games, the Greyhounds have also scored 30 runs, some of which can actually be attributed to seeing better pitching in the playoffs, when the batters better know what to expect from the pitcher.

This makes pitching that much easier for Bode, who has a unique pitching style.

This has resulted in a 1.18 ERA in 130 innings pitched, with 136 strikeouts and a 17-2 record. Bode also has the Greyhounds only three home runs, and is second on the team in all the offensive categories that are led by Amy Eckstein.

It takes two to be a battery, and catcher Paige Pautzke has come in and become a perfect complement to Bode.

"Paige came in and has done a nice job helping Kasey," Mertz said. "Paige and Kasey have learned to call their own timeouts," Hosna said. "Paige frames the ball, and our defense feels better with Kasey on the mound."

Mertz also credits Hosna with having a positive impact on the team, especially working with the team to stay relaxed and giving Mertz feedback that's been used to help the team reach this point in the season.

## CATHEDRAL LOSES FIRST, PLAYS FOR CONSOLATION TITLE

*POSTED June 11, 2010 by New Ulm Sports Central from reports from Minnesota State High School League*

MANKATO --- New Ulm Cathedral goes after the consolation title for the Minnesota State High School League softball championship with a 9 a.m. game Friday a.m. to decide the winner. Cathedral advanced to the consolation game by beating Blooming Prairie 4-3 after suffering a 7-0 loss at the hands of Barnum earlier in a rain-delayed contest.

Results of Cathedral games as provided by the Minnesota State High School league follow, along with box scores of the two games.

*Box scores and detailed play-by-play have been posted to the NUSC website and will be included in the "forever" historic sports information retained by Community Research Technology, Inc*

*The same material is included in this scrapbook after game results as published by New Ulm Journal and Mankato Free Press which follow this article.*

*Editor*



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### Cathedral to play in consolation final

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By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

NORTH MANKATO - In New Ulm Cathedral's Class A quarterfinal game against Barnum, Greyhounds pitcher Kasey Bode was uncharacteristically wild, hitting six Barnum batters in the 7-0 loss to the Bombers at Caswell Park.

But Bode and company got a chance to redeem themselves against Blooming Prairie in the consolation bracket, and the Greyhounds did just that. Bode struck out 12 and allowed three hits on three runs as the Greyhounds won 4-3, earning a berth in today's consolation bracket championship game at 9 a.m.

After a day that saw a rain delay of more than three hours and a one-hit effort by the Greyhounds in the first game against Barnum pitcher Katrina Newman, the Greyhounds re-grouped soon after the loss and ended Blooming Prairie's season at 23-4.

"The first game was just rough for everybody," Bode said. "I couldn't get a grip on the ball, and it was just terrible. I don't do well in the rain. But I just needed a couple of minutes to just shake it off."

In the first game against Barnum, the Greyhounds not only had to battle rain, which was a big distraction for both teams, but they had to deal with Newman, who struck out 14 Greyhounds in her team's win.

The rain delay started in the bottom of the fourth and three hours later, the game resumed but Cathedral was unable to get the bats going still at that point.

"We've been hitting the ball better lately, she[Newman] just overpowered us," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "We knew we had a tough battle and I told them at the end of the game, we have two games left and now we can win the consolation championship, so that means we win two games."

Barnum (24-2) left 13 runners on base in the game, but it still scored enough runs for Newman. Jenna Shanda was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Katie Myhre was 1-for-2 with four RBIs.

Bode allowed five hits and seven earned runs in 4 1/3 innings. She also walked six batters and threw 121 pitches in the rough outing.

"She was not on her game today and she was not doing well," Mertz said. "I thought she'd be able to do ok, but she was never able to use her change-up."

Cathedral's lone hit came in the fifth inning when Leah Eckstein singled. It was the first hit Newman allowed in almost three games.

But in the second game, the Greyhounds held off a late rally and a late scare by the Blossoms to win. Blooming Prairie had the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, but Bode escaped with a groundout to short to end the game.

The Greyhounds scored the first run of the game when Bode hit a sacrifice fly that scored Anne Giesen.

Blooming Prairie managed to take the lead in the bottom of the first, scoring two runs off Bode. But the Greyhounds re-took the lead in the top of the third.

Morgan Zollner hit an RBI single that scored Eckstein to tie the game at 2-2. Bode then helped her own cause again with an RBI single that scored Zollner and the Greyhounds led 3-2 at that point.



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"With the aggression I get when I go up to bat, it was good to go up and get the hit, and then I feel so good after," Bode said.

The Greyhounds scored one more run in the sixth inning to go up 4-2. In the bottom of the sixth and the seventh, the Blossoms loaded the bases in both innings, but the Greyhounds escaped without too much damage.

Blooming Prairie scored a run in the sixth to come within one, but that was all the closer the Blossoms got.

Zollner was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored and Bode was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Amy Eckstein was 2-for-3.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
Cathedral's Leah Eckstein makes an over the shoulder running catch during the Greyhounds' loss to Barnum in the opening round of the Class A State Tournament Thursday at Caswell Park in North Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)

## Cathedral bounces back after opening loss

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### Greyhounds to play in consolation finals today

By Chad Courier, Mankato Free Press Staff Writer

NORTH MANKATO — There was a three-hour rain delay sandwiched in between seven fruitless at-bats against a dominant pitcher.

Then came a two-hour break before engaging in a consolation game that took more than two hours. Finally, about 8 p.m., the New Ulm Cathedral bus pulled out of the parking lot.

It was a long first day at the Class A softball tournament Thursday at Caswell Park, but the Greyhounds survived to play another day.

"We got here at 9 (a.m.)," Cathedral coach Bob Mertz said. "We haven't eaten since noon. We tried to get our uniforms dry (during the rain delay), but your socks get wet and your spikes get wet. We're heading home."

In the quarterfinals, Cathedral lost 7-0 to Barnum, but the Greyhounds bounced back to defeat Blooming Prairie 4-3 in a consolation-bracket game.

"It's sad. When you get to a state tournament, you want each team to play its best," Cathedral's Morgan Zollner said. "With weather like we had (in the first game), it's hard. I think we could have done so much better."

Cathedral fell behind 6-0 in a steady rain, then came a three-hour rain delay after the third inning. Barnum added a run in the sixth, which was more than enough for pitcher Katrina Newman, who allowed only one hit and four walks with 14 strikeouts.



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The Greyhounds then faced Blooming Prairie in the consolation bracket, and that game had several close calls and interesting plays. In the first inning, Anne Giesen and Zollner had consecutive singles, and Kasey Bode got the RBI with a sacrifice fly.

"It was nice getting back to facing a pitcher like we're used to," Zollner said. "We haven't seen any pitchers who have dominated us (like Newman)."

Blooming Prairie answered with two runs in the bottom of the first, but Cathedral took the lead for good with two runs in the third on consecutive RBI singles by Zollner and Bode.

Cathedral added a run in the sixth when Kari Berg scored on an infield error.

In the final two at-bats, Blooming Prairie scored one run but stranded five runners. There were close calls down the first- and third-base lines, and there was a lineup mistake that caused an out. The final out of the game came on a close play at first base.

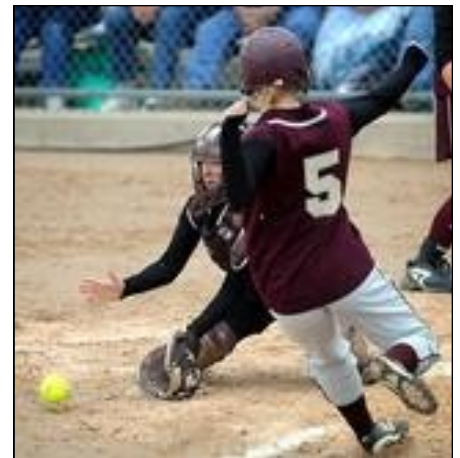
"There were so many calls that could have gone either way," Mertz said. "I thought we got a couple of calls early, then I thought a couple of calls went against us. I almost feel bad for Blooming Prairie."

Bode, who had a tough start in the opener, got the win against Blooming Prairie. She pitched a complete game, allowing three hits and seven walks with 12 strikeouts. She hit three batters after hitting five in the opener.

"Our pitcher really struggled," Mertz said. "You can't put free runners on in the state tournament. It wasn't her day."

Cathedral (23-4) plays for the consolation championship at 9 a.m. today against Wabasso or Cherry/Cotton.

"I told the girls the best we can do is the consolation championship," Mertz said. "We have a chance to finish this tournament with two wins, so hopefully we'll do that."



• New Ulm Cathedral catcher Paige Pautzke puts the tag on Barnum's Alyssa Tate during the sixth inning on Thursday's Class A quarterfinal game of the softball state tournament at Caswell Park. John Cross



Barnum's Jessica Newman gets to second base safely before New Ulm Cathedral's Anne Giesen can make the out during Thursday's quarterfinal game of the Class AA softball tournament at Caswell Park.

## CATHEDRAL GIRLS EARN CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP

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MANKATO - Cathedral's girl's softball team captured the 2010 Minnesota State softball consolation championship with a 4-1 win over Cherry-Cotton here Friday, June 11.

The Greyhounds did it with only two hits, both coming in the last of the fifth to score all four of its runs. Big blow was a two-run single by Morgan Zollner. The other two runs were scored on errors. Up to that time Cathedral trailed 1-0 by giving up a run in the first inning. Ali Brey got the win in relief.



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## Consolation Champs!

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By Jeremy Behnke

NORTH MANKATO - Coming into Friday's Class A consolation championship game against Cherry/Cotton, New Ulm Cathedral's Hayley Hornick was put into a difficult situation as a pinch-hitter.

With one out in the fifth inning, Hornick entered the game with runners on second and third. Her team was trailing 1-0 at the time, and the Greyhounds were running out of out.

Hornick hit a hard grounder to short that somehow made it to center field. Both Sarah Petersen and Brittany Sellner scored to give the Greyhounds a 2-1 lead.

Although she had been in a similar situation in the Section 2A playoffs, this at-bat came at an even bigger time.

"I had to do the same thing in the Lake Crystal [Wellcome Memorial] game," Hornick said. "When I got to bat, I knew what to do and I've been working on that all season. I knew I just had to make contact and just get that runner in."

The Greyhounds scored two more runs that inning to win the fifth-place game 4-1 at Caswell Park.

Ali Brey earned the win for the Greyhounds as she came in the game in relief of Kasey Bode.

Brey pitched four innings and allowed only one hit. She struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

And even though she was pitching in a big game for the Greyhounds, the pressure didn't seem to faze the sophomore.

"I didn't really take it like it was a state consolation championship," Brey said. "I just took it like a normal season game and went in and did a good job."

Bode, who was the starting pitcher in both games on Thursday, pitched the first three innings of the game and allowed two hits and one run. She struck out three and walked five before giving way to Brey in the fourth after allowing a lead-off walk.

Shaina Novak took the loss for the Tigers. She pitched two innings in relief of Sara Sauter. Novak allowed three runs on two hits and she walked one. She also struck out two.

Sauter pitched the first four innings and allowed one run on no hits. She walked three and struck out four.

The Tigers struck first in the top of the first inning. Macey Etter had an RBI single that scored Angel Dahl, giving the Tigers a 1-0 lead. It looked like they were going to add more to that lead, but Bode got Tanner Ersbo to ground out to the pitcher to end the threat.

The Greyhounds were unable to get anything going until that fifth inning when they scored four runs.

Amy Eckstein drew a walk and a sacrifice bunt moved her to second.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm Cathedral's Britney Sellner (9) scores the go-ahead run for the Greyhounds' during the Class A Consolation Championship against Cherry/Cotton Friday at Caswell Park in North Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to [cu.nujournal.com](http://cu.nujournal.com)



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Petersen then came in to pinch-run for Eckstein and Brey singled up the middle to give the Greyhounds runners on first and third with one out.

Sellner came in to pinch-run for Brey and stole second, setting up Hornick's grounder up the middle that scored two runs.

Later, Morgan Zollner singled in Leah Eckstein and Hallie Kuelbs and Cathedral led 4-1 at that point. That was more than enough run support for Brey.

"When we were hitting, I was just walking around, I couldn't sit still," Brey said. "I was so excited and I was really happy that I got run support."

Brey didn't allow a baserunner in the sixth or seventh inning to preserve the win. Although the Greyhounds didn't score right away, Hornick said it was important for them to be aggressive.

"We knew that we had to come out this game strong and we knew that they were good," Hornick said. "They beat Wabasso [on Thursday] 11-1, so we knew that they were going to be a good team. We just had to come out and play strong like we knew we could."

The Greyhounds finish the season 24-4 and graduate seniors Leah Eckstein and Taylor Moldan. The fifth-place finish was satisfying because the team didn't have a lot of players coming back this year.

"I feel that this team deserves it after all of the criticism that people because we've been called such a young team, but we knew we could do a good job," Brey said.

### **Cathedral rallies past Cherry/Cotton 4-1 in Class A consolation final**

June 12, 2010 Mankato Free Press

#### **Greyhounds use 11 players during decisive fifth inning rally**

By Tyler Buckentine Free Press Staff Writer

NORTH MANKATO — After the first four innings of the Class A consolation final of the state softball tournament Friday, the New Ulm Cathedral offense was almost non-existent.

The Greyhounds had no runs or hits to show for until the bottom of the fifth inning when Cathedral coach Bob Mertz went with a familiar strategy:

Use as many players as it takes.

"It seemed like when someone was up there might've been another player in the dugout that thought could do a better job," Mertz said. "I do this a lot. I want to make sure that my bench feels like they're part of the game and they expect to come through when they're called in to do their job."

The plan worked. The Greyhounds erased a one-run deficit, scored four runs and went on to finish their season with a 4-1 win over against Cherry/Cotton at Caswell Park.

Trailing 1-0 in the fifth, Amy Eckstein led off with a walk, pinch-hitter Kristi Larson bunted Eckstein to second base and Sarah Petersen pinch-ran for Eckstein.

Ali Brey came off the bench and delivered Cathedral's first hit — a single up the middle that advanced Petersen to third base.



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"I was just trying to put the ball in play," Brey said. "I hit it to the right side which is something I don't normally do. I usually hit it to the left side."

With a notch in the hit column, the Greyhounds finally got on the scoreboard when pinch-hitter Hayley Hornick's ground ball found its way to center field, scoring Petersen and pinch runner Britney Sellner to give the Greyhounds a 2-1 lead.

Morgan Zollner came up later in the inning and drove in Leah Eckstein and Hallie Kuelbs on a single that gave Cathedral a 4-1 lead.

"I wasn't sure a 2-1 lead would hold up, but 4-1, I figured we had it in our hands," Mertz said.

The Greyhounds sent eight batters to the plate in the fifth and 11 players got in the game that inning.

"Mr. Mertz lets everyone play and that's the way he is," Brey said. "It's a good thing because everyone gets a chance to play."

Brey likely benefited the most from Mertz's substitutions. In addition to her pinch-hit single, Brey relieved starter Kasey Bode in the fourth inning and allowed just one runner the rest of the way to get the win in relief.

The Greyhounds finish the season with a 24-4 record after losing to Barnum and beating Blooming Prairie, Friday.

"We're happy to go out with two big wins and we'll enjoy this," Mertz said. "I've been to the state tournament a number of times but this was the best I've seen the quality of teams in Class A."



- New Ulm Cathedral third baseman Morgan Zollner (left) tries to field a pop fly as shortstop Kari Berg looks on during Friday's Class A state softball tournament consolation final. Cathedral defeated Cherry/Cotton 4-1. John Cross



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Barnum scored three times in each of its first two at bats and cruised to a 7-0 win over New Ulm Cathedral to advance to the Class A semifinals.

Allainie Hanek-Siltanen reached base and scored three times to lead the Bombers while Katie Myrhe drove in four runs, three of which came with a bases-loaded triple in the first inning. Jenna Shanda added two hits and two RBI.

Katrina Newman tossed a one-hitter for Barnum, walking four and striking out 14 in the process.

Leah Eckstein's one-out single in the fifth inning broke up the no-hit bid.

Against Blooming Prairie, Kasey Bode drove in a pair of runs to support her own three-hit pitching as New Ulm Cathedral advanced to the Class A consolation final by defeating Blooming Prairie, 4-3.

Bode had a sacrifice fly in the first inning to give her team a 1-0 lead and her RBI single in the third put the Greyhound on top to stay at 3-2.

Morgan Zollner and Amy Eckstein both had two hits for Cathedral while Bode had seven walks and 12 strikeouts in collecting the victory.

Erica Manske allowed seven hits while walking four and striking out four for the Awesome Blossoms.

## Box Score

2010 MSHSL Class A Softball Tournament  
Barnum 7, New Ulm Cathedral 0  
Jun 10, 2010 at North Mankato, MN (Caswell Park #3)

New Ulm Cathedral	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Hallie Kuelbs rf.....	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Anne Giesen lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Morgan Zollner 3b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Kasey Bode p.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Hayley Hornick p/ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ali Brey p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kari Berg ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Amy Eckstein dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Paige Pautzke c.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	2
Lisa Helget 1b.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0
Britney Sellner ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Leah Eckstein 2b.....	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Taylor Moldan cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	22	0	1	0	4	14	18	6	5



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## Box Score

2010 MSHSL Class A Softball Tournament  
New Ulm Cathedral 4, Blooming Prairie 3  
Jun 10, 2010 at North Mankato, MN (Caswell Field #5)

Barnum	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jessica Newman 3b.....	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
A. Hanek-Siltanen 2b.....	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Karianna Duesler c.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0
Katrina Newman p.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Alyssa Tate p/ph.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Myhre ss.....	2	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	0
Jenna Shanda 1b.....	3	0	2	2	0	0	5	0	0
Claire Rodgers cf.....	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2
Emily Thomsen rf.....	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
Lauren Hultgren ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Paige Rilea lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
Courtney Hunter ph.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daron Mainville lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	7	7	7	6	7	21	5	13

Score by Innings	R	H	E
New Ulm Cathedral...	000	000	0 - 0 1 1
Barnum.....	330	010	X - 7 7 0

E - LEckstein. LOB - Cathedral 5; Barnum 13. 3B - Myhre. HBP - JNewman; Hnk-Siltanen; KNewman; Myhre; Shanda; Thomsen. SH - Hnk-Siltanen; Duesler 2. SB - Hnk-Siltanen; Shanda.

New Ulm Cathedral	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Kasey Bode.....	4.1	5	7	7	6	4	17	32	121
Hayley Hornick.....	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Ali Brey.....	1.2	2	0	0	0	3	6	6	27

Barnum	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Katrina Newman.....	7.0	1	0	0	4	14	22	26	112
Alyssa Tate.....	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

Win - KNewman. Loss - Bode. Save - None.  
WP - KNewman 4. HBP - by Bode (Hnk-Siltanen); by Bode (KNewman); by Bode (Shanda); by Bode (Thomsen); by Bode (JNewman); by Bode (Myhre). Inherited runners/scored: Hornick 2/0; Brey 3/1; Tate 2/0. Pitches/strikes: Bode 121/63; Brey 27/21; KNewman 112/66.

Umpires - HP: Dennis Harris 1B: Rick Shomion 3B: Gary Sipe  
Start: 11:00 am Time: 1:38 Attendance:



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## Box Score

2010 MSHSL Class A Softball Tournament  
New Ulm Cathedral 4 (24-4), Cherry/Cotton 1 (24-4)  
Jun 11, 2010 at North Mankato, MN (Caswell Park #5)

Cherry/Cotton	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Angel Dahl cf.....	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	
DeAnn Bjerklie 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
Macey Etter c.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0
Ashley Bernard pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sara Sauter p/ss.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Taylor Sauter 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1
Kirstin Lahti rf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
Tanner Ersbo 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	3
Rebecca Anderson lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hannah Kallio dp.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Shaina Novak ss/p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	22	1	3	1	5	7	18	7	7

### Score by Innings .....

	R	H	E
Cherry/Cotton.....	100	000	0 - 1 3 1
New Ulm Cathedral...	000	040	X - 4 2 0

E - SSauter. LOB - CHERRY 7; NUC 3. 2B - Bjerklie. SH - Dahl; Bjerklie;  
Larson. SB - Ersbo; Sellner.

### Cherry/Cotton IP H R ER BB SO AB BF NP

Sara Sauter.....	4.0	0	1	0	3	4	12	15	72
Shaina Novak.....	2.0	2	3	0	1	2	8	10	36

### New Ulm Cathedral AB R H RBI BB SO PO A LOB

Hallie Kuelbs rf.....	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Anne Giesen lf.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Karlee Pfaff ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan Zollner 3b.....	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	3	0
Kasey Bode p/1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	4	1
Hayley Hornick pr/ph...1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kari Berg ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Amy Eckstein dp.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sarah Petersen pr.....0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paige Pautzke c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Kristi Larson ph.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisa Helget 1b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Ali Brey p.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Britney Sellner pr/ph...1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Leah Eckstein 2b.....1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Taylor Moldan cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	20	4	2	2	4	6	21	12	3

### New Ulm Cathedral IP H R ER BB SO AB BF NP

Kasey Bode.....	3.0	2	1	1	5	3	9	16	75
Ali Brey.....	4.0	1	0	0	0	4	13	13	39

Win - Brey. Loss - Novak. Save - None.  
WP - Bode. Inherited runners/scored: Novak 1/1; Brey 1/0.  
Pitches/strikes:  
SSauter 72/38; Novak 36/22; Bode 75/38; Brey 39/32.  
Umpires - HP: Laurie Dinneen 1B: Todd Miller 3B: Fred Nadeau  
Start: 11:00 am Time: 1:34 Attendance:  
Bode faced 1 batter in the 4th.  
SSauter faced 1 batter in the 5th.

## Play-by-Play

2010 MSHSL Class A Softball Tournament  
New Ulm Cathedral 4 (24-4), Cherry/Cotton 1 (24-4) - Play-by-Play  
Jun 11, 2010 at North Mankato, MN (Caswell Park #5)

### Score by Innings R H E

Cherry/Cotton.....	100	000	0 - 1 3 1
New Ulm Cathedral...	000	040	X - 4 2 0



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Cherry/Cotton starters: 15/cf Dahl; 29/3b Bjerklie; 1/c Etter; 9/p SSauter; 12/2b TSauter; 22/rf Lahti; 5/1b Ersbo; 3/lf RAnderson; 4/dp Kallio; 8/ss Novak; New Ulm Cathedral starters: 4/rf Kuelbs; 2/lf Giesen; 10/3b Zollner; 11/p Bode; 7/ss Berg; 12/dp AEckstein; 6/c Pautzke; 5/1b Helget; 8/2b LEckstein; 13/cf Moldan;

**Cherry/Cotton 1st** - Dahl singled to second base (1-0 B). Dahl advanced to second on a wild pitch. Bjerklie out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt (3-1 KBBB); Dahl advanced to third. Etter singled through the left side, RBI (2-0 BB); Dahl scored. Bernard pinch ran for Etter. SSauter walked (3-2 KKBBFFBB); Bernard advanced to second. TSauter struck out looking (3-2 BBBKKFK). Lahti walked (3-2 BKBKBB); SSauter advanced to second; Bernard advanced to third. Ersbo grounded out to p (1-1 KB). *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 1st** - Etter to c for Bernard. Kuelbs struck out looking (1-2 KKBK). Giesen walked (3-1 BBBKB). Zollner struck out swinging (2-2 KFBBK). Bode walked (3-2 BKFBBB); Giesen advanced to second. Hornick pinch ran for Bode. Berg flied out to cf (3-1 BBBK). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

**Cherry/Cotton 2nd** - Bode to p for Hornick. RAnderson grounded out to ss (1-2 KKFB). Kallio walked (3-2 KBKBBB). Dahl out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-0); Kallio advanced to second. Bjerklie struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 2nd** - AEckstein grounded out to ss (0-0). Pautzke flied out to cf (3-1 BBKB). Helget grounded out to 3b (3-2 BKBBF). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**Cherry/Cotton 3rd** - Etter grounded out to p (3-1 BBBK). SSauter struck out swinging (0-2 KFFS). TSauter walked (3-1 BKBBB). Lahti grounded out to p (3-2 BKKBB). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 3rd** - LEckstein struck out swinging (1-2 KBKFS). Kuelbs grounded out to 2b (3-2 BBBKK). Giesen grounded out to 2b (2-2 BKBK). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**Cherry/Cotton 4th** - Ersbo walked (3-1 BBKBB). Bode to 1b. Brey to p for Helget. RAnderson popped up to p (0-0). Ersbo stole second. Kallio grounded out to 2b (1-2 BFF); Ersbo advanced to third. Dahl grounded out to 3b (0-0). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 4th** - Zollner grounded out to 3b (2-2 BKFB). Bode grounded out to 2b (1-2 KBF). Berg struck out swinging (1-2 KBKFS). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**Cherry/Cotton 5th** - Bjerklie doubled to right center (0-2 FK). Etter grounded out to ss (0-2 FK). SSauter struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). TSauter popped up to ss (1-1 BK). *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 5th** - AEckstein walked (3-0 BBBB). Larson pinch hit for Pautzke. SSauter to ss. Novak to p. Larson out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt (1-2 BKF); AEckstein advanced to second. Petersen pinch ran for AEckstein. Brey singled up the middle (1-2 BKK); Petersen advanced to third. Hornick pinch hit for LEckstein. Sellner pinch ran for Brey. Sellner stole second. Hornick reached on an error by ss, advanced to second; Sellner scored, unearned; Petersen scored, unearned. LEckstein to 2b for Hornick. Kuelbs walked (3-2 BBKKFBB). Pfaff pinch hit for Giesen. Pfaff grounded out to 1b unassisted; Kuelbs advanced to second; LEckstein advanced to third. Zollner singled up the middle, 2 RBI (2-1 KBB); Kuelbs scored, unearned; LEckstein scored, unearned. Bode flied out to rf (1-1 BF). *4 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

**Cherry/Cotton 6th** - Giesen to lf for Pfaff. AEckstein to dp for Petersen. Pautzke to c for Larson. Brey to p for Sellner. Lahti struck out looking (1-2 FBKK). Ersbo struck out looking (1-2 KBKK). RAnderson struck out looking (2-2 KBKBFK). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 6th** - Sellner pinch hit for Berg. Sellner struck out swinging (1-2 KBKS). AEckstein struck out looking (2-2 FFBBK). Pautzke flied out to rf (2-2 BKKB). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**Cherry/Cotton 7th** - Berg to ss for Sellner. Kallio grounded out to 2b (0-2 KK). Dahl grounded out to 2b (1-0 B). Bjerklie grounded out to 3b (0-1 K). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

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## Play-by-Play

2010 MSHSL Class A Softball Tournament  
Barnum 7, New Ulm Cathedral 0 - Play-by-Play  
Jun 10, 2010 at North Mankato, MN (Caswell)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
New Ulm Cathedral...	000	000	0 - 0 1 1
Barnum.....	330	010	X - 7 7 0

New Ulm Cathedral starters: 4/rf Kuelbs; 2/lf Giesen; 10/3b Zollner; 11/p Bode; 7/ss Berg; 12/dp AEckstein; 6/c Pautzke; 5/lb Helget; 8/2b LEckstein; 13/cf Moldan;

Barnum starters: 15/3b JNewman; 6/2b Hnk-Siltanen; 2/c Duesler; 13/p KNewman; 3/ss Myhre; 11/lb Shanda; 10/cf Rodgers; 7/rf Thomsen; 1/lf Rilea;

**New Ulm Cathedral 1st** - Kuelbs walked (3-0 BBBB). Kuelbs advanced to second on a wild pitch. Kuelbs advanced to third on a wild pitch. Giesen struck out swinging (3-2 BFBBKFS). Zollner struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). Bode struck out swinging (0-2 FFS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

**Barnum 1st** - JNewman singled to left field (1-1 KB). Hnk-Siltanen hit by pitch (2-1 KB); JNewman advanced to second. Duesler struck out swinging (1-2 BKFS). KNewman hit by pitch (3-0 BB); Hnk-Siltanen advanced to second; JNewman advanced to third. Myhre tripled to right field, 3 RBI (0-0); KNewman scored; Hnk-Siltanen scored; JNewman scored. Shanda hit by pitch (3-1 FBB). Rodgers struck out looking (0-2 KFK). Thomsen hit by pitch (2-2 SKBF); Shanda advanced to second. Rilea struck out looking (1-2 BFKK). 3 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

**New Ulm Cathedral 2nd** - Berg struck out swinging (3-2 BBSBFS). AEckstein grounded out to ss (3-2 KSBFBFB). Pautzke struck out swinging (2-2 BKBSS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

**Barnum 2nd** - JNewman hit by pitch (1-0). Hnk-Siltanen reached on a fielder's choice, SAC, bunt (0-1 F); JNewman advanced to second. Duesler grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt (0-0); Hnk-Siltanen advanced to second; JNewman advanced to third. KNewman walked (3-2 KBBSBFB). Myhre grounded out to 2b, RBI (2-1 BBK); KNewman advanced to second; Hnk-Siltanen advanced to third; JNewman scored. Tate to p for KNewman. Shanda singled to left field, RBI (0-0); Tate advanced to third; Hnk-Siltanen scored. Shanda stole second. Rodgers walked (3-2 FFBBBFB). Thomsen walked, RBI (3-2 KFBFBFB); Rodgers advanced to second;

Shanda advanced to third; Tate scored. Rilea struck out looking (2-2 KKBBK). 3 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

**New Ulm Cathedral 3rd** - KNewman to p for Tate. Helget struck out swinging (3-2 BSBSS). LEckstein struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). Kuelbs walked (3-1 BBBKB). Giesen flied out to rf (1-2 BKK). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

**Barnum 3rd** - JNewman popped up to ss (0-0). Hnk-Siltanen singled to third base (3-2 KBBFB). Duesler popped up to 1b (3-2 BBBKF). Hnk-Siltanen stole second. KNewman flied out to cf (3-2 KFBFBFB). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.



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**New Ulm Cathedral 4th** - Zollner to 3b for Pfaff. Zollner walked (3-1 KBBBB). Zollner advanced to second on a wild pitch. Zollner advanced to third on a wild pitch. Bode walked (3-1 BBSBB). Hornick to p for Bode. Berg struck out swinging (1-2 KSBFS). AEckstein struck out swinging (2-2 BFBS). Pautzke flied out to c (1-0 B). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

**Barnum 4th** - Bode to p for Hornick. Myhre walked (3-2 BBKKB). Shanda popped up to 2b (2-0 BB). Rodgers singled, bunt (0-0); Myhre advanced to second. Thomsen walked (3-1 BBBKB); Rodgers advanced to second; Myhre advanced to third. Rilea reached on a fielder's choice (1-0 B); Thomsen advanced to second; Rodgers advanced to third; Myhre out on the play, out at home 2b to c. JNewman grounded out to 2b (1-0 B). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

**New Ulm Cathedral 5th** - Helget struck out swinging (2-2 FBSBS). LEckstein singled up the middle (1-1 BK). Kuelbs struck out swinging (1-2 KKBS). Giesen grounded out to 3b (0-1 S). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

**Barnum 5th** - Hnk-Siltanen walked (3-2 KSBBS). Duesler grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt (0-0); Hnk-Siltanen advanced to second. KNewman reached on an error by 2b (2-2 KKBBFF); Hnk-Siltanen advanced to third. Tate pinch hit for KNewman. Myhre hit by pitch (1-1 F); Tate advanced to second. Brey to p for Bode. Shanda singled to center field, RBI (2-2 FBBFF); Myhre advanced to second; Tate out at third cf to c; Hnk-Siltanen scored. Rodgers struck out looking (2-2 BBKKK). 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.

**New Ulm Cathedral 6th** - KNewman to p for 18. Zollner grounded out to 2b (1-2 BKK). Brey grounded out to 3b (0-0). Hornick pinch hit for Berg. Hornick struck out swinging (1-2 BSSS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

**Barnum 6th** - Berg to ss for Hornick. Hultgren pinch hit for Thomsen. Hultgren struck out swinging (0-2 SKS). Hunter pinch hit for Rilea. Hunter singled to right field (0-2 KKFF). JNewman grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-1 K); Hunter advanced to second. Hnk-Siltanen struck out swinging (2-2 KBBKFS). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

**New Ulm Cathedral 7th** - Thomsen to rf for Hultgren. Rilea to lf for Hunter. AEckstein grounded out to p (0-0). Mainville to lf for Rilea. Pautzke struck out swinging (3-2 KSBFBFS). Sellner pinch hit for Helget. Sellner struck out swinging (2-2 BKSS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

## Play-by-Play

2010 MSHSL Class A Softball Tournament  
New Ulm Cathedral 4, Blooming Prairie 3 - Play-by-Play  
Jun 10, 2010 at North Mankato, MN (Caswell Field #5)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
New Ulm Cathedral...	102	001	0
Blooming Prairie...	200	001	0

New Ulm Cathedral starters: 4/rf Kuelbs; 2/lf Giesen; 10/3b Zollner; 11/p Bode; 7/ss Berg; 12/dp AEckstein; 6/c Pautzke; 5/1b Helget; 8/2b LEckstein; 13/cf Moldan;

Blooming Prairie starters: 4/lf DeBoer; 1/1b APeterson; 9/ss Jones; 10/2b KPeterson; 6/dp SJohnson; 16/c Henderson; 11/p Manske; 12/rf Krell; 13/cf Manges; 2/3b Naatz;



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**New Ulm Cathedral 1st** - Kuelbs grounded out to 3b (1-2 KBK). Giesen singled to right field (0-2 FFF). Giesen advanced to second on a wild pitch. Zollner singled up the middle, advanced to second (1-2 KFB); Giesen advanced to third. Bode flied out to rf, RBI (0-2 KK); Zollner out at third rf to 3b; Giesen scored. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**Blooming Prairie 1st** - DeBoer doubled to center field (0-1 K). APeterson hit by pitch. APeterson advanced to second on a wild pitch; DeBoer advanced to third on a wild pitch. Jones walked (3-2 BKBKBB). KPeterson singled to third base, RBI (3-2 BKBKBB); Jones advanced to second; APeterson advanced to third; DeBoer scored. SJohnson walked, RBI (3-2 KBKBFBB); KPeterson advanced to second; Jones advanced to third; APeterson scored. Henderson popped up to c (0-1 F). Manske reached on a fielder's choice (0-0); SJohnson advanced to second; KPeterson advanced to third; Jones out at home p to c. Ivers pinch ran for Manske. Krell struck out looking (2-2 BKBK). *2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors,*

**New Ulm Cathedral 2nd** - Manske to p for Ivers. Berg grounded out to 3b (1-1 KB). AEckstein flied out to lf (2-2 BKKFB). Pautzke walked (3-1 BBBKB). Helget struck out swinging (2-2 KFBFB). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1*

**Blooming Prairie 2nd** - Manges struck out looking (1-2 KKBK). DeBoer struck out swinging (2-2 KFBS). APeterson struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). *0*

**New Ulm Cathedral 3rd** - LEckstein singled to left field (2-2 BFFF). Kuelbs grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt (0-0); LEckstein advanced to second. Giesen grounded out to ss (0-1 K); LEckstein advanced to third. Zollner singled up the middle, RBI (1-2 BKK); LEckstein scored. Bode singled to right center, RBI (0-0); Zollner scored. Hornick pinch ran for Bode. Berg struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

**Blooming Prairie 3rd** - Bode to p for Hornick. Jones grounded out to p (3-1 BFBB). KPeterson struck out swinging (3-2 BBBKKS). SJohnson walked (3-2 KBBKB). Henderson grounded out to 2b (2-2 BBKK). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors,*

**New Ulm Cathedral 4th** - AEckstein doubled to left field (0-0). Pautzke grounded out to ss (2-2 BBKFF); AEckstein out at third lb to 3b. Helget grounded out to c (1-2 BKK). *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

**Blooming Prairie 4th** - Manske grounded out to p (1-2 FKB). Krell struck out looking (2-2 KFBK). Manges struck out looking (2-2 KBKFFBK). *0 runs, 0*

**New Ulm Cathedral 5th** - LEckstein struck out swinging (3-2 BBBKKS). Kuelbs walked (3-1 KBBB). Giesen grounded out to p, SAC, bunt (0-0); Kuelbs advanced to second. Zollner walked (3-0 BBBB). Bode popped up to lb (1-2 KKFFB). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB*

**Blooming Prairie 5th** - DeBoer struck out swinging (0-2 FKS). APeterson grounded out to 2b (0-0). Jones walked (3-2 KFBBB). KPeterson struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 6th** - Berg walked (3-1 BBBKB). AEckstein singled to left field (0-0); Berg advanced to second. Larson pinch hit for Pautzke. Larson reached on a throwing error by lb, SAC, bunt (0-1 K); AEckstein advanced to third; Berg scored, unearned. Pautzke to c for Larson. Pautzke stole second. Petersen pinch ran for AEckstein. Helget grounded out to c unassisted. No play. LEckstein reached on a fielder's choice; Pautzke advanced to third; Petersen out at home p to c. LEckstein stole second. Kuelbs struck out looking (2-2 KBKKB). *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*



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**Blooming Prairie 6th** - AEckstein to dp for Petersen. SJohnson hit by pitch (1-1 BK). Henderson walked (3-2 BFBBKFB); SJohnson advanced to second. Farr pinch ran for Henderson. Manske struck out looking (0-2 KKK). SOlson pinch hit for Krell. SOlson walked (3-1 BFBBB); Farr advanced to second; SJohnson advanced to third. Krell to rf for SOlson. Manges grounded out to 2b, RBI (2-1 BBK); Krell advanced to second; Farr advanced to third; SJohnson scored. DeBoer struck out looking (0-2 FFFFK). *1 run, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

**New Ulm Cathedral 7th** - Henderson to c for Farr. Giesen grounded out to ss (1-1 FB). Zollner reached on an error by cf (2-2 BFFFFB). Zollner advanced to second on a passed ball. Bode popped up to 1b (2-1 BFB). Berg flied out to cf (0-1 K). *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

**Blooming Prairie 7th** - APeterson flied out to lf (2-2 KBBK). Jones hit by pitch (2-1 KBB). KPeterson struck out swinging (1-2 KBKS). SJohnson walked (3-0 BBBB); Jones advanced to second. Henderson singled up the middle (1-0 B); SJohnson advanced to second; Jones advanced to third. Manske grounded out to ss (1-2 FFB). *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

## Mertz, Remus honored in Tomahawk

*POSTED Tuesday, June 15, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

NEW ULM - After leading New Ulm Cathedral to its 18th Tomahawk Conference title and 11th state tournament appearance since 1989 Bob Mertz was named the conference Coach of the Year.

Sleepy Eye sophomore Sydney Remus was named the Tomahawk Player of the Year.

Remus batted .493 with 35 hits and 29 runs scored with 33 RBIs for the Indians this season.

Cathedral led the team with four selections, including Kasey Bode, Morgan Zollner, Amy Eckstein and Kari Berg.

Wabasso, which also qualified for the Class A State Tournament had Morgan Samyn, Miranda Frank and Alonna Baune were named to the team for the Rabbits.

For Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop, Abby Osborne, Rachel Schweiss and Kayla Schuette were selected.

Joining Remus on the team was Paige Walter and Leah Siefkes were named from the Indians.

Rounding out the team was Kailey Seifert and Kahley Pelzel from Sleepy Eye St. Mary's, Mashaye Wilson and Andrea Biedenbender from Minnesota Valley Lutheran, Angela Gewerth of Comfrey/Cedar Mountain, Kelsea Cummins from Springfield and Buffalo Lake-Hector's Morgan Dobberstein.

The honorable mention team was made up of Paige Pautzke and Taylor Moldan of Cathedral. Kellsie Farenbaugh and Jamie Katzenmeyer was selected from GFW, Emily Wessel from MVL and Kimberly Frank of Wabasso.

Also making the team was Nevada Helget and Megan Gilliland of St. Mary's, Katie Timm of Springfield and Jaime Hanson, Ashley Schumacher and Laura Carnell of C/CM.



# CATHEDRAL GREYHOUNDS SOFTBALL 2010



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## Cathedral rallies past Cherry/Cotton 4-1 in Class A consolation final

### Greyhounds use 11 players during decisive fifth inning rally

By Tyler Buckentine Free Press Staff Writer

NORTH MANKATO — After the first four innings of the Class A consolation final of the state softball tournament Friday, the New Ulm Cathedral offense was almost non-existent.

The Greyhounds had no runs or hits to show for until the bottom of the fifth inning when Cathedral coach Bob Mertz went with a familiar strategy:

Use as many players as it takes.

"It seemed like when someone was up there might've been another player in the dugout that thought could do a better job," Mertz said. "I do this a lot. I want to make sure that my bench feels like they're part of the game and they expect to come through when they're called in to do their job."

The plan worked. The Greyhounds erased a one-run deficit, scored four runs and went on to finish their season with a 4-1 win over against Cherry/Cotton at Caswell Park.

Trailing 1-0 in the fifth, Amy Eckstein led off with a walk, pinch-hitter Kristi Larson bunted Eckstein to second base and Sarah Petersen pinch-ran for Eckstein.

Ali Brey came off the bench and delivered Cathedral's first hit — a single up the middle that advanced Petersen to third base. "I was just trying to put the ball in play," Brey said. "I hit it to the right side which is something I don't normally do. I usually hit it to the left side."

With a notch in the hit column, the Greyhounds finally got on the scoreboard when pinch-hitter Hayley Hornick's ground ball found its way to center field, scoring Petersen and pinch runner Britney Sellner to give the Greyhounds a 2-1 lead.

Morgan Zollner came up later in the inning and drove in Leah Eckstein and Hallie Kuelbs on a single that gave Cathedral a 4-1 lead.

"I wasn't sure a 2-1 lead would hold up, but 4-1, I figured we had it in our hands," Mertz said.

The Greyhounds sent eight batters to the plate in the fifth and 11 players got in the game that inning.

"Mr. Mertz lets everyone play and that's the way he is," Brey said. "It's a good thing because everyone gets a chance to play."

Brey likely benefited the most from Mertz's substitutions. In addition to her pinch-hit single, Brey relieved starter Kasey Bode in the fourth inning and allowed just one runner the rest of the way to get the win in relief.

The Greyhounds finish the season with a 24-4 record after losing to Barnum and beating Blooming Prairie, Friday.

"We're happy to go out with two big wins and we'll enjoy this," Mertz said. "I've been to the state tournament a number of times but this was the best I've seen the quality of teams in Class A."



- New Ulm Cathedral third baseman Morgan Zollner (left) tries to field a pop fly as shortstop Kari Berg looks on during Friday's Class A state softball tournament consolation final. Cathedral defeated Cherry/Cotton 4-1. John Cross



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New Ulm Journal and other newspapers .

### **Bob Mertz to be honored at Target Field**

*POSTED June 19, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

NEW ULM - Bob Mertz, New Ulm Cathedral Softball Coach, will be honored at a banquet held at Target Field this Sunday, June 20.

The Minnesota Twins and the Minute Men, a group with a long-standing history of involvement in the Minnesota sports community, are sponsoring the banquet.

In addition to naming Minnesota's first Mr. Baseball and Ms. Softball, also presented via the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association will be lifetime achievement awards to one baseball and one softball coach.

Bob Mertz will be the first recipient of the award for lifetime achievement in softball. In addition, Bob's peers have decided to name the annual award after him. Beginning in 2011, a high school softball coach will be chosen each year to receive the Bob Mertz Lifetime Achievement Award.

This spring, Mertz completed his thirty-first season as varsity softball coach at Cathedral High School. He has 626 career wins, which is the most of any high school softball coach in Minnesota history.

His teams have won six state championships - 1993, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2005 and 2007.

### **Cathedral coach Mertz surprised at award**

*POSTED June 20, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

By Jim Bastian

NEW ULM - New Ulm Cathedral head softball coach Bob Mertz said that he was "surprised and shocked" to find out that he is to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Minutemen and the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association.

Mertz will receive the award today at a banquet at Target Field.

"It is quite an honor," he said. "I had heard about the award - it is a new award and it is in conjunction with the Mr. Baseball and Ms. Softball. I guess that they wanted to create an achievement award for softball coaches."

Mertz, who has coached New Ulm Cathedral to 626 career wins along with 18 Tomahawk Conference crowns and 11 sectional championships in his 31 years as head coach, will have the Lifetime Achievement Award for softball named after him.

Mertz said that the award means a lot to him as it comes from his peers on the softball field.

"You put a lot of time into the game," he said. "And I started to reap some of the benefits of the hard work and time put into the sport. I do not think that I am the coach that has coached the longest - I believe that Tom Bang from Hermantown has coached one more year than I have."

Mertz, who was also inducted into the Minnesota Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame this past week, said being consistent is one of the keys to longevity and success.

"You need to be honest with the players and let them know where you stand," he said. "You need to be there for them and try and get the most out of each player that you coach. Those are things that I believe in."



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Mertz started coaching softball at New Ulm Cathedral when the program started, back in 1979 when he was asked by then Athletic Director Stan Wilfahrt to coach a program that was just starting to take baby steps.

"He [Wilfahrt] asked me if I was interested in coaching softball at that time," recalled Mertz. "But I told Stan that I was just starting a family and I told him that it just did not feel right at that moment. So he asked me if I would be an assistant coach to Bill Brinkman and said that I could do that."

The first few years of softball, the Greyhounds, as most softball teams did in the beginning of the sport, played very few games.

"The first year we only had six games," Mertz said. "I stayed as an assistant for one more year before Bill [Brinkman] left. They offered the head job to me and I have been there ever since."

**WANTED TO COACH:** When asked if he was a little leery about coaching a sport that was still just in its infancy, Mertz said that at the time he, despite never being what a person would call an athlete, just wanted to coach.

"When I was growing up, I never played an organized sport," he said. "I never played high school football or anything. I played a lot of intramural-type sports but I was never coached by anybody."

That meant that Mertz had to pick up a coaching style and philosophy from someone. And he found a person to watch and emulate in Wilfahrt who was also coaching New Ulm Cathedral in baseball at that time.

"I would go and watch his practices and games and he kind of mentored me," Mertz said. "I learned a lot from watching and talking to Stan. A lot of the things that I do now are things that Stan did when he was coaching. He believed in the little parts of the game - that defense is very important and manufacturing runs. He was a master at doing that. I learned quite a bit from him."

Mertz said that he found out that coaching girls compared to coaching boys was a little different.

"I had coached seventh and eighth grade boy's basketball and baseball and even at that age, the boy's acted like they knew it all," Mertz said. "With girls, it never was that way - they always listened to what you had to say. They wanted to learn more about the game- they were students of the game and I had no problem with them."

**HAD KEY PLAYERS:** Mertz also said that he had some special athletes when he took over as head coach.

"I had pitchers like Carol and Cathy Wilfahrt and it seemed like they all got their starts playing catch with their older brothers or watching their brothers play baseball," he said. "The kids came with the skills."

One of the players who may have played the biggest part in the success of Cathedral softball was Steph Klaviter who transferred from New Ulm High School to Cathedral in her eighth-grade year.

Before she was done, the Greyhounds would be well-known state powers.

"Up until that time, no one knew much about Cathedral softball," Mertz said. "No one knew much about Bob Mertz - I was called Steph Klaviter's coach. After the success that we had with her, the program turned around. There were a lot more kids got serious about softball. Everybody wanted to be the next Steph Klaviter [who is Mertz' niece.]"

**GETS HELP FROM SUMMER PROGRAM:** Mertz said that the summer softball program in New Ulm has benefited softball at Cathedral.

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They teach the game well. You want kids to play more games and I talk to coaches in that program. They do a very good job. The players learn a lot."

Mertz said that of six state titles won by Cathedral teams he has coached the one that is most special to him came in 1993 in Fridley.

"I had a daughter on that team along with a number of nieces. We got to the state in 1989 and went two games and out. It was nice to win in 1993 and in 2005 I did not expect us to win the state but we did. They all are special."

**MAY RETIRE SOON:** Mertz said that he day is coming when he will step down as the state's winningest high school softball coach.

"I am not sure how many years I have left," he said. "And I worry about who will take over for me and how that person will be received. I know that my assistant coaches Jo Derkson and Karen Whitmyer are not going to take over.

"Whoever comes in is going to be worried about that so I am going to try and groom the right person for the job and I would like to coach with them for a few years," he said "I have someone in mind who I think is interested in the job and I think that that person will do well."

But until that time comes, Mertz will continue to coach the Greyhounds.

As far as the Lifetime Achievement Award that will forever bare his name?

"I am sure how that is going to affect me," he said. "I am very proud of what has happened. But it will soon be someone else's time."