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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
Ben Dose is one of the captains  
for the New Ulm boys soccer  
team this season.

## **Inexperience a factor for New Ulm this year**

*POSTED Aug. 25, 2010*

By Jonas Leyrer Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - It is going to be a year unlike any other for the New Ulm boys soccer team.

Most seasons, having three high schools at its disposal to supply it with experienced players allows the team to build its strength off a number of senior players, but this year, the team faces the unique challenge of growing and shaping a much younger team.

"This year is going to be a lot different from the other four years I've coached here," coach Jack Gronholz said. "Last year I had 11 seniors. Now I have one returning senior with two seniors [total] on the team. So we've got a younger team; they are not going to be as mature as other years."

For the coaching staff, this means changing the way the team plays against its opponents.

"We have been more of an offensive team the last couple of years. This year we will hopefully be a little more defensive. We don't have the experience on the front line like we've had in the past. We have changed up our midfield, with some tweaks to it to try and strengthen our offense and maybe cover for some of the defensive weaknesses we might have."

For returning senior Ben Dose, this year is a chance to lead and help out the program for seasons to come.

"It's going to be a building year," Dose said. "We got a lot of young players. But we are just going to have to learn as we go and prepare for future years."

Ultimately though, the biggest challenge for players is getting some experience with the new strategies and formations.

"I think we have the right mix of players," Gronholz said. "It's just them learning where we want to go. Once they have played a certain formation, and then you switch it up. The first part of the year we will be thinking more than reacting. As the year goes on we will become a better team."

Gronholz is prepared for the challenges of the upcoming season and so are his players. Though he has cut down on the number of games the team will play, he hopes to focus on quality rather than quantity with his team.

The success of the New Ulm boys soccer team is anything but determined. The players may be less experienced than in years past, but they certainly see their own potential, both for this year and the future.

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### **Finding Results Difficult, but Boy's Soccer is 2-1 in Crusader Invite**

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MANKATO—The Boy's Co-op Soccer team for New Ulm High School/New Ulm Cathedral/Minnesota Valley won two of three in the Mankato Loyola/LCWM Crusaders season opener invitational. Outcomes of all three games did not appear in the Journal, KNUJ or Mankato Free Press and were not reported to New Ulm Sports Central independently.

One boy's score was reported on the KNUJ scoreboard Saturday, the Friday game in which Loyola/LCWM beat New Ulm 5-2. No details were available. New Ulm played a second game, likely against Mountain Lake Christian and apparently won that although score and details were available. The Mankato Free Press then reported New Ulm defeating Waseca 3-1 in what must have been decider for the second and third places in the tournament.

The Mankato Free Press Sunday issue reported: "*The Crusaders went on to win the championship of the tournament with a 1-0 win over Mountain Lake Christian. Lance Gaspar scored in the 71st minute for the game's only goal and Clements got the shut-out.*"

*New Ulm defeated Waseca 3-1 in the final match of the tournament.*

*Loyola/LCWM finished first with a 2-0-1 record, New Ulm was second at 2-1, Waseca placed third at 1-1-1 and MLC was fourth at 0-3."*

The results were also not reported by Minnesota\_Scores.

*New Ulm Sports Central has requested the Eagles soccer teams to provide information to the public media or directly to NUSC.*

### **Worthington crushes Eagles**

*POSTED September 1, 2010 New Ulm Journal*

WORTHINGTON - Worthington defeated New Ulm Tuesday 15-1 in nonconference boys soccer play.

Broderick Brown scored the lone goal for New Ulm with Henry Thoreson on the assist. Eagle goalie Sam Farley had 39 saves.

### **BOYS' SOCCER: WHS scores 10 goals in second half, improves to 2-0**

*POSTED September 1, 2010 Worthington Globe*

By: [Aaron Hagen](#), Worthington Daily Globe

WORTHINGTON — Juan Flores had one.

So did Rudy Ramirez and Naakoo Omot.

When the dust settled in Tuesday's boys' soccer game, all three had a hat trick, leading Worthington to a 15-1 victory against New Ulm.

"At first there was some getting used to with the field being wet," said Ramirez, referring to a rain shower that passed through before the game. "But after we got our rhythm going, it was all about touch-touch and I think we got it going in the second half."

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Omot and Flores each scored four times, while Ramirez found the net three times as the three combined for 11 of the Trojans' 15 goals.

"It starts with our midfield," Ramirez said. "They touch the ball well and they know where me and Naakoo are at all times and they give it to us. They know what we're going to do."

Worthington (2-0) has now outscored its opponents 27-1 in two games.

"I didn't think we performed our best yet," head coach Vilath Lovan said. "It was a young team, just like last week's game.

"We can score a lot of goals. It's going to hurt in the future. If the game is kind of tight, we could lose a game if we don't score. There were a lot of opportunities for those guys to score and they didn't."

The Trojans had 37 shots on goal, but missed easy shots in both halves.

"We could have scored more goals," Flores said.

"It just wasn't some of our guys' days. It was one of those days where it just doesn't go in .

"I'm pretty happy that I had that day that it went in for me."

The goals came in bunches for Flores.

After scoring on a free kick early in the first half, he completed his hat trick in a span of a little more than a minute.

He had a breakaway with 30:42 remaining in the game and 1:08 later, he added another goal on an assist from Diego Esquivel.

Goal No. 4 came at the 32:37 mark on a nice set play from Ramirez.

"My teammates were going in, Rudy was going in and I just yelled at him to give it back to me," Flores said. "He just gave it back, had the open shot and it went in.

"I was practicing those shots during warm-ups, too. I'm pretty happy that they went in."

After the free kick, three different Trojans had an assist on Flores' goals.

"It was teamwork, I just finished," he said. "My teammates did all the work and I was just there to finish them."

Omot, meanwhile, had a long drought throughout the game.

After scoring a mere 22 seconds in, he didn't find the net until there was a little more than 10 minutes left in the contest.

Ramirez scored all three of his goals in the second half — and all within six minutes.



Brian Korthals/Daily Globe Worthington's Oo Aa Sit (18) and New Ulm's Isaac Pappenfuss (33) collide in midair as they battle for position on the ball during Tuesday afternoon's soccer game in Worthington

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Flores had just scored his second and third goals early in the second half as Worthington had a 7-0 advantage.

Enter Ramirez.

He scored a goal on an assist from Jairo Mendoza, then put two more in off assists from Michael Singaath.

“I was just happy with what I got,” Ramirez said. “A fourth one wouldn’t have hurt, but I’m happy with what I got.”

Trailing 10-0, New Ulm’s Broderick Brown found the net for the Eagles’ only goal.

But in a span of two minutes, 26 seconds, Omot scored three times, pushing the lead to 13-1 at the time.

Jairo Mendoza and Oo Aa Sit each scored in the first half as Worthington outshot the Eagles 18-0 but only scored five times.

“It seems like the kids can’t control themselves inside the field, maybe they’re too nervous,” Lovan said. “I told the kids, if it’s inside the box, just put it in the pocket where you want to instead of blasting the ball.”

But in the second half, the Trojans scored 10 goals on 19 shots.

“I think that goes with every game,” Ramirez said. “You have your missed shots and you have your made shots. But I think the ones that counted were the ones that went in and I think that showed on the scoreboard. I’m happy with our performance.”

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