

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers 2010 Spring Baseball



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**Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers Baseball
2010 Spring Baseball
Coach: Jeff Schoenherr**



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Minnesota Valley Lutheran was founded 1979. Current Enrollment (9-12) 2009-2010: 222. Region: 2A

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4/8/2010	5:00 PM	Wabasso (3A)	New Ulm - Mueller Park	14-4	W	1-0	5
4/9/2010	5:00 PM	Mankato Loyola (2A)	New Ulm - Johnson Park	2-9	L	1-1	6
4/12/2010	5:00 PM	Sleepy Eye (2A)	New Ulm-Mueller Park	11-6	W	2-1	7
4/13/2010	5:00 PM	G-F-W (2A)	G-F-W H.S.	4-5	L	2-2	8
4/15/2010	5:00 PM	Buffalo Lake-Hector (2A)	Buffalo Lake-Hector H.S.	5-4	W	3-2	8
4/16/2010	5:00 PM	Lester Prairie\ Holy Trinity (2A)	Winsted.	13-0	W	4-2	8
4/19/2010	4:30 PM	New Ulm Cathedral (2A)	New Ulm - Johnson Park	0-2	L	4-3	9
4/22/2010	4:30 PM	Springfield (3A)	New Ulm - Johnson Park,	7-4	W	5-3	10
	7:00 PM	Springfield (3A)	New Ulm - Johnson Park	3-4	L	5-4	10
4/29/2010	5:00 PM	Sleepy Eye (2A)	Eagles Field - Sleepy Eye	9-10	L	5-5	11
5/3/2010	4:30 PM	Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's (2A)	New Ulm - Mueller Park	2-4	L	5-6	12
	6:30 PM	Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's (2A)	New Ulm - Mueller Park	6-13	L	5-7	12
5/6/2010	5:00 PM	G-F-W (2A)	New Ulm - Johnson Park	2-4	L	5-8	13
5/7/2010	5:00 PM	Wabasso (3A)	Postponed				
5/10/2010	5:00 PM	Buffalo Lake-Hector (2A)	Postponed				
5/13/2010	4:30 PM	Comfrey/Cedar Mt. Rockets	Comfrey High School	7-9	L	5-9	14
	6:00 PM	Comfrey/Cedar Mt. Rockets	Comfrey High School	10-4	W	6-9	14
5/14/2010	5:00 PM	Buffalo Lake-Hector (2A)	New Ulm - Mueller Park	6-0	W	7-9	15
5/15/2010	10:00 am	Wabasso	Milroy	10-11	L	7-10	16
5/18/2010		New Ulm Cathedral		1-5	L	7-11	
4/30/2010	7:30 PM	Truman (2A)	Truman High School	13-6	W	8-11	17
5/21.2010	4:30 PM	Lake Crystal-Wellcome Mem 2A	Lake Crystal	5-8	L	8-12	18
		Subsection					
5/27/2010		Sleepy Eye	Sleepy Eye	12-0	W	9-12	18
6/1/2010		New Ulm Cathedral	New Ulm—Johnson Park	3-1	W	10-12	19
6/3/2010		Sleepy Eye St. Mary's	Franklin Rogers Field, Mankato	8-4	W	11-12	22
		Section 2A Finals					
6/5/2010		Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	Franklin Rogers Field, Mankato	10-0	W	12-12	23
6/9/2010		Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	Wolverton Field, Mankato	1-2	L	12-13	26
6/9/2010		Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	Wolverton Field, Mankato	6-3	W	13-13	26
		State Class A Tournament					
6/17/2010		Eden Valley-Watkins	Jordan	0-6	L	13-14	32
6/17/2010		Adrian	Chaska	2-3	L	13-15	34



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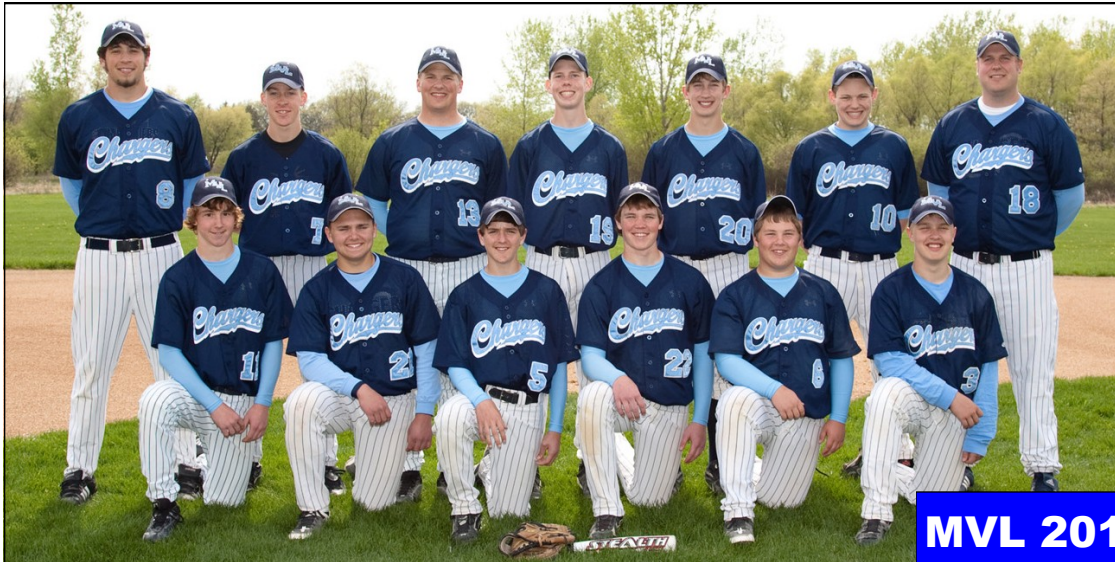
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2010 MVL Chargers, L-R, Front: Ryan Rossiter, Daniel Holz, Michael Schlottman, Andrew Wolf. Second row: Devin Herlik, Dustin Compart, Alec Fischer, Keith Besemer, Nathan Miller, Megan Fleischer (stats). Back: Marvin Meihack, assistant coach; David Biedenbender, assistant coach. Brandon Johnson, Zachary Kroells, Galen Holzheuter, Head Coach Jeff Schoenherr. Not pictured: Dan Reinke, Travis Kretsch, Nathan Schoenherr, Ryan Grunke.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Charger Baseball Roster 2010 Season

No.	Name	Pos	Grade	No.	Name	Pos	Grade
1	Dusty Compart	OF	Junior	11	Ryan Grunke	OF	Freshman
2	Drew Wolf	OF	Senior	12	Keith Besemer	IF	Senior
3	Alec Fischer	P	Junior	13	Nathan Miller	P	Junior
6	Zac Kroells	IF	Senior	15	Galen Holhueter	IF	Senior
7	Ryan Rossiter	OF	Senior	20	Dan Holz	IF	
8	Michael Schlottman	IF	Junior	22	Travis Kretsch	IF	Sophomore
9	Nate Schoenherr	P	Sophomore	23	Dan Reinke	C	Sophomore
				24	Brandon Johnson	C	Junior



MVL 2010JV Baseball

MVL's JV baseball team for 2010. L-R, front row: Ryan Grunke, Tyler Mielke, Justin Bruns, Travis Kretsch, Dan Reinke, and Ethan Silfies. Back row: assist. coach Justin Danell, Ryan Steffl, Michael Martens, Richard Jensen, Nate Schoenherr, Jonah Meyer, and head coach John Gunderson

JV Charger Baseball Season Highlights

Season Record: 23—5
 Runs Scored: 180 to 72 for opponents
 Hits: 166 to opponents 83
 Walks: 97 to opponents 72

Team batting average: .358
 Pitching: 102 innings with 130 K's, 72 BOB,
 83 hits allowed.

Captains
 Travis Kretsch
 Dan Reinke
 Nate Schoenherr

JV Team Season Leaders:

Hits: Kretsch, 22
 Runs Scored: Kretsch, 30
 Singles: Grunke, 16
 Double: Martens 6
 Triples: Schoenherr, 4
 Home Runs: Mielke, 2
 Walks: Grunke, 16
 Sacrifices: Goetzke, 3
 Batting Average: Reinke .475

Varsity Career and Single Season School Records Established in 2010

Career

Most Games Played: Dan Holz, 91
 Galen Holzhueter 2nd all-time with 85)
 At Bats: Galen Holzhueter, 246 (third)
 Runs Scored: Galen Holzhueter, 75
 Hits: Galen Holzhueter, 96 (second)
 Doubles: Galen Holzhueter, 16 (tied for fourth)
 Triples: Galen Holzhueter, 6 (tied for second)
 Homeruns: Galen Holzhueter 3, tied for fifth
 Runs Batted in: Galen Holzhueter, 55 (tied for fifth)
 Sacrifices: None
 Bases on Balls: Galen Holzhueter, 47 (second)

Stolen Bases: None
 Hitter's Honor roll: Galen Holzhueter .390 (third)
 Pitching
 Keith Besemer, 7 (tied for ninth)
 Most Innings: Keith Besemer, 107.3, seventh

Single Season—First and Second Only

Most Games: Six 2010 players with 28
Runs: Galen Holzhueter, 31, second.
RBI: Michael Schlottman, 30. (second)
HBP: Galen Holzhueter, 10. (Second)
Innings Pitched: Keith Besemer, 68.2 (second)



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Minnesota Valley Baseball Awards for 2010

Varsity

Charger Award: *Keith Besemer*
Best Defense: *Dan Holz*
Best Offense: *Brandon Johnson*
Most Improved Player: *Dusty Compert*
Most Valuable Player: *Galen Holzhueter*

Junior Varsity

Charger Award: *Justin Bruns*
Best Practice Player: *Ryan Steffl*
Best Defense: *Nate Schoenherr*
Best Offense: *Dan Reinke*
Most Improved Player: *Jonah Meyer*
Most Valuable Player: *Travis Kretsch*

Pitching is an unknown for Chargers

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: March 31, 2010

NEW ULM - At the start of each baseball season at Minnesota Valley Lutheran, head coach Jeff Schooner knows that he is going to need young, inexperienced players to step up for the Chargers to have a successful season.

That will be the case again for the 2010 edition of the Chargers especially on the mound.

"We are going to look at a bunch of people early as pitchers," said Schoenherr whose team finished 8-12 last season. "We want to see who can put in some innings for us."

One of the pitchers who is back and will be the Chargers go-to guy, according to Schoenherr, on the mound is Keith Besemer. Last year, Besemer was 0-2 in 25 2/3 innings.

"He pitched for us last year and did a nice job," Schoenherr said. "But we will also use Galen Holzhueter (0-1) along with Mike Schlottman and Alex Fischer - those will be our top four. We are also looking at others who want to pitch."

It's an inexperienced pitching staff that returns with just 30 of 127 innings pitched last year coming back and Besemer had 25 of those innings. Schoenherr will look to junior catcher Brandon Johnson to bring along the pitchers during the season.

"He (Johnson) has so much experience back there," Schoenherr said. "He has been playing baseball for so many years. He did a very good job last year as a sophomore calling games and helping out pitchers. Now that he is a junior, that will help."

Johnson will also be one of the Chargers' top hitters as he led the team last year with a .352 batting average and doubles with five. He hit the only MVL home run last year and tied with graduated center fielder Brian Enter with the lead in RBIs with 15. But Johnson knows that the bulk of his work will be done helping mature a young pitching staff.

"I want to make sure that the pitches are consistent," said Johnson, who was voted the team's Most Valuable Player last season. "I want to make sure that they get their fastball over the plate and throw their other pitches after they have their fastball down. We cannot afford to walk people, let the defense do their job. Coach Schoenherr likes the catcher to be the field general of the game and take control of the pitchers."



Staff photo by Mary Roufs
Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Brandon Johnson will be the starting catcher for the Chargers this season.

While inexperience dots the Charger mound staff, the infield is pretty well set.

"We will have Zac Kroells at third base, Galen Holzhueter will play shortstop when not pitching, Dan Holz, a good defensive player will be at second base and I will put Mike Schlottman at first base to start the year."

The Chargers' outfield will have to plug a big hole in center field with Enter's graduation.

"We will miss his leadership - he would get great jumps on the ball."

Schoenherr said that has about six or seven players who will be fighting for that spot. "I will give them all innings early in the year and whoever does the job will start," he said. "Devin Herlick, Drew Wolf, Ryan Rossiter along with juniors Dusty Compart and Justin Maas also will look for playing time." Schoenherr feels that the strength of the Chargers will be the team chemistry. "I really see some good attitudes in the early practices," he said. "We will be weak with that lack of mound experience - I am nervous about that. I will need to see some pitchers take control of the game." Schoenherr said that both the Tomahawk Conference and the section will be strong. I would like to see us around .500 when the playoff start."

Chargers rough up Rabbits

By Dustin Briggs, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - The Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball team started off its season with a bang.

The Chargers defeated Wabasso 14-4 in the bottom of the fifth inning when a wild pitch allowed center fielder Ryan Rossiter to score, ending the game by the 10-run rule. The game-ending wild pitch was fitting for the Rabbits. Having graduated five pitchers last year, it was clear they have yet to solve their pitching dilemma.

The Chargers opened the game with five runs on six hits in the first inning alone including a two-run single smashed into left field by first baseman Mike Schlottman, who finished the game with three RBIs.

After three more unanswered runs and four hits in the second inning, Wabasso was forced to replace pitcher Josh Guetter with Jacob Rohlik, who was able to finish the inning. At the end of the second inning the score was 8-0.

The Charger lead proved to be too much for the Rabbits to rally back. Wabasso's defense had only one error throughout the game, but went through three pitchers in five innings.

Wabasso allowed eight walks, three of which brought in runs.

The story was not the same for MVL pitcher Keith Besemer, who pitched all five innings holding Wabasso hitless until the third inning.

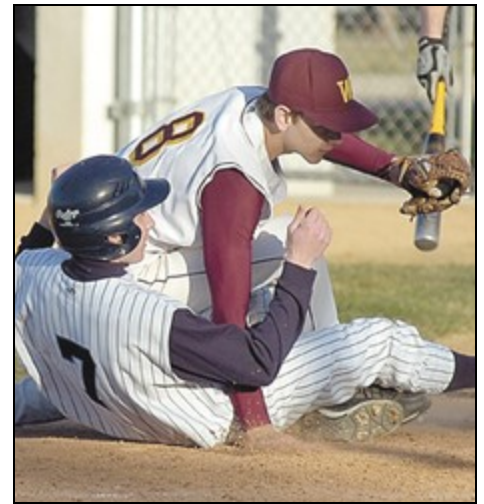
Besemer had two strikeouts and allowed seven hits and only three walks. He had a lead-off double to left field in the bottom of the second inning.

Another standout player in the MVL opener was shortstop Galen Holzhueter who made some outstanding defensive plays. He also started a 6-4-3 double play in the fifth inning. Holzhueter went 2-for-3 with a single and a double and two RBIs.

Wabasso's offense was led by catcher Aaron Brau who went 2-for-2 with an RBI including a double off a long shot to right field in the top of the fourth inning.

MVL head coach Jeff Schoenherr was happy with his team's 1-0 start to the season.

"I was very pleased with the way the guys came out to play, especially the bats in the first inning," Schoenherr said. "That came as real real surprise. I hope that continues."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Ryan Rossiter (7) slides under the tag of Wabasso's Blake Altermatt (8) scoring a run and ending the game by the 10-run rule during the Chargers' win Thursday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Loyola defeats Chargers

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: April 10, 2010

NEW ULM - The good news for the Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball team was that its pitchers allowed only one earned run against Mankato Loyola.

The bad news was that six errors by the Charger defense led to eight unearned runs as Loyola cruised to a 9-2 win over the Chargers Friday at Johnson Park in a non-conference game.

Joe Kopel got the win for Loyola (2-0). He went five innings and allowed three hits - all of them coming in the fourth inning when MVL scored its two runs.

Kopel struck out four and did not walk a batter. The lefthander set down the first 10 batters of the game before allowing a single to Dan Holz.

Alec Fischer took the loss for the Chargers (1-1). He permitted six runs in the first two innings, all of which were unearned.

Zach Mullen led Loyola with three hits.

Galen Holzhueter and Brandon Johnson each had a double for MVL with Johnson driving in two runs.

Despite the loss, Charger coach Jeff Schoenherr said that he saw some positives.

"You have to remember that it is early in the season - this was only our second game of the season," Schoenherr said. "There were a lot of positives."

There were some things that the Chargers did well according to Schoenherr.

"We saw some depth in our pitching staff in Alec Fischer, Michael Schlottman and Drew Wolf. We also hit the ball hard but a lot of times it was right at people. And we did not quit when we were down 7-0. There were a lot of good things."

But the errors were big.

In the top of the first inning, errors by Schlottman and two from Holzhueter led to three Crusader runs.

Kopel's groundball was misplayed by Holzhueter following a Schlottman throwing error for a 1-0 lead. A fielder's choice added a second run before Evan Ellingsworth's base hit scored the third run of the inning.

Three more runs came across in the second inning on the third Charger error of the game and a two run double off of the bat of Mullen. And it looked like Kopel would make that hold up as he set down 10 straight Charger batters - just two balls left the infield - before MVL was able to reach him in the fourth.

Holz rapped a one out single before Holzhueter moved him to third with a double. Both runners scored when Johnson sliced a two-run double to center to cut the lead to 7-2. But after that, the Chargers' offense went quiet as they got just one hit - a single from Keith Besemer in the sixth the rest of the way.

Schoenherr said that he was not concerned about the lack of hitting in the game. "Maybe it did not show up in the hit column but we had a lot of hard hit balls in the game," he said. "The only negative today were the errors and they can be corrected."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran second baseman Dan Holz (20) catches the ball as Mankato Loyola's Kyle Murray (3) slides into second during the Chargers' loss Friday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

MVL tops Sleepy Eye in slugfest 11-6

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: April 13, 2010

NEW ULM - In what started out to be a wild, high-scoring contest, Minnesota Valley Lutheran held off Sleepy Eye, outslugging the Indians in an 11-6 Tomahawk Conference baseball win Monday at Mueller Park.

Keith Besemer shook off a fast start by the Indians and held them scoreless in the second, third and fourth innings. Meanwhile, the Chargers' bats didn't take any time off as they scored two runs in the bottom of the first and five more in the second inning to improve to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Despite trailing early, the Chargers didn't hang their heads.

"These guys play pretty loose," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "They don't get their heads down and they come back and put a few runs on the board."

The Indians jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first after Brooks Domeier led off with a triple and Landon Zinniel followed with a double. Zinniel later scored on a grounder to give Sleepy Eye starter Nathan Kral a two-run lead early on.

In the bottom of the first, the Chargers evened the score courtesy of RBIs from Dan Holz and Michael Schlottman.

Then, in the bottom of the second, the Chargers scored five times. Schlottman again provided a big hit, this time a triple that scored three runs that gave MVL a 7-2 lead. Schlottman finished the game with four RBIs.

After MVL scored two more runs in the bottom of the fourth, the Indians knocked Besemer out of the game in the top of the fifth, scoring four runs.

Zinniel had an RBI grounder to first and Tyler Braulick followed with an RBI single to make it 9-4. Kral then drove in two runs off relief pitcher Galen Holzhueter to trim the Chargers lead to 9-6.

But the rally ended and the Chargers got a two-run home run from Brandon Johnson that put MVL up 11-6 in the sixth.

Besemer earned the win, going 4 1/3 innings. He allowed all six runs and walked four while striking out three.

Kral took the loss for the Indians, going four innings. The Chargers finished with 11 hits.

Offensively, Kral had three hits and three RBIs for the Indians. Holzhueter scored three runs for the Chargers and Johnson drove in three runs.



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GFW 5, MVL 4

New Ulm Journal

FAIRFAX - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop defeated Minnesota Valley Lutheran 5-4 in Tomahawk Conference baseball action Tuesday.

Kyle Maurer earned the win for the Thunderbirds. He pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing four runs and four hits. He struck out six and walked three.

Michael Hahn picked up the save, pitching 1/3 of an inning and allowing one hit.

Alec Fischer took the loss. He pitched four innings, allowing three runs on five hits. He struck out two and walked four.

For the Thunderbirds, Zak Neubarth was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Hahn was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Austin Black and Lucas Seehafer were each 1-for-3.

For the Chargers, Galen Holzhueter was 2-for-4 and Dan Holz was 1-for-4.

Schlottman's double lifts Chargers over Mustangs

POSTED: April 16, 2010 New Ulm Journal

HECTOR - Minnesota Valley Lutheran defeated Buffalo Lake-Hector in Tomahawk Conference baseball Thursday night.

Michael Schlottman hit a double in the seventh inning scoring Brandon Johnson for the go-ahead run.

The winning pitcher, Keith Besemer, had four strikeouts allowing three walks, seven hits, and four runs.

BLH's Corey Kurth went 3-for-3 and Ryan Haun went 2-for-4 with and RBI.

MVL 13, LP/HT 0, 5 Inn.

POSTED: April 17, 2010 New Ulm Journal

LESTER PRAIRIE - Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Michael Schlottman was 3-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs as the Chargers defeated Lester Prairie in nonconference baseball action Friday in five innings.

Dan Holz was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Alec Fischer picked up the win on the mound. He went five innings and allowed two hits, striking out seven and walking three.



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Cathedral tops MVL

POSTED: April 20, 2010

By Jim Bastian
Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball coach Jeff Schoenherr said that his team has faced New Ulm Cathedral's Kyle Fischer "about five times in the past few years and he gets better as the game goes on." Monday afternoon's meeting between the two teams was no exception.

The righthanded Fischer allowed just four Charger hits and set down seven straight MVL batters in later part of the game as the Greyhounds blanked MVL 2-0 in a Tomahawk Conference game at Johnson Park.

Fischer struck out five Charger batters as Cathedral - the third-ranked team in Class 1A - improved to 6-0 on the season.

Keith Besemer took the loss for MVL. He also pitched a strong game, scattering seven hits.

Zach Fischer, Kyle Fischer and Mitch Turbes each had two hits for Cathedral with Dan Blackstad and MacKenzie Reinarts driving in the only two runs of the game. "I thought that Kyle did a nice job today," Cathedral coach Bob Weier said. "He was in trouble a couple of times and the true sign of a good pitcher is when he is in trouble, he

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran shortstop Michael Schlottman (8) catches the ball as Cathedral's Aaron Pfaff (9) slides into second during the Greyhounds' win Monday at Johnson Park in

can pitch himself out of it."

MVL mounted scoring threats in the second, third and fourth innings when the Chargers got runners as far as second base. But on all three occasions, Fischer was able to work his way out of jams.

In the second, Zac Kroells singled and was sacrificed to second by Devin Herlick. But Fischer avoided trouble when he struck out Ryan Rossiter.

In the third, an error and a Galen Holzhueter single put two runners on base before Fischer coaxed Brandon Johnson into an inning-ending groundout.

The Chargers' last real threat of the game came in the fourth inning when Kroells walked and stole second with one out. But a strike-out of Herlick and a Rossiter pop-out ended the threat.

From then on, Fischer was almost untouchable as he permitted just one baserunner - Michael Schlottman on a two-out single in the sixth inning.

"His [Fischer] trend has been to be tough at the beginning of games and he will have that fifth or sixth inning where he lets up," Weier said. "But today he did not let up - he seemed to get stronger as the game went along."

Meanwhile Besemer was holding the high-powered Greyhound offense in check.

Cathedral scored its first run in the second inning when Turbes legged out an infield single and stole second. An Aaron Wenninger groundout moved him to third before a Reinarts' groundout scored him.



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Besemer then worked out of trouble in the fourth when Turbes led off with a double. But Besemer got both Wenninger and Colin Wendinger on comebackers before getting Reinarts into a groundout to end the inning.

Cathedral made it 2-0 in the fifth when Kevin Larson reached on a fielder's choice before Zach Fischer reached on the only error of the game by both teams.

Blackstad followed with a double that drove in Larson for his team-leading 13th RBI of the season.

Besemer worked out of potential trouble in the sixth when he issued two walks before getting Larson on a groundout.

In the top of the seventh Kyle Fischer laced a one-out double before he set down the next two Cathedral hitters.

"Keith pitched like a crafty veteran for us,' Schoenherr said. "He was mixing up speeds and his ball was moving. And I know that he will give a lot of credit to [MVL catcher] Brandon Johnson. He called a real nice game."

Chargers split with Tigers

POSTED: April 23, 2010 New Ulm Journal

Dustin Briggs, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - As the saying goes: You win some and you lose some.

As for the Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball team in a doubleheader against fellow Tomahawk Conference opponent Springfield Thursday night, each team won one, and lost one.

In the first game, MVL defeated Springfield 7-4. The Chargers established a strong lead in the fourth inning scoring four runs making the score 6-1.

Two of the four runs were scored when first baseman Galen Holzhueter hit a double out to left field with bases loaded.

The other two were scored when the next batter, catcher Brandon Johnson, hit a shot out to right field.

Alec Fischer held Springfield to one run for six innings. He struck out three and allowed five hits.

With bases loaded in the top of the sixth, Michael Schlottman relieved Fischer getting the two outs needed from a flyout to right field and strikeout to hold Springfield at one run.

In the top of the seventh, the Tigers were able to rally three runs in three consecutive base hits in an attempt to take the lead including a hard hit double to center field by catcher Zach Bisel to pick up an RBI.

"[Fischer] had perfect location mixing up speed. He pitched really well for us. As a team we had timely hitting in the first game. With guys in scoring position we would come up with the clutch hits," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said.



Staff photo by Mary Roufs
Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Galen Holzhueter is safe at home during the bottom of the first inning against Springfield on Thursday afternoon at Johnson Park.
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In the second game, the tables turned as Springfield was able to outscore MVL 4-3. Tyler Marz pitched the entire game holding MVL to five hits, earning five strikeouts.

Keith Besemer pitched the whole game for MVL allowing six hits earning three strikeouts.

Although the score was tied for most of the game at two and then at three, MVL didn't have the same luck with the clutch hitting against Marz as it did in the first game. The Chargers left a total of nine runners stranded on base in seven innings.

On the other hand, the Tigers were able to come through on offense when they needed to. Left fielder Jordan Milbrath went 2-for-3 with an RBI double in the fifth inning giving the Tigers the lead they held the rest of the game.

Bastian Column

POSTED: April 25, 2010

By Jim Bastian
Journal Sports Writer

MEIHACK HELPS CHARGERS: One of the concerns that Minnesota Valley Lutheran coach Jeff Schoenherr had about his team this year was the pitching staff.

But Schoenherr said that he is happy with that faction of their game.

"I think that we have only hit one batter this year," Schoenherr said. "I am happy with the control of our pitchers. Everything seems to be right around the plate."

He credits that to long-time assistant coach Marv Meihack.

"He works a lot with our pitchers on their fundamentals. He will work with the kids on balance points and release points. He has a lot of patience with the kids."

One of the pitchers who has benefited from Meihack and the summer baseball program in New Ulm has been Keith Besemer.

"He threw last summer in New Ulm and that really helped and he has learned to change speeds - he throws strikes and does not walk a lot of people and uses his defense."



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Sleepy Eye 10, MVL 9

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SLEEPY EYE - The Sleepy Eye Indians defeated the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers 10-9 Thursday in a Tomahawk Conference baseball matchup.

Sleepy Eye's Brandon Streich was the winning pitcher after only 1/3 innings allowing one hit.

Tyler Braulick went 3-for-4 including an RBI triple and Kaleb Hillsheim went 2-for-4 with the game winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

MVL's Drew Wolf went 2-for-3 with a three-run home run and Brandon Johnson went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

St. Mary's sweeps Chargers

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By Michael Gasset, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Offense hasn't been hard to come by for the Sleepy Eye St. Mary's baseball team. It's the timely hits to drive in runs that have been difficult to come by at times.

The Knights found those hits against Minnesota Valley Lutheran Monday.

St. Mary's pounded out 19 hits in the two games as it swept MVL 4-2 and 13-6 in a Tomahawk Conference doubleheader at Mueller Park.

"We hit the ball well, we took advantage of some walks and got some extra base hits as well," St. Mary's coach Bruce Woitas said. "We have been hitting the ball well, but we have got to stop hurting ourselves on the defensive end."

The Knights also got some strong pitching from both of their starters. Brett Ubl took the mound in the first game and he pitched a complete game three hitter with four strikeouts and six walks.

In the second game, Adam Sellner got the start as he allowed four runs on four hits with five strikeouts and three walks in five innings.

Things started out nice for the Chargers in the first game as they scored a run in the first inning but after that, MVL didn't have a runner past second until the sixth.

"You gotta give a lot of credit to St. Mary's pitchers," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "Especially Brett in that first game. He did a real nice job, he mixed up the pitches and he threw strikes."

Meanwhile, Zach Miller didn't pitch all that bad for MVL but his defense didn't help him out as the Chargers committed four errors in the game.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's catcher Josh Kopecek tags out Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Dan Holz during the first game of a doubleheader Monday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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The Knights scored single runs in the first and the fourth then got two insurance runs in the sixth to hold on for the win.

Miller took the loss as he allowed four runs on nine hits with four strikeouts and a walk.

Ubl was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Scott Salfer was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Dan Holz and Brandon Johnson had RBIs for MVL.

In the second game, MVL jumped out to a 3-0 lead to start the game but St. Mary's scored four in the bottom half of the inning and never looked back.

"That can be tough," Woitas said about Sellner fighting back after the three-run first inning. "I thought he refocused himself well, I think it helps that we came back and got four runs ourselves in the inning."

The Knights scored three in the second, two in the third and three more in the fourth to build a 12-4 lead. They added a single run in the fifth and MVL added two runs in the sixth to make the final 13-6.

Alec Fischer took the loss for MVL. He allowed four runs on three hits with a walk. Keith Besemer pitched four innings and allowed eight runs on nine hits with four walks and four strikeouts.

Sellner was 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs at the plate. Alan Huiras was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Keaton Borth had three RBIs.

Galen Holzhueter had a triple and an RBI. Zac Kroells also had an RBI for MVL.

MVL (5-7, 4-6) hosts Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Thursday.

"We will be fine," Schoenherr said. "These guys always battle back. It doesn't matter the game before, they always forget that and they will be ready for the next one."

St. Mary's (8-3, 7-3) is at Buffalo Lake-Hector Thursday.

"It's always big to get two wins," Woitas said. "We are getting close to playoff time and seedings, they are a subsection opponent so all of these games are big right now."

Thunderbirds hang on

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

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NEW ULM - The conditions weren't ideal, but in the end, everything seemed to work out just fine for the Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop baseball team.

The Thunderbirds fought off a late rally by Minnesota Valley Lutheran in which the Chargers had the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning. They also had to fight off the rain, which they managed to do, in the 4-2 victory at Johnson Park.

The game was called after six innings due to rain.



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Keith Besemer took the loss for the Chargers. He got behind early but managed to pitch all six innings.

"I was pleased with Besemer's pitching performance, I thought he started out a little sluggish," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "He really got into a rhythm down the stretch, especially in the conditions, but the key with Keith is has to keep that ball moving, which is what he does when he's successful."

Besemer wasn't too successful early on as GFW scored twice in the top of the first. Angle Munoz and Dan Rosenau both singled to start the game and Michael Hahn and Zak Neubarth drove them in via sacrifice flies.

The Thunderbirds added another run in the top of the second inning after Kyle Maurer singled and eventually scored to put his team up 3-0

MVL scored its first run in the fourth inning when Zac Kroells hit a grounder to third that scored Brandon Johnson.

But Michael Schlottman was stranded at third base when Ryan Rossiter struck out to end the inning.

GFW added another run in the sixth inning and the Chargers put together another rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Dan Holz singled and Johnson hit a double to put runners on second and third with nobody out.

Schlottman hit a sacrifice fly to score Holz and the Chargers managed to load the bases with two outs before Drew Wolf went down on a strikeout for the game's final out.

C/CM 9, MVL 7; MVL 10, C/CM 4

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COMFREY - Comfrey/Cedar Mountain and Minnesota Valley Lutheran split a Tomahawk doubleheader Thursday.

Dale McMullen earned the win in the first game as the Rockets won on a home run in the bottom of the seventh by Tyler Windschitl. Galen Holzhuetter pitched 1/3 of an inning for the loss.

Michael Berberich and Windschitl were each 2-for-4 with two RBIs and MVL was led by Keith Besemer, who was 3-for-4 with three runs and Brandon Johnson, who was 2-for-4 with a home run and four RBIs.

The second game was called due to darkness after five innings. Alec Fischer earned the win and Windschitl took the loss.

Holzhuetter was 2-for-2 with a double and Johnson was 2-for-2 with two runs.

Windschitl was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and Lucas Tietz was 2-for-2 with an RBI.

The win in the nightcap ended a six-game losing streak for the Chargers who leave the frying pan to jump into the fire against state ranked



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Schlottman leads MVL to win

By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

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NEW ULM - Normally when a team is out-hit by twice as many hits, it usually isn't a good sign.

But on Friday, the Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball team managed to do that, yet the Chargers came away with a 6-0 Tomahawk Conference win against Buffalo Lake-Hector at Mueller Park.

The Chargers scored three runs right away in the bottom of the first, but didn't get their first hit of the game until the fifth inning. But the Chargers were playing a winless Mustangs team that surrendered four walks and hit four more batters with pitches. That helped the Chargers (6-8 in Tomahawk Conference, 7-9 overall) escape with the win.

"Hitting's one of those funny things where you certainly don't want to put too much pressure on the guys at the plate, otherwise things will just get worse," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said.

BLH starter Austin Ludowese didn't retire a single batter as he walked Galen Holzhueter and hit Keith Besemer. He walked Michael Schlottman to load the bases and had a three-ball count on Brandon Johnson before he was taken off the mound.

There, the Chargers got a bases-loaded walk from Johnson and a sacrifice fly to right scored Besemer.

Schlottman scored the third run when he came home on a grounder to third.

That was all the run support that Schlottman needed on the mound. While he did give up a few hits to the Mustangs (he allowed six in the game), he didn't allow a single runner to cross the plate, a tribute to both him and the defense.

"It definitely started with Schlottman on the mound," Schoenherr said. "Michael did a real nice job. The key is he's not overpowering, he's going to mix up the pitches and he's going to keep the ball moving and he was very effective - when he needed that ground ball he got it or when he needed that fly ball he got it.

"But the guys made the plays behind him in the field and that was definitely the difference in the game," Schoenherr said.

Schlottman allowed runners on first and second in the first inning and it looked like the Mustangs were going to score first. With two outs, Ben Meiers hit a single to left field, but Ryan Hahn was thrown out at home to end the threat.

In the fourth inning, the Mustangs (0-14, 0-15) again had runners on first and second with one out, but Schlottman retired the next two batters. He got out of another jam in the sixth with runners on second and third to keep the game scoreless.

Schlottman went the distance, allowing six hits and he struck out five in the win.

The Chargers got their first hit of the game in the fifth when Besemer singled to right with two outs. Schlottman followed with an RBI triple to give the Chargers a 4-0 cushion.

MVL scored two more runs in the sixth inning after Travis Kretsch and Zac Kroells scored. With the bases loaded, Drew Wolf hit a slow grounder back to the pitcher and Dan Holz was retired at the plate. But the BLH catcher tried to get Wolf out at first and threw the ball down the right field line, allowing two more runs to score to give the Chargers a 6-0 lead.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Buffalo Lake-Hector's Ryan Hahn collides with Minnesota Valley Lutheran catcher Galen Holzhueter at the plate during the Chargers' win Friday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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Wabasso rallies to beat MVL

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MILROY - Wabasso scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat Minnesota Valley Lutheran 11-10 in Tomahawk Conference play Saturday morning in Milroy.

MVL led 10-6 going into the bottom of the seventh but couldn't hold the lead.

Derek Riley was the big bat for the Rabbits as he went 5-for-5 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored.

Aaron Brau was 2-for-2 with a double and a run scored.

Seth Guetter earned the win. He pitched 4 1/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits with five strikeouts.

Brandon Johnson took the loss. He pitched 2/3 of an inning and allowed three runs with two walks.

Michael Schlottman was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Zac Kroells was 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs.

Cathedral stays unbeaten

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - New Ulm Cathedral can beat you many ways on the baseball field.

The Greyhounds can come out and score runs in bunches or they can nickel and dime you inning by inning.

Monday afternoon, they were out-hit 9-6 by Minnesota Valley Lutheran but the Greyhounds used three sacrifice bunts to manufacture four runs as Cathedral improved to 19-0 on the season with a 5-1 win over the Chargers in Tomahawk Conference play at Johnson Park.

Aaron Wenninger was the winning pitcher for the No. 1 Class A team in the state. The righthander struck out just one but got a lot of help from his friends. The Greyhounds' defense did not have an error and also turned a seventh-inning double play.

Nate Miller, who threw 117 pitches in the game, took the loss for the Chargers.

The lefthander fanned four and held the Cathedral offense to just six hits. But he issued seven walks in the game with three of those free passes eventually scoring.

Galen Holzhueter led the Chargers with three hits with Keith Besemer and Zach Kroells each adding two. Besemer drove in the lone Charger run.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran Catcher Galen Holzhueter looks to tag out Cathedral's Zach Fischer (20) during the Greyhounds' win Monday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. Fischer was out on the play. For more photos of this



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Kevin Larson had two of the six Cathedral hits in the game and drove in two runs. Zach Fischer also drove in two runs for the Greyhounds.

MVL head coach Jeff Schoenherr said this game shows why Cathedral is the top Class A team in the state.

"They know how to generate runs in all different ways," he said after the game. "They were not at full-strength today [with Dan Blackstad sick] but they found ways to score."

The Chargers had scoring chances in the first inning when Besemer singled and stole second with one out but could not score. In the third inning, Holzhueter laced a one-out triple but was stranded there when Wenninger retired Besemer and Michael Schlottman on a groundout and fly out respectively.

"I thought that Aaron pitched a nice game," Cathedral coach Bob Weier. "He pitched out of that one-out triple in the third inining and we turned a double play. Our defense played well."

Cathedral scored a run in the bottom of the first when Aaron Pfaff led off with a walk and was sacrificed to second by Larson. After Miller retired Kyle Fischer on a fly ball, Zach Fischer drove Pfaff home by belting a 2-0 Miller offering for an RBI double to center field.

The Greyhounds added two more runs in the second with the sacrifice bunt again playing a big part in the scoring. After Miller issued consecutive one-out walks to Colin Wendinger and McKenzie Reinarts, Patrick Bock advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt.

Pfaff coaxed the third walk of the inning and Larson singled in two more runs for a 3-0 lead.

"There are going to be games where the sacrifice bunt is big," Weier said. "At this point of the season, you need to do all of those things offensively. Those are all little things that will win you ballgames."

The sacrifice bunt by the Greyhounds made it 4-0 in the third inning.

Kyle Fischer tripled to right field and after a Zach Fischer grounder, scored on a Wenninger suicide squeeze bunt.

Singles by Pfaff and Larson in the fourth inning, the seventh walk of the game by Miller and a wild pitch made it 5-0.

But the Chargers cut the lead to 5-1 in the top of the fifth inning.

Holzhueter reached on a single before Besemer drove in courtesy runner Dusty Compart with a double to left field.

"I am very proud of my team," Schoenherr said. "They did not let that number one seed in the state that Cathedral has bother them. They did not get their heads down - they kept playing. We had our chances to score - that is the frustrating thing. I know that when I do the stats from this game I will be shaking my head. We out-hit them yet they have more runs on the scoreboard. They had more clutch hitting then we did."



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MVL 13, Truman 6

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TRUMAN - Minnesota Valley Lutheran defeated Truman 13-6 Tuesday in nonconference baseball.

Nathan Schoenherr picked up the win for MVL going three innings, allowing two runs on three hits with four strikeouts. Brandon Johnson was 2-for-3 with a home run, double and four RBIs. Zac Kroells was 1-for-1 with a grand slam.

Clayton Feis took the loss for Truman going five innings, allowing seven runs on four hits with five strikeouts. Feis was also 3-for-4 at the plate and Garrett Lieffring was 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs.

LCWM holds off Chargers

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LCWM 8, MVL 5

LAKE CRYSTAL - Minnesota Valley Lutheran closed out the regular season with an 8-5 loss to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Friday.

Keith Besemer took the loss for MVL. He pitched three innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits with two strikeouts and two walks.

Alec Fischer pitched the first two innings and allowed three runs on four hits with two strikeouts on two walks.

Dan Reinke and Dan Holz each went 3-for-4.

Chargers advance in 2A

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By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

With the Sleepy Eye Indians seeded fourth and the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers seeded fifth in the Section 2A North Subsection baseball playoffs, a close game would be expected.

So a 12-0 loss in five innings to MVL was not something expected by Sleepy Eye coach Aaron Nesvold.

But for Chargers coach Jeff Schoenherr, yeah, a 12-0 win is something he'd been expecting.

All year long.

"I've been waiting for us to bust out," Schoenherr said. "We've been preaching it all year long and today we put it all together. We said before the game that the key was to put the ball in play against (Indians starting pitcher Caleb) Hillesheim, because he's a very good pitcher. We got clutch hits, some of them weren't pretty, but we hit them."

The viewpoint was a little different from the Sleepy Eye dugout.

"I definitely didn't draw this version up," Nesvold said. "But when you don't make plays and they hit the ball hard, they busted it wide open. [MVL starter Nate] Miller threw a nice game. I don't think we hit a ball hard all day."

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Indeed, Miller pitched a masterful game, throwing just 62 pitches in the game, 43 of them for strikes. He struck out seven, walked none, gave up just two infield hits and saw the hardest hit ball a medium fly to center for the final out of the game.

"Nate got a late start to the season, but today he looked in mid-season form," Schoenherr said.

The Chargers offense certainly didn't get a late start as they scored eight runs in the second inning. It started with an infield hit from Dan Holz. Zac Kroells followed with a sacrifice bunt attempt, but the throw to first sailed to the right field fence for a two-base error.

A bloop hit to center by Ryan Rossiter scored Holz, then Galen Holzhueter stroked Hillesheim's first pitch to left to bring home Kroells and Rossiter, who had stolen second. Keith Besemer got an infield hit, with Brandon Johnson then walking to fill the bases.

Dan Reinke's soft single to center made it 5-0, followed by a double steal. Hillesheim then got Holz to swing at a bad pitch for strike three, but it went to the backstop, Johnson came home, and Holz ended up at first. Holz stole second, and Kroells base hit to center ended the scoring parade at 8-0.

Landon Zinniel came in to pitch for the Indians, but things didn't go much better for them in the third. Drew Wolf led off with a hit to left, then scored on a Besemer double to the left field wall. Michael Schlottman blooped a single to center, then watched as the ball was thrown into center field on his steal attempt, allowing Besemer to score. A Reinke double to left put the Chargers up 11-0.

MVL's final run came in the fifth with one out. Johnson doubled down the third base line, took third on a passed ball, then scored on a Reinke single. The Chargers had 13 hits in the five innings.

For MVL, Reinke was 3-for-4 with four RBIs and a double and Besemer was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

MVL shocks Cathedral

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Prior to Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Section 2A, North Subsection playoff game with cross-town rival New Ulm Cathedral, MVL starter Nate Miller told coach Jeff Schoenherr he didn't know if he could pitch because his side was hurting.

Schoenherr told him to go out and run and see what happens.

What happened was the lefthander scattered five Cathedral hits and struck out seven as MVL upset top-seeded New Ulm Cathedral 3-1 at Johnson Park.

Kyle Fischer took the loss for the Greyhounds. He allowed all three runs - all earned while fanning five. He permitted seven hits.

Michael Schlottman led the Chargers with three hits while Galen Holzhueter added two.



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Aaron Pfaff banged out three hits for the Greyhounds including two doubles. Mitch Turbes added a triple.

The win moves the Chargers (10-12) into double-elimination play on Thursday when they face Sleepy Eye St. Mary's at 5 p.m. at Franklin Rogers Park in Mankato. The loss ends the Greyhounds' season at 20-2.

"I am proud of the Chargers," said Schoenherr who saw his team lose twice to Cathedral during the regular season. "The key for us tonight - like in the win over Sleepy Eye - was that we drove in the clutch hit when we needed to, we made the plays when we had to and that is why we came out on top."

And they also got a stellar pitching performance from Miller who kept Cathedral hitters off-stride all game with his off-speed pitches.

"I just wanted to come out and beat the No. 2 team in the state," said Miller, who worked out of jams in the first and second inning, got a big double play from his defense in the fourth inning and left the bases loaded in the sixth. "I didn't want to let anyone down."

MVL scored all of the runs that Miller needed in the top of the first inning when Holzhueter led off with a single and stole second - one of five stolen bases for the Chargers in the first inning.

Keith Besemer walked before MVL pulled off a double steal to place runners on second and third with no outs. Schlottman's bloop single into short right field scored Holzhueter for a 1-0 lead.

Schlottman stole second before Besemer scored on a Brandon Johnson's groundout. Another stolen base and a throwing error by Cathedral's allowed Schlottman to score for a 3-0 lead.

That was all the Chargers needed due to the effectiveness of Miller and, according to Cathedral coach Bob Weier, the ineffectiveness of the Greyhounds' offense.

"We should be able to win ball games when we only give up three runs," he said. "But we did not get that clutch hit today. We had runners on base often with less than two outs - we just did not get that base hit."

Cathedral had opportunities to score in the game.

In the bottom of the first inning, Pfaff led off with a double but was stranded there. In the third inning, Cathedral used a two-out Pfaff double and an error to put runners on second and third with two outs. But Miller coaxed Zach Fischer into an inning-ending groundout.

In the fourth, the Chargers pulled off a double play.

In the fifth inning, Turbes led off with a triple but Miller retired the next two batters before walking Pfaff. He ended the inning by getting Kevin Larson on a groundout.

But perhaps the turning point of the game came in the bottom of the sixth inning. Zach Fischer singled before Miller walked Dan Blackstad and hit Aaron Wenninger to load the bases with one out.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran pitcher Nathan Miller tosses a pitch during the Chargers' Section 2A, North Subsection win against Cathedral Tuesday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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But the Greyhounds couldn't get that clutch hit as Miller fanned Turbes and then got McKenzie Reinarts to fly out to end the inning.

"When we got the runners in scoring position, we did not deliver," Weier said.

Cathedral had one last chance to score in the bottom of the seventh inning when Pfaff reached on an infield single and Zach Fischer walked.

But Miller, as he had all game, worked out of the inning by fanning Kyle Fischer to end the game. "I thought that the pitch was a ball," Miller said. "But he swung at it and I was jacked."

Miller kept CHS guessing

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - New Ulm Cathedral's Section 2A North playoff game Tuesday with Minnesota Valley Lutheran began at 5 p.m.

By 6:44 p.m. the Greyhounds' season - that was filled with a lot of promise - was over due to the pitching of the Chargers' Nate Miller and the inability of Cathedral to produce a key hit in a stunning 3-1 loss.

It was the Greyhounds lowest run production in a game all season.

The Chargers took control of the game early with three runs in the first inning and were helped by five stolen bases including a successful double steal.

Cathedral coach Bob Weier said that the stolen bases - the most allowed by the Greyhounds all season - was a by product of the two teams last meeting in the regular season.

"Going back to the last game that we played them, coach [MVL head coach Jeff] Schoenherr made some remarks about us winning ballgames even though we were outhit and taking advantage of things in the game," Weier said. " They came in to this game with nothing to lose. I think that was his game plan to run. If we threw him out, fine. He gets stolen bases like he did, they get runners in scoring position."

Schoenherr said that the three-run first inning may have done two things early in the game.

"I don't know if it put the pressure on Cathedral right away," he said, "but I think that it took the pressure off of us. We had Galen [Holzhueter] step up to the plate and hit the ball hard right away in his first at bat that helped our team to relax. To be able to put three runs on the board right away against a team like Cathedral. That may have taken pressure off of us and put it on them."

Schoenherr said that the win was big for the MVL baseball program.

"The stands were packed [Tuesday] and you hope some of the younger Charger baseball players were watching this game and getting excited about Charger baseball."

One of the other keys to the win by MVL was the pitching of lefthander Miller who pitched perhaps his best game ever.



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Miller, who threw 117 pitches in the 5-1 loss to the Greyhounds in the regular season, mixed his pitches well against a very good hitting Cathedral team.

"He kept mixing up his pitches," Schoenherr said. "He also used his defense and that was the key. He is not always going to blow the ball by hitters but he used his defense well and they were behind him."

One of the bigger plays in the game by the MVL defense came in the third inning when the Greyhounds' Kyle Fischer reached on an error before Dan Blackstad lined a shot to MVL shortstop Michael Schlottman on an apparent hit-and-run. Schlottman threw to first to double off Fischer at first base.

Another key to the game according to Schoenherr was the Chargers ability to contain Zach Fischer.

That came in the third inning when with two outs, Cathedral put runners on second and third, which brought up Zach Fischer and sent Schoenherr to the mound to talk about their options.

"I ran out to the mound and we had first base open and I had Galen and Nate come together and I asked them which Fischer do you want to pitch to, Zach or Kyle," Schoenherr said. "We all kind of looked at each other. It is pick your poison - they are both very good hitters - and we chose to go after Zach. We were going to throw him all off-speed pitches and hit the corners."

Miller got Fischer to ground out to second to end the inning.

Weier felt that Kyle Fischer, outside of that first inning, was in control of the game.

"He was in trouble once in a while but he pitched out of it," Weier said. "They just put the ball in play on us in that first inning."

Weier felt that his team did not come out flat against the Chargers.

"We just did not execute in that first inning," he said. "They got a base hit and a walk and a couple of stolen bases. That is just the way it is."

Weier said that the loss was big.

"I do not know what degree you can give this - it certainly hurts," he said. "We had the opportunities to do some things this spring. But today, it was just not meant to be."

MVL continues the roll

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By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

MANKATO - Apparently the Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball team didn't get the memo.

No one told the Chargers that No. 5 seeds aren't supposed to be in the winner's bracket finals of the section tournament.

But here they are, spoiling the party. And they couldn't be happier.

MVL entered the playoffs with an 8-12 record, losers of three of its last four games.

The Chargers are blistering hot now.



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Staff photo by Mary Roufs
Minnesota Valley Lutheran pitcher Keith Besemer throws a pitch during the Section 2A, North Subsection game against Sleepy Eye St. Marys in Mankato on Thursday night. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Riding the arm of Keith Besemer, MVL made Sleepy Eye St. Mary's it's latest victim with an 8-4 win in the Section 2A, North Subsection Championship Thursday at Franklin Rogers Park.

"This feels amazing," Besemer said. "As the fifth seed a lot people didn't think we could do this. Now we are just showing people we are a good team."

Few expected the Chargers to be in this position. They needed to beat Sleepy Eye 12-0 in the first round, then they upset top-seeded New Ulm Cathedral 3-1 Tuesday to get to Thursday's subsection final.

St. Mary's struck first in the bottom of the first when Adam Sellner led off the game by reaching on an error. He later scored on Scott Salfer's single to right. The Knights eventually loaded the bases but Besemer got Jon Sellner to strike out to end the threat.

"That would have changed things a lot," St. Mary's coach Bruce Woitas said. "The game is about getting those key hits at the key times. We didn't do that today and they did and that's kind of the difference."

MVL tied it up in the top of the second as Brandon Johnson singled and scored on Zac Kroells' single to right.

Salfer struck again for St. Mary's in the third as he launched a two-run home run over the fence in left to put the Knights up 3-1.

MVL kept on attacking and cut the score to 3-2 in the fourth when Ryan Rossiter drove in Dan Holz.

St. Mary's capped its offense in the fourth. Josh Kopacek reached on a fielder's choice and Clint Haala came into run for him and Haala later scored when Galen Holzhueter's pick off attempt sailed down the line in left.

Besemer cruised from there as he got nine of the next 10 batters out for the win.

MVL eventually tied the game on Michael Schlottman's two-run homer to left in the fifth before exploding for four runs in the seventh for the win.

Brett Ubl took the loss for the Knights. He pitched six innings and allowed five runs on six hits with three strikeouts and four walks.

Nolan Helget pitched the final inning and he allowed three runs on two hits with three walks.

Salfer had two hits and two RBIs.

Besemer allowed four runs on four hits with two strikeouts and three walks. "I felt nervous at the start of the game," he said. "But the nerves went away and the defense backed me up great, that was the key basically. All I did was throw the ball." Rossiter was the big bat for the Chargers from the No. 8 spot. He went 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Kroells was 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Johnson was 2-for-4. with two runs scored.

"It's just one of those things where I don't even think the win against Cathedral has even sunk in yet," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "This win will take a while to set in too. It's just surreal. The longer we stay in the winner's bracket it's going to help us."

St. Mary's (16-7) isn't done but it's a long road through the loser's bracket for the Knights. They face United South Central at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. "It's do or die now and we have to be ready to play," Woitas said. "We are confident that we have enough arms to play four games in a short period of time and hopefully we will rebound."



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On to the title game

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By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

MANKATO - After shutting down the No. 2-ranked team in the state earlier this week, Minnesota Valley Lutheran pitcher Nate Miller had the task of facing the fourth-ranked team in the state Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial on Saturday.

And for an encore presentation, Miller again was on top of his game, holding the Knights to just five hits as Minnesota Valley Lutheran advanced to the championship game of the Section 2A baseball playoffs with a 10-0, six-inning win at Franklin Rogers Park Saturday.

Staff photo by Mark Newsom

Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Brandon Johnson slides across home while Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial's Eric Hood waits for the ball during the Section 2A game held at Franklin Rogers Park on Saturday in Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

It moves the Chargers to the title game while LCWM plays the winner of United South Central and Sleepy Eye St. Mary's at 7 p.m. Monday at Franklin Rogers Park.

St. Mary's and USC will pick up action at 5 p.m. Monday in the second game. "But when he hits his spots and when he keeps the ball moving, he's going to get a lot of groundballs and pop-ups and the defense is just making the plays behind him," Schoenherr said.

The Chargers' magical postseason ride continued on Saturday with a convincing win over the Knights. They scored four runs with two outs in the fifth inning to break the game wide open and then tacked on five more runs in the sixth to put it out of reach.

"I think the key is definitely believing in themselves and getting that confidence," Schoenherr said. "It's a lot of fun. You can see it in their stance at the plate, the guys go up there and they're just relaxed and you can see that they are going to do something positive."

Miller pitched all six innings, allowing five hits while striking out four.

The Chargers opened the scoring in the top of the first after Michael Schlottmann doubled with two outs. He took third on a wild pitch and scored the game's first run on an RBI single by Brandon Johnson.

Miller then escaped some damage in the bottom of the first when Jake Dalton led off with a single.

With two outs, Mitch Kelly hit a deep fly ball over the head of Ryan Rossiter in left. Rossiter fielded the ball and threw to the cut-off man Schlottman, who then fired a perfect throw to catcher Galen Holzhueter to nail Dalton at the plate for the third out.

Although Miller didn't allow very many runners to reach, it didn't seem to matter if the Knights were threatening to score or not. He went out, threw strikes, and didn't get rattled at all.

"When I'm out there, I just block everything out and I don't let anything get to me," Miller said. "I just block everything out and just pitch the game."

The game remained 1-0 until the fifth. With two outs, Schlottman was hit by a pitch and Johnson singled.

Dan Reinke then hit a hard grounder to short and it looked like the Knights were going to get out of the inning, but an error at short allowed both baserunners to score to give the Chargers a 3-0.

Later, a Rossiter single scored both Reinke and Holz and the Chargers found themselves up 5-0.



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And in the sixth, the Chargers were aggressive on the bases, stealing five bases that led to five more runs and basically put the game away.

"I think we've learned throughout the season that we need to find different ways to generate runs," Schoenherr said. "We like to try to put pressure on the defense."

The Chargers will wait to see who they play next. The team emerges from the loser's bracket has to beat MVL twice on Tuesday

MVL dominates LCWM to continue its miracle run

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Chargers advance to Section 2A championship game

By Chad Courier Free Press Staff Writer

MANKATO — Minnesota Valley Lutheran is the underdog in every game, but that hasn't stopped the Chargers from rolling through the Section 2A tournament, outscoring opponents 33-5.

The latest upset came Saturday in a 10-0, six-inning victory over Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial in the winners' bracket finals at Franklin Rogers Park. MVL (12-12), the fifth seed in its subsection, has now defeated No. 4 Sleepy Eye 12-0, No. 1 New Ulm Cathedral 3-1 and No. 2 Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 8-4. LCWM was the top seed in the other subsection.

"People think we're just going to go out there, but we've come out with some big wins," junior pitcher Nathan Miller said.



- Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Michael Schlottman tries to complete a double play as Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial's Carter Kottke slides into second during the fourth inning Saturday at Franklin Rogers Park. Pat Christman



Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Zac Kroells dives back into first base under the tag during a pickoff attempt in the fourth inning against Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Saturday.

Miller pitched a complete game against LCWM, allowing five hits and two walks with four strikeouts. In three playoff games, Miller has allowed only 10 hits and five walks with 18 strikeouts.

"Nate keeps getting stronger and stronger," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "He's not going to overpower you or get a ton of strikeouts. And our defense is making plays behind him."

In the bottom of the sixth, LCWM had runners on second and third with no outs, and Miller struck out the next three batters.

Minnesota Valley scored one run in the first, then broke it open with four runs in the fifth and five in the sixth.

The Chargers had 11 hits, with Ryan Rossiter going 3 for 3 with three RBI, including a two-run single in the fifth inning. Michael Schlottman was 2 for 2 with a two-run single in the sixth and scored three runs. Paul Holz was 2 for 4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

"Everybody in the lineup is hitting," Schoenherr said. "Today, our leadoff hitter didn't have a hit, but the seven and eight guys had hits. You just wonder, who's going to do it in the next game?"



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The elimination games Saturday were postponed by rain and rescheduled for Monday. Sleepy Eye St. Mary's leads United South Central 2-1 after one inning, and the game will resume at 5 p.m. Monday, with the winner taking on LCWM at 7:30 p.m.

"Staying in the winners' bracket is huge," Schoenherr said. "Other teams have to use up their pitchers."

MVL advances to the section championship game at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Franklin Rogers Park, and Miller hopes this roll can continue.

"We're only four wins away from playing (in a state championship) at Target Field," he said.

Let the celebration begin

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By Dave Clark

Journal Sports Writer

MANKATO - The magic carpet ride by the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers hit a little turbulence in the early game, but some clutch hitting in the nightcap against the Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Knights cleared the path to the Section 2A title and an entry into the state tournament.

The Chargers started the playoffs with an 8-12 record, but are now 13-13 and will be playing the Section 5A champion next Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Mini Met in Jordan.

The Knights had to beat the Chargers twice Wednesday night at Mankato East's Wolverton Field in order to stop MVL's march to the tournament, and while they won the first game 2-1 and led in the second 3-1, it was a five-run sixth inning that gave the Chargers the ultimate 6-3 win. The Knights end their season with a 23-3 record, with two of the losses coming to MVL in tournament play.

"I've got just one quote to give," Chargers coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "I thank the Lord for my boys, my coaches and for letting us have this amazing run."

With their backs against the wall after the opening loss, MVL took a 1-0 lead in Game 2 in the bottom of the first when Galen Holzhueter opened with a single to left and later scored on a Michael Schlottman grounder.

The Chargers then squandered a couple of chances when they left runners stranded at second and third in the second inning and loaded the bases in the third with no outs without scoring. Meanwhile, the Knights scored all their runs after two were out, tying the game in the fourth when Carter Kottke walked and scored on Dylan Krahling's double against the left field wall.

The Chargers Keith Besemer pitched a tremendous game, going all seven innings while scattering three hits, but it was a couple of defensive errors with two out in the sixth that led to their 3-1 lead.

Up to that point, clutch hits were few and far between for MVL. Plus, they were facing the Knights Mitch Kelly, who had come into the first game for a seventh inning save and started the second game with an 8-1 record and a 0.65 ERA.

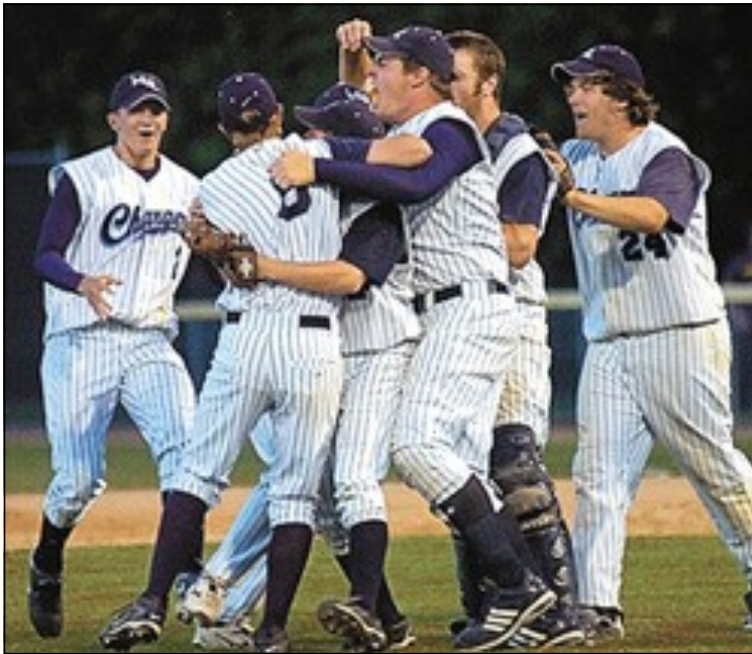
But Brandon Johnson opened the sixth for the Chargers by nailing the first pitch to right, then taking second on defensive indifference. Consecutive hits by Dan Holz and Dan Reinke knocked Kelly out of the game with a 3-2 lead, replaced by Brandon Gilman. On a 2-2 count, Zac Kroells slapped a single to left to tie the game at 3-3.



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The runners advanced on the throw home, with a wild pitch on ball four to Ryan Rossiter plating Holz, giving MVL a 4-3 lead. The final two runs scored when Schlottman hammered a 0-2 pitch to left, scoring Rossiter and Holzhueter, who had earlier been hit by a pitch for the third time in the evening.

The first game was a pitching duel between the Knights Spencer Yackel and the Chargers Nate Miller. The Knights scored made it 2-0 in the top of the sixth on a fly ball and an RBI hit to right. MVL cut the lead in half in the bottom of the inning after Holzhueter was hit by a pitch, and later scored on a wild pitch.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Members of the Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball team celebrate after defeating Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial in the Section 2A championship game Wednesday at Wolverton Field in Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

CHARGES RALLY IN FINAL GAME SO IT'S ON TO THE STATE

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MANKATO -- One of the story book sports stories of 2010 continued Wednesday night as Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School beat Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Knights 6-3 in the second of two championship games at Wolverton game. The Knight sstopped Minnesota Valley Lutheran 2-1 here in the first game of the finals of the Section 2A baseball tournament to force a second game early.

MVL will play Section 5A's champion which was in its championship games Thursday, June 10. Eden Valley-Watkins with a 23-0 record faces Osakis (18-3-1) in the championship.

In the title game MVL took a 1--0 lead into the fourth but Lake Crystal scored once to tie it and then a fair in the sixth to take a 3-1 lead. However, a five-run sixth inning by the Chargers propelled to team to the state tournament and with only a 13-13 season record. The Cinderella run included wins over the state's second seeded and fourth seeded teams. Lake Crystal finished 22-3 with two of the losses going to MVL. New Ulm Cathedral, one of its first major upset victims, finished 20-2, losing once to MVL.

Keith Bessemer (5-3) pitched the final game win while Nate Miller (3-3) took the loss in the first game.

In the first game, after MVL loaded the bases with one out but failed to score. Lake Crystal got both of its runs in the sixth. MVL came back with one and had two on with two out in the seventh before losing to the state's fourth-ranked class A baseball team.

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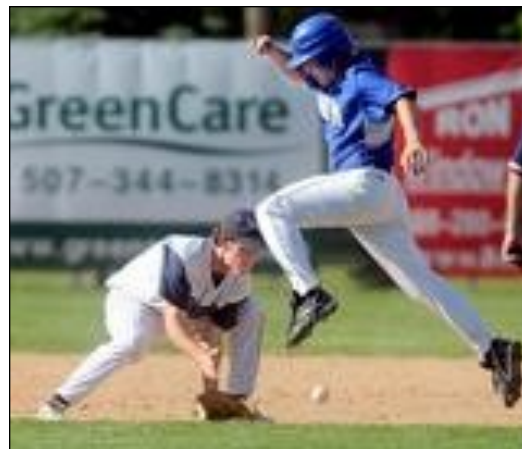
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MVL a big surprise making state

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sportst Writer

NEW ULM - Minnesota Valley Lutheran head baseball coach Jeff Schoenherr said that his team's entrance into the 2010 Minnesota State High School baseball tournament is a surprise.

"But this team has also battled each game," he said. " They have been knocking on the door of success quite a bit. We have lost a number of games (four) by one run. Despite the losses, they always came back at practice and worked hard."

That has led the Chargers to their first state tournament appearance since 2004 when they played as a Class AA team and lost to Perham.

One of Schoenherr's philosophies about baseball is that anything can happen when a team gets into playoffs.

"I always go with the thought that anything can happen in playoffs, you respect your opponent but you fear no one," Schoenherr said. "And that is the way that we went into the playoffs. We respected the teams we played and we were going to go after teams and play them hard. That is the neat thing about sports, especially baseball. Anybody can beat anybody."

One of the keys to the post-season success this year has to go to Nate Miller who pitched the 3-1 sectional win over then No. 1 ranked New Ulm Cathedral.

Schoenherr said that the addition of Miller during the season has been a big plus.

"He has taken a lot of pressure off of the other pitchers," Schoenherr said. "It has given them some time off in between starts so that they can be sharper. It has really helped Keith Besemer in that we have not had to throw him as much so that when he does pitch, he is sharp."

And winning in the playoffs has been nothing new to the Chargers who seem to rise to the challenge each year. In year's past, they have pulled upsets against Blue Earth Area and St. Peter in postseason play.

"Once you get into playoffs, you kind of throw out the records and it comes down to whoever is hot will win," Schoenherr said. "We do not change any way that we practice for the playoffs. But I think that confidence is a big thing. Guys have picked up their hitting and it becomes contagious."

Schoenherr said that the Chargers' outfield has improved over the season and became a big plus in the win over Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial.

"We have really worked on that," Schoenherr said. "Coach [Dave] Biedenbender is in charge of the outfielders. They have worked hard and it showed Wednesday when Keith Besemer made an awesome diving catch - he was not going to let that ball touch the ground. Drew Wolf out in right field, the same thing."

One of the things that you notice about Schoenherr is that he ia a very laid back coach.

"I think that it takes the pressure off of the players," he said. " When they step up to the plate they need to have clear minds.

"We are confident going into the state tournament. We belong in the state tournament. The Tomahawk Conference has prepared us for this. New Ulm Cathedral has always represented the conference well in the state tournament. All the teams from the conference have competed well at state. We can do the same thing."



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COACHING WITH WEIER: This summer, Schoenherr will be an assistant coach to New Ulm Cathedral's Bob Weier on the New Ulm VFW Gold team.

Schoenherr said it is great coaching with Weier.

"I coached with Bob the day after we beat Cathedral in the sectional tournament," he said. "We coached together in St. Peter with the VFW Gold. I was so impressed with the Cathedral fans at the VFW game. They came up to me and shook my hand and congratulated me on the win as did Bob. They are a classy program."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran senior Keith Besemer has been one of the key contributors to the Chargers' success this postseason. MVL opens the Class A State Tournament Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Jordan against Eden Valley-Watkins.

Chargers prepare for state

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MVL opens with Eden Valley-Watkins Thursday

By Michael Gassett — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Minnesota Valley Lutheran coach Jeff Schoenherr says the Chargers' recent success can be traced to the second to last game of the regular season.

That game, a 13-6 victory over Truman, came on the heels of a rough patch for MVL.

After splitting a doubleheader with Springfield on April 22, the Chargers lost their next six games and eight of their next 10 until meeting Truman May 18.

"We had a little sit down after the game," Schoenherr said. "We just talked about the philosophy of the program. The idea of the balance between competing and having fun. I think that we found that balance going into the playoffs. Some teams struggle with that, 'do we have fun or compete?' I am a strong believer that you can do both."

MVL has lost just twice since then - both coming to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial- and has won five of six games in the Section 2A Playoffs to earn its first trip to the state tournament since 2004. The Chargers will face Eden Valley-Watkins, the Section 5A champion at 12:30 Thursday at the Mini Met in Jordan.

When the section playoffs started no one outside of MVL thought the Chargers had a chance to make it to state.

They entered the playoffs 9-12 and as a No. 5 seed. They promptly started things off by upsetting No. 4 seed Sleepy Eye 12-0 before knocking off cross-town rival and top seeded New Ulm Cathedral 3-1.

MVL beat Sleepy Eye St. Mary's in the subsection final then took two of three games from LCWM to win the Section 2A crown.

"It's been a really fun run," Schoenherr said. "I think as a team, we just kept reminding ourselves each and every game, there is no pressure on us. No one is expecting us to win, no one is counting us to do anything. We are just going to go out and play baseball and whatever happens, happens."

The Chargers are now 13-13 and they hope that their tough road to state will help them succeed in the state tournament. But it won't be easy as they open with the No. 1 team in the state and undefeated Eden Valley-Watkins.

"We have been in enough situations in sections that we believe in ourselves," Schoenherr said. "When you knock off teams like Cathedral, Lake Crystal and St. Mary's, that gives you a world of confidence. I think, going into state we are going to keep that same philosophy. We are just going to play the game and if we are hot that day, we are a team to reckon with."



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Eden Valley-Watkins has outscored its opponents 242-57. The Eagles have a team batting average of .381 and a team ERA of 2.09.

They are led by Tyler Geislinger, who has a .542 average with 34 hits and 30 RBIs. He is also the top pitcher with a 10-0 record and 82 strikeouts.

Matt Geislinger is also 10-0 on the season with 79 strikeouts and a 1.21 ERA. He has a .405 average with 31 hits and 33 RBIs. Other leaders for Eden Valley-Watkins are Kevin Kramer, who is hitting .511 with 43 hits and 24 RBIs and Grant Warren, who has 33 hits and 27 RBIs while sporting a .441 batting average.

MVL is outscoring its opponents 170-122 and it has a team batting average of .283. The Chargers are led by seniors Galen Holzhueter and Michael Schlottman. Holzhueter is batting .380 with 30 hits and 15 RBIs. Schlottman has a .366 batting average with 30 hits and 30 RBIs. Brandon Johnson has a .363 average with 29 hits and 29 RBIs.

On the mound, Keith Besemer is 5-3 with 33 strikeouts and a 4.29 ERA in 62 innings of work. Nate Miller is 3-3 with 44 strikeouts and a 2.39 ERA in 44 innings.

Since the playoffs have started MVL has outscored its opponents 40-10 and pitching has been a big part of that success.

"I thought right from the beginning that our pitching could be good," Schoenherr said. "Nate Miller has been a big addition and Keith has done a good job for us. I think with this being his senior year he put a little added pressure on himself to go out and compete. I also think the addition of Nate, I think that took a little pressure of Keith so he didn't have to pitch as much."

The Tomahawk Conference has done quite well at state. Since 2000, when Sleepy Eye won the title, Tomahawk schools have claimed seven championships. St. Mary's has four, Cathedral and Wabasso each have one. St. Mary's also has a runner-up and a third-place finish in that span too.

"The Tomahawk has really prepared us well for the playoffs," Schoenherr said. "We never have an easy night. From top to bottom in the Tomahawk you have to be prepared and play your best ball."

This is Schoenherr's second trip to state as coach of the Chargers. He also took MVL to state in 2004 when it was in Class AA. So he has been able to tell his players what to expect.

"One of the biggest things is to go and enjoy the moment," he said. "It's been a special run already, I am proud of the guys already, we are just going to go up and play hard. What ever happens, happens."

MVL FALLS IN STATE 6-0; GETS ONE HIT

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The Chargers gave up three runs in the third and another trio in the top of the seventh.

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News Box Score

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Jun 17, 2010 at Jordan, MN (Mini Met)

Eden Valley-Watkins 6 (25-0)

MN Valley Lutheran 0 (13-14)

Player	AB	R	H	BI	Player	AB	R	H	BI
Kramer, Kevin ss.....	4	2	2	0	Holzhueter, Galen c.....	3	0	0	0
Sargent, Dan 2b.....	4	2	2	2	Besemer, Keith cf.....	2	0	0	0
Geislinger, Matt 1b.....	3	2	2	1	Schlottman, Michael ss.	3	0	0	0
Geislinger, Tyler p.....	3	0	1	0	Johnson, Brandon 1b.....	3	0	0	0
Warren, Grant 3b.....	3	0	1	2	Reinke, Dan dh.....	3	0	1	0
Ashton, Brendan c.....	4	0	0	0	Holz, Dan 2b.....	2	0	0	0
Geislinger, Mitch dh.....	3	0	1	0	Kroells, Zac 3b.....	3	0	0	0
Kummet, Eric pr.....	0	0	0	0	Rossiter, Ryan lf.....	2	0	0	0
Walz, Brandon lf.....	2	0	1	0	Wolf, Drew rf.....	1	0	0	0
Tri, Ryan cf.....	3	0	0	0	Miller, Nathan p.....	0	0	0	0
Stenger, Peter rf.....	0	0	0	0					
Totals.....	29	6	10	5	Totals.....	22	0	1	0

Score by Innings R H E

Eden Valley-Watkins. 003 000 3 - 6 10 0
MN Valley Lutheran.. 000 000 0 - 0 1 4

E - Holzhueter; Schlottman; Johnson; Holz. DP - MNVYLUTH 1. LOB - EDNVLWAT 7; MNVYLUTH 4. 2B - Kramer; Sargent; Geislnger, Ma. 3B - Sargent. HBP - Geislnger, T; Geislnger, Mi; Besemer. SH - Walz. SF - Warren. SB - Geislnger, Ma; Ashton; Besemer; Wolf.

Eden Valley-Watkins IP H R ER BB SO WP BK HP IBB AB BF FO GO

Geislinger, Tyler W, 11-0... 7.0 1 0 0 2 8 .. 0 0 .. 1 0 22 25 9 4

MN Valley Lutheran IP H R ER BB SO WP BK HP IBB AB BF FO GO

Miller, Nathan L, 3-4..... 7.0 10 6 6 1 4 .. 2 0 .. 2 0 .. 29 34 7 9

WP - Miller 2. HBP - by Miller (Geislnger, T); by Geislnger, T (Besemer); by Miller (Geislnger, Mi). PB - Ashton.

Strikeouts - Geislnger, Mi 2; Walz; Tri; Besemer 2; Schlottman; Johnson; Reinke; Holz 2; Kroells. Walks - Geislnger, Ma; Holz; Wolf.

Umpires - HP: Scott Beekman 1B: John Springer 3B: Mark Monson

Start: 12:40 PM Time: 1:35 Attendance: 443



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MVL FALLS TWICE IN STATE 6-0 AND 3-2

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JORDAN - Minnesota Valley Lutheran fell in the first round of the Minnesota State High School League baseball tournament here Thursday, dropping a 6-0 decision to Eden Valley-Watkins and then lost in the consolation game 3-2 in eight innings to Adrian.

MVL carried a 2-1 lead into the last of the seventh after a 1 1/2-hour rain delay and had two outs before a walk and double tied up the game. The Chargers threatened in the eighth and put two on with one out only to hit into an inning double play.

Again in the eighth relief pitcher Nate Miller got two out but then gave up a double and infield single before being charged with a balk to let in the winning run. It was MVL's fourth straight state tournament loss in two appearances.

MVL 0 0 0 - 2 0 0 - 0 0 --- 2 - 4 - 1 - 5 LOB
Adrian 0 0 0 - 1 0 0 - 0 1 --- 3 - 5 - 1 - 6 LOB

The MSHSL reported the game as follows:

By Howard Voigt

Adrian (24-3) scored the game winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning when Minnesota Valley Lutheran (13-15) pitcher Nathan Miller balked, allowing Justin Wolf to walk across the plate. The final score was 3-2. The Dragon's had an inning earlier extended the game when with two outs Ross Wieneke doubled into the right center field gap scoring Tyler Sieve, who had just walked, tying the game at-2-2. In the eighth Wolf's double was also with two-out. Luke Tiesler then followed with an infield single sending Wolf to third. Zach Dingmann was batting when Tiesler broke for second. Miller saw him break and balked. The Chargers scored a pair of un-earned runs in the bottom of the fourth and led the contest until Wieneke's game tying hit. Tiesler held the Chargers to four hits while throwing the eight inning complete game. He also had two hits and knocked in the first Dragon run with a sacrifice fly.

MVL got a seventh inning single from sophomore Dan Reinke to break spoil a no-hitter in the first game.

The Chargers gave up three runs in the third and another trio in the top of the seventh.

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Box Score and game play-by-play summary are included starting on page 37-38.

New Ulm Journal Reports and photos also follow those pages.



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Play-by-Play

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Eden Valley-Watkins vs MN Valley Lutheran - Play-by-Play

Jun 17, 2010 at Jordan, MN (Mini Met)

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Eden Valley-Watkins.	003	000	3 - 6 10 0
MN Valley Lutheran..	000	000	0 - 0 1 4

Eden Valley-Watkins starters: 3/ss Kramer; 5/2b Sargent; 22/1b Geislnger, Ma; 11/p Geislnger, T; 15/3b Warren; 18/c Ashton; 12/dh Geislnger, Mi; 6/lf Walz; 7/cf Tri; 16/rf Stenger;

MN Valley Lutheran starters: 15/c Holzhueter; 12/cf Besemer; 8/ss Schlottman; 24/1b Johnson; 23/dh Reinke; 20/2b Holz; 6/3b Kroells; 7/lf Rossiter; 2/rf Wolf; 13/p Miller;

Eden Valley-Watkins 1st - Kramer flied out to rf. Sargent grounded out to 1b unassisted. Geislnger, Ma reached on a fielding error by 2b. Geislnger, T hit by pitch; Geislnger, Ma advanced to second. Warren reached on a fielder's choice; Geislnger, T out at second ss to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 1st - Holzhueter grounded out to 2b. Besemer hit by pitch. Besemer stole second. Schlottman flied out to cf. Besemer advanced to third on a passed ball. Johnson popped up to c. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Eden Valley-Watkins 2nd - Ashton grounded out to 3b. Geislnger, Mi struck out swinging. Walz struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 2nd - Reinke flied out to rf. Holz struck out swinging. Kroells flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Eden Valley-Watkins 3rd - Tri flied out to cf. Kramer singled, bunt. Kramer advanced to second on a wild pitch. Sargent tripled, RBI; Kramer scored. Sargent scored on a wild pitch. Geislnger, Ma singled to right field. Geislnger, Ma stole second, advanced to third on a throwing error by c. Geislnger, T flied out to lf. Warren singled to right field, RBI; Geislnger, Ma scored. Ashton grounded out to ss. *3 runs, 4 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 3rd - Rossiter grounded out to p. Wolf walked. Wolf stole second. Holzhueter popped up to p. Besemer struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Eden Valley-Watkins 4th - Geislnger, Mi hit by pitch. Kummet pinch ran for Geislnger, Mi. Walz singled, bunt; Kummet advanced to second. Tri struck out swinging. Kramer lined out to cf. Sargent grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*



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MN Valley Lutheran 4th - Schlottman struck out swinging. Johnson grounded out to 3b. Reinke struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Eden Valley-Watkins 5th - Geislinger, Ma walked. Geislinger, T grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b; Geislinger, Ma out on the play. Warren grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 5th - Holz struck out swinging. Kroells flied out to cf. Rossiter popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Eden Valley-Watkins 6th - Ashton flied out to rf. Geislinger, Mi to dh for Kummet. Geislinger, Mi singled to center field. Walz grounded out to 3b, SAC; Geislinger, Mi advanced to second. Tri flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran catcher Galen Holzhueter tags out Andy Yanish of Eden Valley-Watkins during the Chargers' loss in the opening round of the Class A State Tournament Thursday at the Mini Met in Jordan. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Adrian.

The Chargers led most of the way, but after a long rain delay, the Dragons came back and tied the game in the bottom of the seventh at 2-2.

Then a balk in the bottom of the eighth inning by Chargers pitcher Nate Miller allowed Brian Hokeness to score from third, ending the Chargers' season at 13-15.

It was the first state tournament appearance for the Chargers since 2004 when they went 0-2 at the Class AA state tournament in St. Cloud.

It was a tough two losses for the Chargers, but MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr was proud of his team's effort in the playoffs.

The Eagles added three more runs to their lead in the top of the seventh to all but put the game out of reach.

MVL's cinderella season comes to an end

POSTED June 18 New Ulm Journal

By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

CHASKA - It was a tough way to end such a magical season for the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers baseball team.

MVL finally ran into a wall, and that came at the hands of the Class A State Baseball Tournament.

The Chargers, who had upset the likes of New Ulm Cathedral and Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial to get to the state tournament, ran into Eden Valley-Watkins pitcher Tyler Geislinger, who gave the Chargers more than their share of problems offensively.

Geislinger flirted with a no-hitter, keeping the Chargers hitless until Dan Reinke hit a single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh for their only hit.

The Eagles sent the Chargers to the loser's bracket with a 6-0 win in the quarterfinals of the Class A State Baseball Tournament at the Mini Met in Jordan where they met



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In the first game, Greislinger was just too much for the Chargers.

"I'm always proud of the Chargers," MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. "Greislinger pitched a heck of a game and he mixed up his speeds."

In the first game, the Eagles struck first off MVL starter Nate Miller and scored three runs in the top of the third. Kevin Kramer singled and moved to second on a wild pitch and Dan Sargent brought him home with a triple.

Matt Geislinger then singled home Sargent and Grant Warren had an RBI single that gave the Eagles a 3-0 lead.

From there, Tyler Geislinger was in complete control. He struck out eight and walked two and he also hit a batter. Although the Chargers didn't get many runners on base, Schoenherr thought his team was still in the game at that point.

The Eagles added three more runs to their lead in the top of the seventh to all but put the game out of reach.

"I thought we were still in striking distance but after they scored those three runs in the seventh, that took the wind out of our sails."

For the Eagles, Sargent was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Matt Geislinger was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI and Kramer was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Miller took the loss. He pitched six innings and allowed 10 hits and six runs.

In the second game against Adrian, MVL scored two runs in the top of the fourth after Dan Holz and Zac Kroells had RBIs that scored Michael Schlottmann and Brandon Johnson.

The Dragons scored in the bottom of the fourth and it remained that way until the delay in the bottom of the sixth.

Adrian threatened to score in the sixth. With runners on first and second, Adam Dieckman hit a hard ground ball to third that was fielded by Kroells. Kroells stepped on the bag to get the first out, then fired to first to retire Dieckman for the second out. Luke Tiesler then popped out to end the inning.

But the Dragons tied the game in the bottom of the seventh. With two outs, Ross Wieneke hit a double in the gap to right-center that scored Tyler Sieve from first.

That ended Besemer's day on the mound, and Miller got Tyler Hornstein to fly out to end the inning.

Besemer went 6 2/3 innings and allowed two runs and five walks.

MVL had a chance to score in the eighth, but a double play ended that threat and left an MVL baserunner stranded. And that was the beginning of the end to the Chargers' season.

With two outs, Justin Wolf doubled and took third on an infield single by Luke Tiesler. With runners on first and third, Miller balked and allowed Hokeness, who was a courtesy runner for Wolf, to score from third.

Adrian advances to the consolation title game against Southland in Jordan.



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MN Valley Lutheran 2 (13-15)					Adrian 3 (24-3)				
Player	AB	R	H	BI	Player	AB	R	H	BI
Holueter, Galen c.....	3	0	1	0	Hornstein, Tyler 3b.....	3	0	0	0
Besemer, Keith p/cf.....	4	0	0	0	Nowotny, Brett cf.....	2	1	0	0
Schlottman, Michael ss.....	2	1	0	0	Diekmann, Adam ss.....	3	0	1	0
Johnson, Brandon 1b.....	4	1	1	0	Wolf, Justin c.....	3	1	1	0
Reinke, Dan dh.....	2	0	1	0	Tiesler, Luke p.....	4	0	2	1
Holz, Dan 2b.....	3	0	1	1	Dingmann, Zach 1b.....	3	0	0	0
Kroells, Zac 3b.....	2	0	0	1	Sieve, Mitchell 2b.....	2	0	0	0
Rossiter, Ryan lf.....	2	0	0	0	Polzine, Dustin ph.....	1	0	0	0
Kretsch, Travis ph.....	1	0	0	0	Sieve, Tyler dh.....	2	1	0	0
Wolf, Drew rf.....	2	0	0	0	Wieneke, Ross lf.....	3	0	1	1
Compart, Dusty ph.....	1	0	0	0	Voss, Mitchell rf.....	0	0	0	0
Grunke, Ryan cf.....	0	0	0	0					
Miller, Nathan p.....	0	0	0	0					
Totals.....	26	2	4	2	Totals.....	26	3	5	2

Score by Innings	R	H	E				
MN Valley Lutheran..	000	200	00	-	2	4	1
Adrian.....	000	100	11	-	3	5	1

Note: 2 outs, 1 runner LOB when the game ended.

E - Schlottman; Dingmann. DP - MNVYLUTH 2; ADRIAN 1. LOB - MNVYLUTH 5; ADRIAN 6. 2B - Holueter; Wolf, J.; Wieneke. HBP - Wolf, J.. SH - Reinke. SF - Kroells. SB - Holueter; Holz; Diekmann, A..

MN Valley Lutheran	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO
Besemer, Keith	6.2	3	2	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	21	27	8	10
Miller, Nathan L.....	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	5	2	1

Adrian	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO
Tiesler, Luke W.....	8.0	4	2	0	3	6	0	0	0	1	26	31	9	8

HBP - by Besemer (Wolf, J.). BK - Miller.

Strikeouts - Johnson; Kroells; Kretsch; Wolf 2; Compart. Walks - Holueter; Schlottman 2; Hornstein; Nowotny 2; Diekmann, A.; Sieve, T..

Umpires - HP: Tim Litfin 1B: Erik Anderson 3B: Adam Gust
 Start: 5:35 pm Time: 2:35 Attendance:

Weather: 1 1/2 Rain Delay in M-6th



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MN Valley Lutheran 2 (13-15)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Holueter, Galen c.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Besemer, Keith p/cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1
Schlottman, Michael ss...	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	3	0
Johnson, Brandon 1b.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	10	1	2
Reinke, Dan dh.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holz, Dan 2b.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
Kroells, Zac 3b.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	0
Rossiter, Ryan lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Kretsch, Travis ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wolf, Drew rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Compart, Dusty ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Grunke, Ryan cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller, Nathan p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Totals.....	26	2	4	2	3	6	23	11	5

Adrian 3 (24-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Hornstein, Tyler 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
Nowotny, Brett cf.....	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Diekmann, Adam ss.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Wolf, Justin c.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	1
Tiesler, Luke p.....	4	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2
Dingmann, Zach 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1
Sieve, Mitchell 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Polzine, Dustin ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sieve, Tyler dh.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wieneke, Ross lf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Voss, Mitchell rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	26	3	5	2	5	0	24	9	6

Score by Innings

	R	H	E
MN Valley Lutheran..	000	200	00 - 2 4 1
Adrian.....	000	100	11 - 3 5 1

Note: 2 outs, 1 runner LOB when the game ended.

E - Schlottman; Dingmann. DP - MNVYLUTH 2; ADRIAN 1. LOB - MNVYLUTH 5; ADRIAN 6. 2B - Holueter; Wolf, J.; Wieneke. HBP - Wolf, J.. SH - Reinke. SF - Kroells. SB - Holueter; Holz; Diekmann, A..

MN Valley Lutheran

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Besemer, Keith.....	6.2	3	2	2	5	0	21	27
Miller, Nathan.....	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	5	5

Adrian

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Tiesler, Luke.....	8.0	4	2	0	3	6	26	31

Win - Tiesler. Loss - Miller. Save - None.

HBP - by Besemer (Wolf, J.). BK - Miller.

Umpires - HP: Tim Litfin 1B: Erik Anderson 3B: Adam Gust

Start: 5:35 pm Time: 2:35 Attendance:

Weather: 1 1/2 Rain Delay in M-6th



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Play-by-Play

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Score by Innings	R	H	E
MN Valley Lutheran.. 000 200 00 -	2	4	1
Adrian..... 000 100 11 -	3	5	1

MN Valley Lutheran starters: 15/c Holueter; 12/p Besemer; 8/ss Schlottman; 24/lb Johnson; 23/dh Reinke; 20/2b Holz; 6/3b Kroells; 7/lf Rossiter; 2/rf Wolf; 11/cf Grunke;

Adrian starters: 15/3b Hornstein; 7/cf Nowotny; 6/ss Diekmann, A.; 5/c Wolf, J.; 27/p Tiesler; 23/lb Dingmann; 2/2b Sieve, M.; 13/dh Sieve, T.; 4/lf Wieneke; 9/rf Voss;

MN Valley Lutheran 1st - Holueter popped up to ss. Besemer grounded out to 3b. Schlottman walked. Johnson struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Adrian 1st - Hornstein grounded out to 3b. Nowotny grounded out to 1b unassisted. Diekmann, A. walked. Diekmann, A. stole second. Wolf, J. grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

MN Valley Lutheran 2nd - Reinke grounded out to 3b. Holz flied out to rf. Kroells grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Adrian 2nd - Tiesler singled up the middle. Dingmann grounded into double play p to ss to 1b; Tiesler out on the play. Sieve, M. grounded out to p. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

MN Valley Lutheran 3rd - Rossiter flied out to lf. Wolf struck out looking. Holueter doubled to right field. Besemer grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Adrian 3rd - Sieve, T. flied out to lf. Wieneke grounded out to ss. Hornstein popped up to 3b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

MN Valley Lutheran 4th - Schlottman reached on an error by 1b. Johnson singled to center field; Schlottman advanced to second. Reinke out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Johnson advanced to second; Schlottman advanced to third. Holz singled to left field, RBI; Johnson advanced to third; Schlottman scored, unearned. Holz stole second. Kroells flied out to cf, SF, RBI; Holz advanced to third; Johnson scored, unearned. Rossiter flied out to lf. 2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Adrian 4th - Nowotny walked. Diekmann, A. singled to pitcher; Nowotny advanced to third. Wolf, J. fouled out to 3b. Tiesler lined out to lf, RBI; Diekmann, A. advanced to second on an error by ss, advanced to third on the throw; Nowotny scored. Dingmann grounded out to 2b. 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

MN Valley Lutheran 5th - Compart pinch hit for Wolf. Compart struck out swinging. Holueter flied out to lf. Besemer grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.



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Adrian 5th - Wolf to rf for Compart. Sieve, M. fouled out to p. Sieve, T. popped up to ss. Wieneke popped up to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 6th - Schlottman out at first lb to p. Johnson lined out to 2b. Reinke singled up the middle. Holz flied out to cf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Adrian 6th - 1:30 rain delay- play resumed at 8:15 pm. Hornstein walked. Nowotny walked; Hornstein advanced to second. Diekmann, A. grounded into double play 3b to 1b; Nowotny advanced to second; Hornstein out on the play. Wolf, J. hit by pitch. Tiesler popped up to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 7th - Kroells struck out looking. Kretsch pinch hit for Rossiter. Kretsch struck out looking. Wolf struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Adrian 7th - Rossiter to lf for Kretsch. Dingmann grounded out to 2b. Polzine pinch hit for Sieve, M.. Polzine grounded out to p. Sieve, T. walked. Wieneke doubled to right center, RBI; Sieve, T. scored. Besemer to cf. Miller to p for Grunke. Hornstein popped up to p. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

MN Valley Lutheran 8th - Sieve, M. to 2b for Polzine. Holueter walked. Holueter stole second. Besemer flied out to cf. Schlottman intentionally walked. Johnson grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b; Schlottman out on the play. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Adrian 8th - Nowotny out at first lb to p. Diekmann, A. popped up to ss. Wolf, J. doubled to center field. Tiesler singled to third base; Wolf, J. advanced to third. Tiesler advanced to second on a balk; Wolf, J. scored on a balk. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

MVL places five on All-Section baseball team

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NEW ULM - Minnesota Valley Lutheran made its first state tournament appearance since 2004 and was awarded with five players selected to the Section IA team.

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Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial, which MVL defeated in the section championship, had Mitch Kelly, Spencer Yackel, Brian Jacobs and Jake Dalton named to the team.

For Sleepy Eye St. Mary's, pitcher Brett Ubl, third baseman Keaton Borth, pitcher Scott Salfer and shortstop Sean Mathiowetz were selected.

United South Central had Alex Dryer, Dustin Dylla and Nick Fure named to the team. The rest of the team was made up of Aaron Pfaff of New Ulm Cathedral, Toby Turbes of Mankato Loyola, Michael Hahn of Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop and Steven Zerm of Martin County West.



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Minnesota Valley Lutheran eliminated from Class A tourney

Controversial call in extra innings ends season

By Chad Courier Free Press Staff Writer

CHASKA — A 90-minute rain delay, then Adrian scored the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh-inning. Finally, a controversial balk ended the Minnesota Valley Lutheran baseball season.

“It was obviously a questionable call,” MVL coach Jeff Schoenherr said. “It’s too bad a state-tournament game has to end with a controversial call.”

A balk in the bottom of the eighth inning allowed Adrian to escape with a 3-2 victory over MVL in the consolation-bracket semifinals of the Class A baseball tournament Thursday at Chaska Athletic Park.

“The way that game was going, anybody could have won,” MVL senior Keith Besemer said. “Going into the seventh, I was confident. We only needed three outs, but it all got away.”

Through three innings, both teams had one hit but no runs. In the fourth, Michael Schlottman reached on an error, and Brandon Johnson singled up the middle. Dan Reinke put down a two-strike sacrifice bunt that moved up both runners, and Dan Holz chopped an RBI single between third and shortstop.

Zac Kroells followed with a sacrifice fly to center that made it 2-0. Adrian answered in the bottom of the fourth, but Besemer, the starting pitcher, stranded the tying run at third.

Following a 90-minute weather delay in the bottom of the sixth, Besemer’s control was shaky, walking two batters and hitting another, but a nifty double play from third baseman Zac Kroells and first baseman Brandon Johnson helped him get through the sixth.

“It’s tough to get focused again,” Besemer said. “You try to get back in the mental state, but it’s tough.”

Besemer got the first two outs of the seventh, but a walk and double tied the game.

After MVL (13-15) stranded two runners in the eighth, reliever Nate Miller got the first two outs before giving up a double and in-field single to put runners at the corners. As he got ready to pitch, the runner on first broke for second, and Miller stepped back off the rubber. But as the Adrian dugout yelled balk, the home-plate umpire agreed, allowing the winning run to score.

“He did just what you’re supposed to do,” Schoenherr said. “He stepped back right behind the rubber, but they said he flinched after he was set.” MVL had four hits and drew three walks but could only score in one inning. Adrian had five hits.

“We had our chances,” Schoenherr said. “We could have scored more runs, or there were some plays we could have made defensively.”

The Chargers managed only one hit in the opener, a 6-0 loss to Eden Valley-Watkins at Jordan. Eden Valley-Watkins pitcher Tyler Geislinger allowed a single to Reinke with two outs in the seventh. Geislinger walked two and struck out eight. Eden Valley-Watkins (25-0) scored three runs in the third inning and three more in the seventh off MVL starter Miller, who allowed 10 hits and one walk with four strikeouts. All six runs were earned.



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Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial, which MVL defeated in the section championship, had Mitch Kelly, Spencer Yackel, Brian Jacobs and Jake Dalton named to the team.

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Eden Valley-Watkins' Ryan Schmitz dives back safely to second base ahead of the throw to Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Dan Holz (20) as teammate Michael Schlottman watches during their State Class A tournament game Thursday in Jordan. Pat Christman , Mankato Free Press

United South Central had Alex Dryer, Dustin Dylla and Nick Fure named to the team. The rest of the team was made up of Aaron Pfaff of New Ulm Cathedral, Toby Turbes of Mankato Loyola, Michael Hahn of Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop and Steven Zerm of Martin County West.

Cathedral places five ; MVL two on All-Tomahawk team

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NEW ULM - Season champion New Ulm Cathedral was 15-1 in the Tomahawk Conference and was awarded with five players selected to the All-Tomahawk team.

New Ulm Cathedral pitcher Kyle Fischer was named the Player of the Year and Bob Weier was Coach of the Year for the Tomahawk All-Conference baseball team for 2010.

Joining Fischer on the team was first baseman Zach Fischer, second baseman Aaron Pfaff, short stop Kevin Larson and outfielder Colin Wendinger.

Other all-conference selections included: Sleepy Eye St. Mary's—Brett Ubl, Alan Huiras, Scott Salfer. Minesota Valley Lutheran—Galen Holzhueter, Brandon Johnson. Wabasso—Derek Riley, Sam Guetter. Sleepy Eye—Caleb Hillesheim, Brooks Domeier. Springfield—Jordan Milbrath, Alex Fink .Buffalo Lake-Hector's—Ben Maiers.

Honorable Mentions went to: Comfrey/Cedar Mountain- Michael Berberich. Tyler Windschitl. St. Mary's - Kyle Krzmarzick, Adam Sellner. Sleepy Eye - Tyler Braulick, Landon Zinniel . New Ulm Cathedral—Mitch Turbes .GFW—Angel Munoz. MVL— Michael Schlottman. Springfield— Tyler Marz of Springfield. Wabasso—Josh Guetter, Dalton Salfer.



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NUHS, Cathedral lead All-Journal

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2010 All-Journal Baseball

Zach Hoffmann, Jr., 1B, New Ulm

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

Zach Fischer, Sr., 1B, Cathedral

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

Kyle Fischer, Sr., P, Cathedral

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

Derek Riley, Sr., CF, Wabasso

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

Adam Loose, Jr., CF, New Ulm

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

Jordan Milbrath, Sr., P, Springfield

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

Aaron Pfaff, Jr., 2B, Cathedral

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

Alex Fink, So., SS, Springfield

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

Michael Hahn, Sr., P, GFW

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



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Brandon Johnson, Jr., 1B, MVL

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

Collin Wendinger, Jr., P, Cathedral

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

Nathan Miller, Jr., P, MVL

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

Sam Guetter, Sr. P, Wabasso

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

Kyle Maurer, Sr., P, GFW

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

Keith Besemer, Sr., P, MVL

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

Jason Shaul, Jr., C, New Ulm

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

Galen Holzhueter, Sr., C, MVL

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

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

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



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2010 All-Journal Baseball

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

FIRST TEAM

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

SECOND TEAM

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

HONORABLE MENTION

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



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Season Composite Team Record											SPORTS CENTRAL NEW ULM SPORTS CENTRAL									
Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Baseball From 1982																				
Year	Conference			Non- Conf			District or Sub-Section			Regional or Section			Season Total			Accumulative Record			Conference	Coach
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1981				-	-							2	11	-	2	11	0	.154	None	John Moldenhauer
1982				-	-							5	7	- 1	7	18	- 1	.280	None	John Moldenhauer
1983				-	-							9	6	-	16	24	- 1	.400	None	John Moldenhauer
1984				-	-							5	10	-	21	34	- 1	.382	None	John Moldenhauer
1985				-	-							8	9	-	29	43	- 1	.403	None	Ron Briney
1986												4	13	-	33	56	- 1	.371	None	Ron Briney
1987	3	3	-									4	11	-	37	67	- 1	.356	Valley	Ron Briney
1988	4	3	-									7	11	-	44	78	- 1	.361	Valley	Ron Briney
1989	7	0	-									10	6	-	54	84	- 1	.391	Valley	Ron Briney
1990	1	13	-									2	15	-	56	99	- 1	.361	Tomahawk	Ron Briney
1991	1	13										2	15	-	58	114	- 1	.337	Tomahawk	Ron Briney
1992	1	13										3	15	-	61	129	- 1	.321	Tomahawk	Ron Briney
1993	1	13										1	15		62	144	- 1	.301	Tomahawk	Paul Ellwein
1994	1	13										1	15		63	159	- 1	.284	Tomahawk	John Mielke
1995	5	11										6	12		69	171	- 1	.300	Tomahawk	John Mielke
1996	9	7										12	12		81	183	- 1	.307	Tomahawk	Maynard Kramer
1997	9	7										10	8		91	191	- 1	.323	Tomahawk	Maynard Kramer
1998	7	9										9	11		100	202	- 1	.331	Tomahawk	Craig Morgan
1999	2	14										2	15		102	217	- 1	.320	Tomahawk	Craig Morgan
2000	6	10										7	11		109	228	- 1	.323	Tomahawk	Craig Morgan
2001	10	6										14	7		123	235	- 1	.344	Tomahawk	Craig Morgan
2002	7	9										7	12		130	247	- 1	.345	Tomahawk	Craig Morgan
2003	5	10										7	12		137	259	- 1	.346	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
2004	9	6										18	8		155	267	- 1	.367	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
2005	10	6										16	8		171	275	- 1	.383	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
2006	7	8										12	11		183	286	- 1	.390	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
2007	9	7										11	10		194	296	- 1	.396	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
2008	6	10										9	13		203	309	- 1	.396	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
2009	7	9										8	12		211	321	- 1	.397	Tomahawk	Jeff Schoenherr
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Composite record compiled by Ron Reinhart