

Eagles have high hopes

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By Jim Bastian - Sports Writer

NEW ULM - If dedication in the off-season is a factor in how a team looks at its upcoming season, the New Ulm Eagle boy's basketball team may well be a factor this season in the South Central Conference race.

Despite returning just three starters in Michael Huber, Nate Folkens and Kevin Clancy, New Ulm High School head boy's basketball coach Shane Heiderscheidt feels that a dedication to summer basketball by almost all of the players on the Eagles this season could be the spearhead to success this year to a team that posted just six wins last season.

"We played quite a few games in summer leagues this past summer," Heiderscheidt said. "I don't know the number - we had both the varsity and B-squad going every day. They played in the Bethany [Lutheran College] League and we got some tournaments in so we got a lot of playing time in this summer."

Heiderscheidt said that in order for a team to compete now, you need that extra effort from the players.

"You have to have that," he said. "That goes for any sport - if you want to be competitive you need to be working on that sport year-round. That includes lifting weights which my players did. In my eyes, basketball helps every sport. It helps your speed, your quickness. your hand-eye co-ordination. And already I can tell the difference in our speed and quickness."

That is going to be one of the keys this season for the Eagles as they will play a hard, push-the-ball-up-the-court offense and a full-court, man-to-man defense that Heiderscheidt hopes will lead to points off of opposing team's turnovers.

"That quickness will really help our defense," he said.

But a pressing defense and an up-and-down the court team needs to have depth in order to keep players fresh.

Heiderscheidt thinks that he has that with a 15-player varsity roster.

"We also have Nate Bauer back who got a lot of minutes last year. We have sophomore Chris Mulder and Aaron Stark is another sophomore who will also come off of the bench as will Nate Roeder and Andrew Wendinger," Heiderscheidt said. "We have the players to go 10-12 deep which is nice because all of these players played together this summer and this is the second year of the program so it's not like it's starting over again with another coach.

"This is the reason we put this in the summer and this is the reason that I have my coaches in the lower grades run the same high-intensity style."

And that intensity plus the summer experience added to a confident team could lead to a beginning of a new era of high school basketball at NUHS.

"If the program is going to turn around I can see it happening this year," senior Kevin Clancy said. "We played a lot of summer basketball and different tournaments. I think that this year we have a lot better chemistry - the players on the court this year have been playing together more than they did last year and you know what the



Journal file photo
New Ulm senior Kevin Clancy is
one of three returning starters for
the Eagles this season

Knights too much for NU

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NEW ULM - Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial starts two 6-foot-6-inch post players and the Knights used all 13 feet to their advantage.

Brian Jacobs and Jarrett Imlay - the big bodies in the middle - combined for 33 points as LCWM beat New Ulm 54-37 in the season opener.

"I'm not worried because the effort was there," New Ulm coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "They had the looks and they executed the offense. I don't know if it was game overhype or what."

New Ulm kept it close for most of the first half and even took a brief 11-9 lead on a Nate Folkens basket.

But Jacobs countered with a 3-pointer and LCWM never trailed again. A Jacobs basket gave LCWM a 20-13 lead before Chris Mulder cut the deficit to three points at 20-17 with 4:17 to play in the half.

LCWM coach John Madsen called a timeout to settle his team down and promptly out of the break the Knights turned the ball over.

Folkens went to the line and made one of two free throws to make it 20-18 with just over three minutes to play but the Eagles never got closer.

The Knights closed the half on a 8-2 run as they took a 28-20 lead into the break.

"Michael [Huber] got in foul trouble there early," Heiderscheidt said. "I didn't want him to get his third in the first half, and it's kind of tough when you lose your 6-5 post player that's kind of a big deal in our offense."

Clancy scored right away to start the second half making it a six-point game but the Knights never let the Eagles get closer.

From there, LCWM went on a 12-0 run capped by a Jacobs' basket that gave the Knights their biggest lead of the night at 18 points and New Ulm never threatened again.

"Our passing was horrible," Heiderscheidt said. "It's just fundamental passing. They had way too many tips off of our passes. We just need to clean them up and we will be fine."

LCWM kept the lead at around 15 points the rest of the night.

"We can't miss lay-ups like we did," Heiderscheidt said. "We can't miss bunnies like we did. We had looks, we just couldn't make them tonight."

Heiderscheidt said the Eagles were missing two starters due to illness, both of which should be back by Monday.

Jacobs led all scorers with 19 points and Imlay had 14 on 7-for-9 shooting. Mitch Kelly added eight points.

New Ulm was led by Kevin Clancy with 13 points and Folkens with 11.

"I need someone that is going to step up and be the scorer," Heiderscheidt said. "Kevin did it in the first half, but he plays so intense that he got tired. Once he gets his legs under him in the next couple of weeks he is going to be a heck of a ball player."

The Eagles (0-1) travel to Hutchinson today.



Journal photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Michael Huber (50) takes a shot as Jarret Imlay of Lake Crystal-Wellcome-Memorial during the Eagles' loss Thursday at NUHS.



Eagles boys fall to Mankato East

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NEW ULM - New Ulm coach Shane Heiderscheidt wants his team to take more shots.

"All they want to do is pass the ball, pass the ball, nobody wants to score," he said.

The extra passes turned into turnovers and those turnovers turned into points for Mankato East Tuesday as the Cougars won the nonconference game 77-58.

After Mankato East started the second half on a 14-3 run, Heiderscheidt called a timeout and let his team know what he expected of them.

"I told them they have 10 seconds to shoot," he said.

Journal photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Nate Folkens attempts a shot over Mankato East defender Taylor Hayenga during the Eagles' loss Tuesday at NUHS.

The ultimatum gave the Eagles their best offense of the night and Heiderscheidt found the shooter he has been looking for.

Led by Andrew Wendinger, New Ulm went on a 16-4 run to cut the East lead to 55-41 with 8:43 to play.

"If they can play like that, they should average 75 points in the offense we have," Heiderscheidt said.

Wendinger had 13 points in that stretch including a 3-pointer and two three-point plays.

"Andrew is one of our best shooters, but he hesitates to shoot," Heiderscheidt said. "I called a timeout and they got an earful."

New Ulm kept pace with East the rest of the way but the damage was already done and the Cougars won 77-58.

"It will be a different story from now on," Heiderscheidt said. "You can't come out and play basketball like this. You can't come out and pass the ball and not shoot and expect to win the basketball game. It's getting these guys to understand that you have to score."

New Ulm held close with East at the start of the game and a Nate Folkens basket made it 17-15 East with just over six minutes to play in the first half. That's when things changed. The Cougars went on 16-6 run to close out the half and they took a 33-21 lead into the break.

"We have too many unselfish basketball players on our team," Heiderscheidt said. "Somebody needs to step up and take over. They all can shoot."

The rest of the game was fairly even for the teams. East committed 22 fouls and shot 17-for-31 from the line. New Ulm had 25 fouls and was 16-for-31.

East had a very balanced attack with 11 different players scoring for the Cougars. Just Brody Ziegler with 13 points was in double figures.

New Ulm was led by Wendinger with 21 points and Folkens had 19 points.

	Name	Pos	Grade
1	Nate Roeder	F	12
2	Nate Folkens	G	12
4	KT Farasyn	F	11
10	Andy Hawkins	G	11
12	Chris Mulder	F	10
14	Aaron Stark	C	10
20	Nate Bauer	F	12
22	Andrew Wendinger	F	12
24	Kevin Clancy	F	12
30	Nick Asmus	C	12
32	Damon Scheibe	F	12
34	Sam Miller	F	10
44	Alex Kollmann	C	12
50	Michael Huber	C	12
52	Dan Rykhus	C	

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12/2/2010	7:30 PM	Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (2AA)	New Ulm H.S.	37-54	L	0-1
12/3/2010	7:30 PM	Hutchinson (2AAA)	Hutchinson H.S.	0-0	Postp	
12/7/2010	7:30 PM	Mankato East (2AAA)	New Ulm H.S.	58-77	L	0-2
12/10/2010	7:45 PM	Saint Peter (2AA)	Saint Peter H.S.	0-0		
12/13/2010	7:30 PM	Glencoe-Silver Lake (5AA)	Glencoe-Silver Lake	0-0		
12/16/2010	7:30 PM	Saint James (3AA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
12/17/2010	7:30 PM	Dassel-Cokato (2AAA)	Dassel-Cokato H.S.	0-0		
12/21/2010	7:30 PM	Waseca (1AAA)	Waseca H.S.	0-0		
1/4/2011	7:30 PM	Marshall (2AAA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
1/7/2011	7:30 PM	Fairmont (3AA)	Fairmont H.S.	0-0		
1/13/2011	7:30 PM	Blue Earth Area (2AA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
1/14/2011	7:30 PM	Jackson County Central (3AA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
1/18/2011	7:30 PM	Belle Plaine (2AA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
1/21/2011	6:00 PM	Saint Peter (2AA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
1/27/2011	7:30 PM	Saint James (3AA)	St. James	0-0		
1/29/2011	7:30 PM	Richfield (6AAA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
2/3/2011	7:30 PM	Waseca (1AAA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
2/8/2011	7:30 PM	Redwood Valley (3AA)	Redwood Valley H.S.	0-0		
2/11/2011	7:30 PM	Fairmont (3AA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
2/15/2011	7:30 PM	Le Sueur-Henderson (2AA)	LeSueur-Henderson	0-0		
2/17/2011	7:30 PM	Mankato West (2AAA)	New Ulm H.S.	0-0		
2/19/2011	7:30 PM	Blue Earth Area (2AA)	Blue Earth Area H.S.	0-0		