



New Ulm High School Softball 2010

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NEW ULM HIGH SCHOOL 2010 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE AND SEASON RESULTS

Date and Time	Opponent	Location	Score	W/L	Accum.	Page
Thursday, Apr 8, 2010 4:30PM	Maple River	Harman Park	8-0	W	1-0	5
Tuesday, Apr 13, 2010 4:15PM	Hopkins	Hopkins H.S.	3-1	W	2-0	7
Thursday, Apr 15, 2010 5:30PM	Waseca	Harman Park	6-1	W	3-0	7
Tuesday, Apr 20, 2010 5:30PM	St. James	Harman Park	10-0 (5)	W	4-0	8
Thursday, Apr 22, 2010 5:30PM	St. Peter	St. Peter HS	3-0	W	5-0	8
Friday, Apr 23, 2010 5:00PM	Eastridge (susp. 6th inn)	Caswell Park, N Mankato	2-3	S	*	9
Friday, April 23, 2010 7:00PM	TBD Mankato East Tourney	Caswell Park, N Mankato				
Saturday, Apr 24, 2010 11:00AM	TBD Mankato East Tourney	Caswell Park, N Mankato				
Tuesday, Apr 27, 2010 5:30PM	Fairmont	Fairmont HS	10-0 (5)	W	6-0	9
Thursday, Apr 29, 201 5:30PM	Blue Earth Area	Harman Park	4-0	W	7-0	11
Monday, May 3, 2010 5:00PM	Marshall	Harman Park	14-0 (5)	W	8-0	12
Tuesday, May 4, 2010 5:30PM	Waseca	Waseca HS	4-1	W	9-0	13
Thursday, May 6, 2010 5:30PM	St. James	SJ HS - Johnson B Field	11-0 (5)	W	10-0	13
Monday, May 10, 2010 5:00PM	Jackson County Central	HS post. To 5/17				
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 5:30PM	St. Peter	Harman Park	<i>postponed to 5/18</i>			
Thursday, May 13, 2010 4:30PM	Stillwater Area	Harman Park, Canceled				
Friday, May 14, 2010 5:30PM	Fairmont	Harman Park	15-0 (5)	W	11-0	13
Monday, May 17, 2010 5:00 PM	Jackson County Central	Jackson Co Central	5-0	W	12-0	14
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 4:15PM	Minnetonka	Minnetonka, <i>cancelled</i>				
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 6:15PM	Orono	Minnetonka, <i>canceled</i>				
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	St. Peter	Harman Park	4-3	W	13-0	14
Thursday, May 20, 2010 5:30PM	Blue Earth Area	Blue Earth HS	17-2	W	14-0	16
Friday, May 21, 2010 5:00PM	Mounds View	Rice Creek Park	1-11	L	14-1	16

Section 3AA, North sub-section Playoffs

Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Worthington	Harman park	9-2	W	15-1	17
Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Jackson County Central	Harman Park	3-5	L	15-2	17

Final season record is pending resolution of April 23 game during Mankato East tournament which was suspended in the sixth inning to be played the following day. Continuing rain cancelled the entire tournament. New Ulm 's offer to continue the game later was not accepted. Suspended games normally require the head umpire to "call" the game. It is not included in the final record as listed above.



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This group of girls compiled a great NUHS season record in 2010. Left to right, front row: Janelle Curry, Becca Waibel, Tirsha Johnson, Caity Bierk, Logan Ahlness. Back: Jill Gareis, Kristen Forstner, Iesha Rodriquez, Kelsy Kannegiesser, Brittany Hoffmann, Laura Holm.

2010 New Ulm High School Softball Team Roster

No	Player	Position	Grade
2	Iesha Rodriguez	OF	11
3	Caity Bierk	OF	12
5	Jill Gareis	1B	10
6	Trisha Johnson	P	12
7	Brittany Hoffmann	SS	9
8	Kristen Forstner	OF	10
9	Kelsy Kannegiesser	P	10
10	Janelle Curry	C	12
11	Becca Waibe	Lof	12
12	Logan Ahlness	2B	12
17	Laura Holm	3B	11



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Eagles face questions

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: April 6, 2010

NEW ULM - After two straight years of making it to the Section 3AA championship game, the New Ulm softball team opens the 2010 season with some questions at some of the key spots.

However, don't expect the Eagles to be a pushover as many key players return from a squad that went 19-6 a year ago.

"In practice, we talk every day about just being better than yesterday," Eagles coach Kristi Anderson said. "If we continue to do that, by the end of the season we'll be peaking at the right time and reaching our potential."

The Eagles return five seniors, including pitcher Trisha Johnson who backed up Becca Loose last year.

Also back is second baseman Logan Ahlness and catcher Janelle Curry. Outfielders Becca Waibel and Caity Bierk also return.

Juniors Iesha Rodriguez (OF) and Laura Holm (3B) will also see varsity time along with sophomores Jill Gareis (1B), Kristen Forstner (OF/C) and Kelsey Kannegiesser (P). Freshman Brittany Hoffmann will play shortstop.

This year, the Eagles have to make up for the loss of Loose, last year's starting pitcher, and Kayla Altmann, the team's short-stop last year. Anderson also thinks the Eagles defense will change a little with Kannegiesser and Johnson on the mound and Hoffmann playing short behind them.

"They [Loose and Altmann] were four-year starters and we do have a great battery coming back, both having varsity experience," Anderson said. "Both [pitchers] are very different than Becca, which will be a new dynamic as far as what we're known for. It'll change defensively with how we'll play because we're missing Kayla, but it probably won't affect it all that much because Brittany [Hoffmann] will get used to working with these two pitchers."

Last year, the Eagles made it to the championship game against Pipestone Area. They had to win just once, but the Arrows managed to sweep the Eagles to make the return trip back to state.

This year, the playoffs are different. The first three rounds of the playoffs are single-elimination, so winning in the playoffs is that much more important.

Anderson also said that the South Central Conference is very balanced this year. She said that anyone in the conference has the ability to win on any given day, so the Eagles have to be prepared for that as well.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm High School senior Trisha Johnson will be one of the key pitchers for the Eagles this season.



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Eagles open with win

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: April 9, 2010

NEW ULM - There was some special "k" being served by the New Ulm Eagles girls softball pitching staff at Harman Park on Thursday afternoon.

Trisha Johnson and Kelsy Kannegiesser combined to throw a two-hit, 14 strikeout shut-out against the Maple River Eagles, pacing New Ulm to a 8-0 victory in the opening game of the season.

Especially impressive to coach Kristi Andersen was the confidence shown by both hurlers in the types of pitches they threw.

"Trisha and Kelsy both had command of their pitches," Andersen said. "They used the changeup well. It's one thing to have the pitches, it's another thing to feel confidence using them."

New Ulm also looked pretty nifty in the field, no small accomplishment for a group of girls who were essentially playing their first game together in their assigned spots.

"I was happy to see the girls gel, there was never a moment where I had to call for backups or anything. They were all at the right spots at the right time."

Johnson didn't waste any time hitting the right spots, either, as she mowed down seven batters in the first three innings and added another strikeout in the fourth while walking just one. Kannegiesser threw innings five through seven, whiffing the side in the fifth, one in the sixth and two in the seventh with no bases on balls.

The New Ulm offense was dormant until the third, when Caity Bierk led off with a sharply hit double to right center, then took third on a wild pitch. Logan Ahlness walked, with Bierk then scoring the first run of the season on a squeeze bunt by Kristen Forstner.

An error on Laura Holm's grounder plated Ahlness, with Kannegiesser then coaxing a walk. Both scored as Brittany Hoffmann laced a double to right center that gave New Ulm a 4-0 lead. In the fourth, New Ulm loaded the bases with one out, but left all three runners stranded.

The fifth inning saw the bases full again after Kannegiesser led off the inning by reaching on an error, followed by passes to Becca Waibel and Bierk. Ahlness then nailed a pitch to center for a double, followed by a two-run single from Forstner that widened the New Ulm lead to the 8-0 final.

"We got some clutch hits," Andersen said. "When you're comfortably winning a game and still playing as if every at-bat counted, it shows the hunger of the team. "



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Jill Gareis attempts a bunt during the Eagles' game against Maple River Thursday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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New Ulm 3, Hopkins 1

POSTED April 14, 2010 New Ulm Journal

HOPKINS - The New Ulm Eagles softball team won in extra innings against Hopkins Tuesday in nonconference action, winning 3-1.

For New Ulm, Jill Garies was 1-for-4 with two RBIs, Brittany Hoffman and Kelsey Kannegiesser each had one run scored and were 1-for-3.

New Ulm's Trisha Johnson pitched three innings and had two strikeouts and two hits. Kannegiesser earned the win for the Eagles, working six innings with two strikeouts, one run and five hits.

Eagles pick up SCC victory

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: April 16, 2010 New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - New Ulm freshman Brittany Hoffmann went hitless in her first two at-bats against Waseca starting pitcher Casey DeVos, but she figured she was due the third time around.

So with the bases loaded and the score tied at 1-1, Hoffmann got a fastball from DeVos and drove it to the fence in center, scoring all three runs.

It helped propel the Eagles to a 6-1 South Central Conference softball win over the Bluejays at Harman Park.

Prior to that big hit, DeVos and New Ulm's Trisha Johnson were locked up in a pitcher's duel. Hoffmann said it was tough to figure out DeVos at times.

"I just knew that I had to come through and help out the team," the shortstop said. "She was really moving the ball around well and we just didn't know what to expect from her."

The Bluejays scored their only run of the game in the top of the fifth when Lexie Ulfers scored on an RBI single by Megan Foels.

But the Eagles finally solved DeVos in the bottom of the fifth. Johnson scored New Ulm's first run on a fielder's choice by Caitly Bierk, and the Eagles loaded the bases for Hoffmann with one out.

Johnson, meanwhile, kept frustrating the Waseca batters. She finished the game with 13 strikeouts.

"I was just in the zone and trying to mix it up so that they couldn't hit whatever I was giving them," Johnson said.

The Eagles added two more runs in the sixth inning to break the game open for Johnson. Bierk and Kristen Forstner scored on a fielder's choice by Logan Ahlness. It was the second run scored for both Bierk and Forstner.

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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Kristen Forstner slides safely into home as Waseca's Casey DeVos looks on during the Eagles' win Thursday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Complete domination

POSTED: April 21, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Michael Gasset
Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM -Typically New Ulm softball coach Kristi Andersen has Trisha Johnson and Kelsy Kannegiesser split time in the pitcher's circle.

Through the first three games this season, Johnson has gotten the start and Kannegiesser has come in for relief.

The strategy has worked as the Eagles started the season undefeated.

That was the same game plan going into Tuesday's South Central Conference match-up with St. James. Only this time Kannegiesser got the start.

No relief was needed.

Kannegiesser threw five innings of no-hit ball with 12 strikeouts and faced one batter over the minimum as New Ulm won the SCC contest 10-0 in five innings to stay perfect at 4-0.

"Kelsy and [catcher Janelle Curry] were working so well together, we couldn't mess with it," Andersen said. "Kelsy came in with the mindset that she was only going to go half the game. She kept asking if she was still in and we just kept telling her to keep going. I was just impressed with the way Janelle and Kelsy handled the whole game."

Kannegiesser struck out five of the first six batters she faced, all but three outs in the game were strikeouts. A lone full-count walk to Amanda Durheim in top of the third was all that kept her from a perfect game.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Laura Holm drives the ball for a double during the Eagles' 10-0 win against St. James Tuesday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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While Kannegiesser was mowing down the Saints at the plate, the Eagles were ripping apart St. James starter Darci Bottem.

New Ulm batted around in the first as the Eagles sent 11 batters to plate and scored five runs on four hits.

They added two more runs in the second on back-to-back-to-back doubles by Laura Holm, Jill Gareis and Kannegiesser to go up 7-0.

New Ulm scored a single run in the third before the Eagles ended it in the fifth with back-to-back doubles by Brittany Hoffmann and Holm.

"I was really impressed because the runs that we scored weren't on little bloop things," said Andersen, whose team travels for a big SCC showdown at St. Peter Thursday. "They were all real hits and solid doubles all throughout the line-up. There wasn't a spot we had trouble with, we were scoring up and down."

New Ulm had 13 hits in the game and six of them were for extra bases.

The Eagles were led by Kristen Forstner, Hoffmann and Holm, who each had three hits. Hoffmann and Holm added two RBIs. Kannegiesser had two hits and two RBIs and Garies also had two hits in the game.

"We were hitting all of our holes," Kannegiesser said. "We were running the bases well and we made sure we got our 10 runs in

New Ulm shuts out St. Peter

POSTED: April 23, 2010 New Ulm Journal

New Ulm 3, St. Peter 0

ST. PETER - The New Ulm softball team picked up a South Central Conference win at St. Peter Thursday.

Getting the win for New Ulm was Trisha Johnson. She pitched six innings and got seven strikeouts, allowing only one hit.

For the Eagles offense, Laura Holm went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Caity Bierk was 2-for-3 with a double, a run and an RBI. Brittany Hoffmann went 1-for-4 with an RBI.



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April 24, 2010

East softball tourney postponed due to rain

Play to resume at Caswell Park today

By Jim Rueda Mankato Free Press Sports Editor

MANKATO — Rain and the softball team from Orono were the only winners at Caswell Park Friday night as the Mankato East Fastpitch Tournament had to be aborted early due to wet and windy conditions.

Most of Friday's first-round games were played in the rain. The umpires and tournament director Todd Waterbury let them go for about an hour before conceding to the elements and suspending play.

Orono managed to defeat Winona Cotter 3-2 before the game were stopped. In other action, Eastridge is leading New Ulm 3-2 in the sixth inning, St. Francis has a 4-1 lead over Minnetonka in the fifth and Maple River and Mankato East are tied 2-2 after four innings.

Johnson no-hits Fairmont in 10-0 win

POSTED: April 28, 2010 New Ulm Journal

FAIRMONT - Trisha Johnson forgot to take her water jug off of the bus prior to hurling her warm-up pitches at Cardinal Field on Tuesday.

New Ulm's ace right-hander, however, managed to stay hydrated long enough to fire a no-hitter to pace the visiting Eagles' 10-0, five-inning South Central Conference softball shutout over the Fairmont Cardinals in Fairmont.

"Just one walk away from a perfect game. Our other pitcher [Kelsy Kannegiesser] did the same thing earlier this season," said Johnson, who still managed to face the minimum 15 batters when New Ulm catcher Janelle Curry erased Fairmont's Kristen Campe on a stolen-base attempt in the third inning.

Johnson, who recorded nine strikeouts, even assisted her own cause by clouting a solo home run to lead off the fourth.

The Eagles produced four runs on four hits against Cardinal right-hander Kaylea VonFeldt in the top of the first.

Logan Ahlness set the offensive tone by lining a one-out single before she and Brittany Hoffmann -who reached on an infield hit - trotted home on Lauren Holm's three-run blast over the center field fence.

Jill Gareis, who went 3-for-3, capped the first-inning outburst with an RBI single.

Fairmont right-hander Samantha Meysenburg retired New Ulm in order during the second before hurling another shutout frame in the third.



- Eastridge junior Chris Shoemaker slides safely back to first baseman as New Ulm's Jill Gareis takes the throw. Eastridge led the first-round game of the Mankato East Tournament 3-2 in the sixth inning when play was suspended.



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The Eagles, however, capitalized on a pair of Cardinal errors to score two more runs on the heels of Johnson's leadoff homer in the fourth.

Holm, who went 3-for-4 with a game-best five RBIs, later delivered a run-scoring single before Gareis doubled before Meysenburg stranded two runners with her second strikeout of the game.

Johnson triggered New Ulm's three-run fifth at-bat by lining a one-out single before Kristen Forstner and Ahlness followed suit to extend the gap to 8-0.

Hoffmann's RBI ground out and Holm's run-scoring single to center built the lead to double digits, and Johnson struck out the strike in the Fairmont half of the fifth to exit Cardinal Field early.

Meysenburg gave up six runs - four earned - on nine hits and did not issue a walk in four frames of stellar relief.

Forstner, Ahlness and Johnson each produced two hits for the Eagles, with Ahlness scoring three runs.

(The following add to the story was also produced by the Fairmont Sentinel which supplied the above article. The photo used in the Sentinel was of a Fairmont player batting)

Fairmont (1-8, 0-4) hosts St. James on Thursday, while New Ulm (6-1, 4-0) hosts Blue Earth Area.

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Trisha Johnson (WP) and Janelle Curry. Kaylea VonFeldt (LP), Samantha Meysenburg (2) and Kayla Schmidt.

LOB-New Ulm 7, Fairmont 0. 2B-Jill Gareis (NU). HR-Lauren Holm (NU), Johnson (NU).

New Ulm blanked Fairmont in B-squad action, 11-0 in five innings, Tuesday in Fairmont. Karla Pedroza and Tasha Urrutia produced the only hits for the Cardinals. Shayna Gregory struck out four in four innings pitched for Fairmont, while Taylor Schultze fanned one in one inning of relief.



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Eagles blank Blue Earth Area

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

NEW ULM - Within the last couple of weeks, the New Ulm softball team has had a couple of no-hitters in South Central Conference play.

On Thursday against Blue Earth Area, the Eagles continued that SCC mound mastery as Trisha Johnson and Kelsy Kannegiesser combined to shutout the Bucs 4-0.

Johnson pitched the first four innings and allowed one hit and struck out seven. Kannegiesser pitched the last three innings and struck out five while allowing one hit.

"They both are very similar in the assets that they have," New Ulm coach Kristi Anderson said. "They can mix their pitches and they are both hitting their spots. They've all started to work together well and just mesh together so they know what each other is expecting. I'm surprised by every pitch that's called, I don't even know what's being called and I love that element of surprise that they bring to the game."

The Eagles scored two runs off BEA starter Maddie McDonald.

Logan Ahlness singled in the bottom of the third and Brittany Hoffmann drove her in with a deep double to center field.

Hoffmann scored the second run of the game when Laura Holm bunted her in and the Eagles had a 2-0 lead for Johnson.

Johnson, who pitched a no-hitter Tuesday against Fairmont, gave way to Kannegiesser, who seemed to pick up where Johnson left off.

Kannegiesser struck out two of the first three batters she faced in the top of the fifth inning and the Eagles' offense supported her with two more runs in the fifth.

Holm walked and took second on a wild pitch. Later, Jill Gareis singled her home to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead and Gareis scored New Ulm's fourth run when she scored on Becca Waibel's single.

That was all of the run support the Eagles needed.

"We did get some key runs when we needed them - we got some key bunts down," Anderson said. "We had some other opportunities in the game that I think we could've capitalized on and I told the girls that I'm happy with how things went, however I don't want us to be completely content with how things went."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Logan Ahlness drives a pitch during the Eagles' win against Blue Earth Area Thursday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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Eagles make quick work of Marshall

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: May 4, 2010 New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - As a slap-hitter, New Ulm senior Logan Ahlness admits she doesn't always know where the ball is going to go when she makes contact.

But in Monday's game against Marshall, Ahlness couldn't have had her hit land in a more perfect spot to help out her team.

In the second inning, Ahlness pulled the ball and had it land just inside the foul line in right field, scoring two runners to give New Ulm a 5-0 lead over the Tigers.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Kristen Forstner slides safely into third during the Eagles' win against Marshall Monday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

She wound up with a triple and the Eagles made quick work of Marshall in a 14-0, five-inning win at Harman Park.

Ahlness finished with three hits, three RBIs and two runs scored as the Eagles improved to 8-1 overall. Usually trying to make solid contact at the plate, she said that

this hit surprised even her at first.

"I just try to get the ball into play, hit the ground and advance runners," Ahlness said. "That play [down the line] rarely happens."

The Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the first off Marshall starter Brooke Louwagie. Louwagie pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed 10 runs as the Eagles scored early and often on her.

Ahlness thinks its because the Eagles were more selective at the plate.

"Coach [Kristi Anderson] has just been telling us to be choosy at the plate," Ahlness said. "A lot of us have been suckers for high ones so she said be really picky and we noticed right away that the ump was calling them really tight."

New Ulm all but put the game away in the bottom of the third, scoring five more times to take a 10-0 lead for Eagles starter Kelsy Kannegiesser, who sailed along the first three innings and didn't allow a hit.

Kannegiesser had seven strikeouts and one walk. Trish Johnson struck out three and allowed the only hit.

The Eagles scored four more runs in the fourth inning to go up 14-0.

The Tigers did get their first hit of the game in the top of the fifth off Johnson, who pitched the last two innings.



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New Ulm defeats Waseca, 4-1

POSTED: May 5, 2010 New Ulm Journal

WASECA - New Ulm defeated Waseca 4-1 in South Central Conference softball action Tuesday.

For the Eagles, Trisha Johnson picked up the win. She pitched four innings, allowing three hits and she struck out five.

Kelsy Kannegiesser earned the save for the Eagles, pitching three innings, allowing one hit and walking one. She struck out five.

Offensively for New Ulm, Logan Ahlness was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Johnson was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Janelle Curry was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

New Ulm 11, St. James 0, 5 inn

POSTED: May 7, 2010

ST. JAMES - New Ulm defeated St. James Thursday 11-0 in South Central Conference prep softball.

Trisha Johnson got the win for New Ulm going all five innings, allowing just one hit and had seven strikeouts. Kelsy Kannegiesser was 1-for-3 with a home run, four RBIs and two runs scored. Brittany Hoffmann was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and one run scored.

Eagles hammer Fairmont

Dustin Briggs — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: May 15, 2010 New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - After a week off due to rain, the New Ulm Eagles softball team didn't appear to be rusty.

Kelsy Kannegiesser pitched another shutout and the Eagles' bats were on fire as they defeated Fairmont 14-0 Thursday in South Central Conference play.

The Eagles dominated the game from the beginning when Kannegiesser had two strikeouts and the offense scored seven runs in the first inning.

Losing pitcher, Fairmont's Kaylea Vonfeldt, had a tough time at the rubber with one strikeout allowing 10 runs, seven hits, and four walks in first two innings.

Kannegiesser got the win for the Eagles pitching four innings with only two hits. She had seven strikeouts during the shutout and the New Ulm defense had her back going the entire game without an error.



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Trisha Johnson closed the game for the Eagles with two strikeouts in the top of the fifth.

The Eagles offense was unstoppable throughout the game. Brittany Hoffmann went 2-for-4 with a solo home run over the left field fence in the third inning. Laura Holm went 2-for-4 including a two-run double, Kannegiesser was 1-for-1 with an RBI double, and Logan Ahlness also had a double with two RBIs.

New Ulm coach Kristi Anderson was very happy with her team after the game.

"After a week off you wonder how the girls are going to come out," she said. "They practiced really hard all week and I couldn't have asked for a better game from them."

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Kelsey Kannegiesser drives the ball during the Eagles' win against Fairmont Friday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

The Eagles are undefeated in the SCC at 8-0 and after their win against Fairmont they improve to 11-1 overall.

Eagles blank Huskies

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JACKSON - The New Ulm Eagles defeated Jackson County Central in South Central Conference softball action Monday.

Trisha Johnson was the winning pitcher for the Eagles, working four innings with six strikeouts, one walk and four allowed hits.

Kelsy Kannegiesser pitched three innings with six strikeouts and two allowed hits.

Eagle's Laura Holm was 1-for-3 with two RBIs and Logan Ahlness was 1-for-4 with one RBI and a run scored.

A Game-Winning Holm Run

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By Michael Gassett

Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - After early success against St. Peter starter Kami Smesmo, New Ulm couldn't get anything going in the later innings.

So with the Saints holding a 3-2 lead in the bottom seventh, things didn't look good for the Eagles.



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But with the top of the order coming up for New Ulm, there was still a sliver of hope. A little hope was all the Eagles needed.

Kristen Forstner led off the inning with a double off the fence in center. A sacrifice bunt by Logan Ahlness moved her to third and a sac fly by Brittany Hoffmann drove her home to tie the game at three.

Laura Holm ended it when she launched a full-count offering over the fence in left to give New Ulm a dramatic come-from-behind 4-3 win in South Central Conference play at Harman Park.

"We all just hung in there as a team and we knew it was going to take a team effort to pull out a win," Holm said. "We strung some hits together and it worked out. It was a great team effort. We got bunts down, we got hits down, we got doubles to the gaps, we just did what we had to do."

The game probably shouldn't have even come down to Holm's extra effort.

The Eagles took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second when Jill Gareis led off the inning with a double to center. Kelsy Kannegiesser sacrificed her to third and Gareis scored on Trisha Johnson's fielder's choice.

It looked like New Ulm was getting to Smesmo in the third. Ahlness reached on a single and scored on a Holm single. Gareis and Kannegiesser reached to load the bases with one out but Johnson struck out and Janelle Curry flew out to left to end the threat.

St. Peter got things going in the fourth. Jenny Wilking reached on a bunt single and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

The Saints took their lead in the fifth. Lora Card singled, Ashlee Dehn walked and Card scored on Kassandra McCabe's double to left center. Dehn came home on a passed ball to put St. Peter up 3-2.

After New Ulm's big third inning, Smesmo shut down nine of the next 10 batters she faced before the seventh-inning dramatics. Despite the lack of offense in the middle innings, Holm said the team wasn't worried.

"We were all right," she said. "It was tough for a while but we picked our heads up and said 'we are going to do it.' It was our game and we were going to get this win."

Smesmo took the loss for the Saints. She struck out six, walked two and allowed eight hits. The Saints only had four hits in the game with McCabe, AnnMarie Brown, Wilking and Card accounting for the hits.

Kannegiesser earned the win for New Ulm. She pitched three innings of relief and allowed two runs on two hits with three strikeouts and a walk. Johnson pitched the first four innings and allowed a run on two hits with five strikeouts and two walks.

Holm was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Forstner and Gareis also had two hits for the Eagles.

"We are looking good and we are feeling good," Holm said. "We have all kinds of confidence in each other and we never let anyone get down, we are all for each other."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Janelle Curry (left) and Trish Johnson (right) congratulate teammate Laura Holm (center) after she hit a game-ending home run against St. Peter Tuesday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more



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New Ulm powers past Blue Earth Area in SCC

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New Ulm 17, BEA 2

BLUE EARTH - New Ulm finished the South Central Conference portion of the schedule with a bang as the Eagles had 19 hits and three home runs against Blue Earth Area Thursday.

The Eagles were led by Brittany Hoffmann, who was 3-for-5 with four runs, two RBIs, a double and a home run. Laura Holm was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, four RBIs, two doubles and a home run. Jill Gareis was 4-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs and Janelle Curry was 3-for-4 with two runs and three RBIs.

Caity Bierk was 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs. She also had a home run.

Kelsy Kannegiesser earned the win as she pitched three innings and allowed two hits and two runs. She struck out six. Trisha Johnson pitched the final two innings and struck out four.

Mounds View 11, New Ulm 1

POSTED May 22, 2010 New Ulm Journal

MOUNDS VIEW - Mounds View defeated New Ulm 11-1 in the regular season finale for the Eagles.

Ed. Note: The loss can be considered as New Ulm's first uncontested defeat of the season. An earlier game which was suspended in the sixth inning during a rained out tournament at Mankato with New Ulm trailing, has not been officially "called" as a completed game. Normally a suspended game is "called" by an umpire or other authority but to-date this has not been done.

Kelsy Kannegiesser took the loss for New Ulm. She pitched three innings, allowing six hits and seven runs. She walked three and struck out two.

Logan Ahlness, Jill Gareis and Trisha Johnson were all 1-for-2 for New Ulm.

New Ulm opens Section 3AA playoff action at 3 p.m. Tuesday against Worthington at Harman Park. If New Ulm wins, it plays at 6 p.m. against the winner of Jackson County Central and St. James.



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New Ulm tops Worthington 9-2 to advance

New Ulm defeated Worthington 9-2 in the opening round of the sub-section tournament. No details of the game were reported in the Journal.



Huskies eliminate New Ulm

POSTED May 26, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Michael Gasset, Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - All season long, the New Ulm softball team has found that clutch hit to rally back.

In the Section 3AA, South Subsection playoffs Tuesday against Jackson County Central, the Eagles again were able to find that clutch hit to pull ahead late in the game.

The problem was, JCC had a little late-inning heroics in it too.

No. 3 seed JCC scored three runs with two out in the top of the seventh inning to upset second-seeded New Ulm 5-3 at Harman Park.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm's Brittany Hoffmann (7) slides safely into home as Worthington catcher K.C. Riley waits for the ball during the Eagles' win in the opening round of the Section 3AA South Subsection playoffs Tuesday at Harman Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

"They put their heart and soul in the entire game," New Ulm coach Kristi Andersen said. "I can't fault anyone for anything. They laid everything they had into this game and sometimes it just doesn't work."

New Ulm had to play catch up all game long but each time JCC took a lead, the Eagles had an answer.

JCC scored first in the fourth when Leslie Handzus laid down a bunt, New Ulm pitcher Trisha Johnson fielded it and threw home as Shalee Nelson slid under the tag. That gave the Huskies the lead 1-0.

New Ulm tied it in the bottom of the inning when Laura Holm reached on an error and scored on Kelsy Kannegiesser's double to center.

JCC made it 2-1 in the fifth when Jasmine Erickson led off the inning with a single and scored on Chelsey Mitchell's single to right.

But New Ulm answered back in the bottom of the sixth. Brittany Hoffmann reached on an error and scored on a Holm single to tie it at two. Holm then scored on Kannegiesser's double off the fence in right to give the Eagles their first lead of the game at 3-2.