

Southwest Christian 74, New Ulm Cathedral 57

NO REPORT published locally

The outcome of this sectional playoff game was not reported regarding score or details by local media. Score was obtained from Minnesota Scores which did not have details available from either New Ulm Cathedral or Southwest Christian site.

Ed. Note: Normally out-of-town games are reported by the New Ulm schools in time for publication in the morning publication after the game. This omission of results follows a season in which a number of games for generally each of the New Ulm basketball teams was not reported to or by the local media. However, this omission may be the first ever for a district or section game for a New Ulm basketball team.

Loyola 77, Cathedral 73

PUBLISHED New Ulm Journal Monday, Mar. 1, 2010

. No Ed. Note – Article reproduced from report published in New Ulm Journal.
(No posting was found on Internet sites for Journal or Mankato Free Press.)

MANKATO --- Mankato Loyola Loyola defeated Cathedral 77-73 in overtime Saturday in a make-up of a previously postponed game.

Kevin Larson led CHS in scoring with 24 points. Alex Cooper added 21 and five rebounds.

Loyola had four players in double figures. Bo Schmidt led the Crusaders with 18 followed by Turbes 17, Jake Wesley 14 and Taydor Gach 13.

Cathedral ended its season 12-12



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

Nicollet's Sean Murphy (left) and Frank Johnson of New Ulm Cathedral fight for the ball during the first half Friday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Greyhounds win big

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: February 27, 2010

. NEW ULM - It wasn't pretty but it was a win.

New Ulm Cathedral managed to survive a poor shooting first half and an eight-minute span early in the second half where both Greyhound starters Kevin Larson and Frank Johnson found pine time because of each picking up their fourth foul before managing to salt the game away at the free throw line for a 64-56 win over the Raiders Friday night.

Kevin Larson led the Greyhounds (12-11) with 19 points. Alex Cooper added 16.

Jordan Rudenick led the Raiders (14-9) with 12 points. Derek Wills and Judd Dorn each contributed 10.

"It was good to get this win," Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said about the non-conference game. "They are coming off a six-game winning streak and had been playing well. We had lost a couple in a row so it is nice to get back on the winning track."

But the win did not come easy.

In the first 14-plus minutes of the game, Cathedral was ice cold, hitting only six of its first 26 shots from the floor. Despite that, the Greyhounds found themselves only down by a score of 25-24.

"We missed seven lay-ups in a row," Hazuka said. "We just could not make baskets three-fourths through that first half."

But when Brian Nosbush came off of the bench to hit a jumper at the 3:44 mark, it began a 12-0 run by the Greyhounds. Baskets from Ross Grathwohl, Greg Genelin, Johnson and two from Larson gave Cathedral a 36-25 halftime lead.

The run was also a span where the Greyhounds were able to sink seven of their last 12 shots to close out the first half.

Cathedral saw a second hurdle pop up early in the second half when both Larson - who had scored 10 first-half points - and Johnson, who was the inside enforcer - were each whistled for their fourth fouls four minutes apart.

"They are both key players for us sitting on the bench but the other players were able to hold off Nicollet," Hazuka said. "The players coming off of our bench [Kyle Fischer, Nick Simon and Nosbush] helped us gain a lot of confidence."

Cooper also played a big part with two starters on the bench when he hit a jumper, sank two free throws and then drove to the basket for a hoop for a 44-30 lead.

But the Raiders fought their way back, slicing that 14-point lead to 44-39.

Baskets from Derek Wills and Rudenick coupled with free throws courtesy of Matt Renne and Blake Bode pulled Nicollet to within five points with 8:35 left in the contest.

But that was when Hazuka sent Larson back onto the floor and he promptly canned a 3-pointer.

Two more baskets from Larson lifted Cathedral to a 55-43 lead.

Jamie Fischer's 3-pointer with 2:10 left in the game pulled Nicollet to within 57-51 but Cathedral took advantage of free throws hitting seven of nine to close out the game.

Hazuka felt that his team's defense in the game "was OK but we did an awful job of boxing out and they got way too many second and third shots."

Cathedral won the B-game 54-36.

NICOLLET25-31 - 56

CATHEDRAL.... 36-28 - 64

NICOLLET (56): Rudenick 12, Wills 10, Dorn 10, Renne 8, Fischer 8, Blackwell 4, Bode 2, Voges 2.

CATHEDRAL (64): Larson 19, Cooper 16, Grathwohl 7, Johnson 7, Genelin 5, Fischer 4, Nosbush 4, Simon 2.

Marz hits milestone for Tigers

POSTED: February 24, 2010 New Ulm Journal

SPRINGFIELD - Tyler Marz scored his 1,000th career point as Springfield defeated New Ulm Cathedral Tuesday, 91-67 in Tomahawk Conference boys basketball action.

Marz had a game-high 36 points for the Tigers and also grabbed 12 rebounds. Cody Milbrath had 17 points, and Jordan Milbrath added 16 for Springfield.

Cathedral was led by Alex Cooper who had 18 points and Kevin Larson added 16 points for the Greyhounds.

GFW 75, Cathedral 68

POSTED: February 20, 2010 New Ulm Journal

WINTHROP - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop defeated New Ulm Cathedral 75-68 Friday in Tomahawk Conference boys basketball play.

GFW was led by Brandon Wortz with 22 points in the victory. Alex Platz added 14 points for the Thunderbirds and grabbed seven rebounds. Jay Rogotzke had 12 points and dished out nine assists.

Cathedral was led by Kevin Larson who had a game-high 25 points and Alex Cooper who had 15 points.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

Cathedral's Alex Cooper takes a shot as Sam Guetter of Wabasso defends on the play during the first half Thursday at CHS in New Ulm.

For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

CHS holds on to beat Rabbits

By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

POSTED: February 19, 2010

NEW ULM - With the playoffs coming up in less than two weeks, New Ulm Cathedral was working on fine-tuning some things before the postseason starts.

On Thursday, the Greyhounds hosted Wabasso and defeated the Rabbits 59-44 in Tomahawk Conference action.

Although the Greyhounds did surrender the lead a couple of times, they led for most of the game and that was something that they wanted to do from the start.

"We lost the lead there for a little bit, but we started off real well and the kids came out aggressive defensively and converted some things," Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said. "In the second half, the guys came out and were running aggressive defense again, and that's when we were able to pick things up."

Kevin Larson led the Greyhounds with 16 points. Alex Cooper had 14 points and Nick Simon scored 11 points.

For Wabasso, Sam Guetter led the way with 11 points and four blocks and Jason Plaetz

scored eight points.

The Greyhounds jumped out to a 6-0 lead before Wabasso went on a 7-0 run to take a 7-6 lead. But the Greyhounds responded with a run of their own and soon they found themselves up 15-9.

The perimeter game of the Rabbits kept them in the game in the first half as Plaetz and Tyler Huhnerkoch buried 3-pointers. Huhnerkoch's 3 trimmed Cathedral's lead to 26-22 and the Greyhounds went into the locker room with a 30-25 lead.

In the second half, the Rabbits used the 3-point shot to get them back in the game once again.

This time, 3s by Plaetz and Huhnerkoch put the Rabbits up 31-30. But the Greyhounds again went on a run and a 3 by Cooper gave the Greyhounds a 39-32 lead.

Another 3 by Larson upped the lead to 42-32, and at that point the lead seemed safe for the Greyhounds as the Rabbits were unable to get much going after that.

Hazuka said that the Rabbits were tough to defend because of the 3s.

"They've got some good shooters and they force you to pay attention," Hazuka said. "That forces you to play one-and-one defense and it forces your defense to spread out a little bit. When you gotta defend that, it sure opens things up."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm Cathedral's Frank Johnson launches a long range shot over Zak Pendleton of Cedar Mountain/Comfrey Tuesday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

CMC tops Cathedral

POSTED: February 17, 2010

By Michael Gasset
Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Call it hot shooting or call it bad defense. Whichever way you look at it a lot of points were scored in the Cathedral Gym Tuesday night.

In the end it was the stronger offensive output of Cedar Mountain/Comfrey that won out in a high scoring affair beating New Ulm Cathedral 91-82 in Tomahawk Conference boys basketball action.

"Our defense stinks," CM/C coach Keith Klawitter said. "Nobody wants to step in and stop dribble penetration, nobody wants to screen anybody out to get rebounds. We just seem to have this attitude that we can just outscore people. Well that doesn't always work."

Although, neither coach was particularly impressed with his team's defense most everyone in attendance was impressed with the offense.

CM/C shot just under 55 percent from the field and Cathedral shot a blistering 60 percent.

"Both teams shot really well, or the defense was just that bad," Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said. "It was a fun game in that regard. It was quite the up-and-down game."

The Cougars led from basically the opening tip. They built the lead to 18-10 on a Austin Koupal 3-pointer with 12 minutes to play in the half.

They Greyhounds cut the lead to 23-21 on a Kyle Fischer 3 three minutes later before an 8-0 run by CM/C put the Cougars up 32-23 with just under seven minutes to play.

But Cathedral kept battling back and a Nick Simon basket with 3:30 left in the half cut the lead to 36-35. Ross Grathwohl finally tied it up at 36 with a free throw. The Greyhounds forced three ties before another Simon basket gave Cathedral its first lead of the game at 45-43 with a minute to play.

But Zak Pendleton completed a three-point play with four seconds left in the half to send CM/C to the break up 46-45.

Kevin Larson scored on the opening possession of the second half to give Cathedral back the lead but the Greyhounds never led again the rest of the night.

That doesn't mean the Cougars lead was ever safe. CM/C built its biggest lead of the night on a Nate Golden 3 to make it 63-53 with 12 minutes to go in the game.

But a 10-2 run cut the lead back to two points at 65-63 with just under 10 minutes to play.

CM/C never got the lead yo more than six points over the next six minutes and Cathedral made one last run at it when Larson nailed a 3 to cut the lead to 83-82 with 3:52 to go, forcing Klawitter to call a timeout.

The Cougars outscored the Greyhounds 8-0 from that point on and was a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

"We have shot free throws very well all year long," Klawitter said. "It's nice to have about four options to get the ball to at the end of the game and they can all make free throws."

CM/C had five players in double figures led by Dalton Kleinschmidt with 22. Pendleton added 18. Golden and Koupal each had 17 and Tanner Kokesch scored 15. Ryan Carlson accounted for the only other two points in the game.

"We can shoot that's all there is to it," Klawitter said. "We aren't going to beat anybody at a defensive game. When we get to tournaments, it usually turns into a defensive game. The shooting noose always gets a little tighter, we will still take the shots, it's just a matter if we make them or not."

The Cougars (13-5, 10-4) host St. James Thursday.

The 81 points was a season high for the Greyhounds, topping their previous high of 76, Thursday against Minnesota Valley Lutheran.

Cathedral (10-9, 6-6) was led by Alex Cooper with 19 and Simon with 16, both off the bench. Larson had 17 and Johnson added 15. The Greyhounds host Wabasso Thursday and travel to Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Friday.

"This game should give us confidence offensively," Hazuka said. "But we better go back to the drawing board defensively. We are going to work on defense [tonight] because we've got games Thursday and Friday."

JIM BASTIAN COLUMN

POSTED: February 14, 2010

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

HOUNDS SNAP STREAK: None of the New Ulm Cathedral basketball players had ever experienced a win against Minnesota Valley Lutheran until Friday night when the Greyhounds came away with a 76-74 win at MVL.

One of the players who was key to stopping the losing streak was junior guard Kevin Larson who broke a 61-61 tie with a conventional three-point play off of a turnover before adding another three points on a second Charger turnover.

Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said Larson "makes all of his teammates better. We feel comfortable with the ball in his hands late in the game."

And it was Larson who sank three free throws late in the game to preserve the win. Prior to Larson sinking three of four free throws late in the contest, the Greyhounds had missed the front end of three straight one-and-ones in the last two minutes.

Hazuka said that the his team has been up and down since Christmas.

He added that the win will help them in three Tomahawk Conference games that they have beginning at home Monday against Wabasso

Cathedral boys snap skid

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: February 13, 2010

NEW ULM - With just over five minutes left in New Ulm Cathedral's game with Minnesota Valley Lutheran, Cathedral's Kevin Larson scored on a three-point play off an MVL turnover to give the Greyhounds a 64-61 lead.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Galen Holzhueter (15) hits a lay up as Cathedral's Kyle Fischer defends on the play during the first half of the Greyhounds' win Friday at MVL. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

It was a lead that Cathedral never lost.

Larson scored a game-high 27 points - 18 of them coming in the second half - as Cathedral ended a near 10-year losing streak to the Chargers with a 76-74 win.

Larson's 27 points were aided by 15 from Frank Johnson and 12 from Alex Cooper.

Galen Holzhueter led the Chargers with 26 points. Josh Hoffman added 16 with Nate Siemers and Fred Evers each scoring 11 points.

For Larson - who scored 11 of the final 17 Cathedral points in the game - it was a win that was a long time coming.

"We worked hard on the defensive end," said the junior guard who saw a 20-game losing streak to the Chargers snapped. "This is a huge win for us because we have not beat these guys for a while. This win is going to springboard us for the second half of our season."

Charger coach Craig Morgan said the loss was a case of his team giving up too many points in the second half - 45 to be exact - to the Greyhounds.

"You cannot win a ballgame giving up that many points," Morgan said. "Our defense was trying to keep them from penetrating but yet we allowed that to happen."

The Chargers held a slim 31-25 lead at halftime and kept the lead until Frank Johnson gave Cathedral a 45-44 lead with 13 minutes left in the game. The lead changed hands 10 times in the next seven minutes.

Two Larson conventional three-point plays kept Cathedral in the lead while Galen Holzhueter's two free throws with just over four minutes left in the contest lifted the Chargers to within 67-66.

But then consecutive 3-pointers from Alex Cooper and Kyle Fischer - with Fischer's coming off of the eighth MVL turnover in the second half - gave the Greyhounds their biggest lead of the game at 73-66 with 2:11 left in the game.

"They both hit some big 3's for us," said Hazuka, who saw his team hit 11 three-point shots in the game. MVL did not hit a 3-pointer in the game. "Hitting those is a key against a zone defense and the kids came through on that. We have not done that for quite a few games so it is nice to see that happen."

But the Chargers clawed their way back using a 6-0 run to cut the lead to 73-72 on a Siemers' basket and free throws from Evers and Hoffman.

Larson sank three free throws in the last 29 seconds before Siemers hit a basket with two seconds left to pull the Chargers to within 76-74.

"We knew that we had to work harder than them," Hazuka said. "To outplay them on the scoreboard tonight was a great accomplishment. This is a huge win for our school because we have not had a lot of success against MVL."

Cathedral boys lose to Indians

Dustin Briggs, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: February 6, 2010

NEW ULM - During half time of the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds and Sleepy Eye Indians boys basketball game, every fan who witnessed the first half was restless.

During that first half they watched two aggressive teams determined to win a Tomahawk Conference match-up. With lead changes, picture perfect teamwork, and explosive energy, the offense and defense of each team appeared to be playing an equally matched game.

With the Greyhounds leading 31-29 at the half, everyone under the roof thought the second half would be as exciting as the first.

Everyone, that is, except for the Sleepy Eye Indians players. They came out of the locker room poised and ready for battle. The Greyhounds did not.

With 11:40 left in the second half, the Indians had 14 unanswered points during a 20-2 Indians run.

Even after the Indians' Eli Krumbach, who was 3-for-3 at the 3-point line and 4-for-4 at the free throw line, left the game with an injured ankle, the Greyhounds could not click the way they had in the first half.

The Indians' intensity earned them the victory after an outstanding second half effort with a final score of 74-52.

"They came out and they wanted it more than we did and they were a step faster than us tonight," a disappointed Greyhounds coach Paul Hazuka said after the tough loss. "They beat us at the free throw line and they beat us from the 3-point line."

The Indians did in fact shoot very well from both the free throw and three point lines with a total of 11 3-pointers. The leading scorer for the Indians was sophomore Tyler Hadley with 15 points followed by Andrew Geiger with 14 points, Eli Krumbach with 13 points, and Dylan Doyle added 10 points.

"We are normally an outside-oriented team," Indians coach Brian Polesky said in response to his team's impressive shooting. "We knew it would be tough to get a win here but we came ready to play and it showed."

The Greyhounds were led by Kevin Larson, who had 17 points on the night as the team's only double digit scorer.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

Sleepy Eye's Aaron Zuhlsdorf takes a shot between Cathedral defenders Kyle Fischer (left) and Alex Cooper (right) during the Indians' win Friday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Continue Scrolling
For more Cathedral
Basketball reports

Defense comes up big for CHS

By Michael Gassett — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: January 30, 2010

NEW ULM - A close game turned into a blow out real quick Friday.

With New Ulm Cathedral and Buffalo Lake-Hector knotted at 38 with 10 minutes to play, Kevin Larson nailed a 3-pointer from the left corner.

That sent the Greyhounds on a 13-2 run over the next four minutes and they outscored the Mustangs 25-7 the rest of the game for the 65-43 Tomahawk Conference win.

"The second half we played some better defense and we held them to just 16 points in the half," Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said. "That was great to see. I am really happy with the defense and I think that good defense leads to good offense."

What really helped the Greyhounds to the win was the free throw shooting. They were 8-for-8 from the line down the stretch.

For the game Cathedral was 24-for-32 from the charity stripe to BLH's 10-for-22.

"We have some decent shooters and we can knock those down," Hazuka said. "That's great. We have to be able to do that and this is as good of a time to practice doing that."

Cathedral built the big lead to start the game and led by as much as 19-8 with nine minutes to play in the first half as Frank Johnson completed a traditional three-point play.

Then the Mustangs made a run. They cut it to 25-21 on a Cole Witter basket with just under five minutes to play.

Cathedral took a 29-27 lead at the break.

BLH scored the first two baskets of the second half to take its first lead of the game at 30-29.

The teams kept it close for the next seven minutes before Larson's 3 changed the momentum of the game.

"This was important because we had an earlier game with them that we lost and to come back and get the win was real big," Hazuka said. "To play strong like that, to play good defense and to score, that's what you want."

BLH was led by Witter with 10 points. Ryan Haun and Mason Clark each finished with eight points.

Cathedral was led by Larson with 20 points, he was 13-for-16 from the free throw line.

Johnson had 13 points and Brian Nosbush scored 12 off the bench.

The Greyhounds (9-7, 5-5) have a week off before they host Sleepy Eye Feb. 5.

"We have time off and that's OK," Hazuka said. "It's the middle of the season, people are getting tired and we will enjoy the weekend, that's for sure."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

Buffalo Lake-Hector's Joe Weispfennig (left) guards Cathedral's Frank Johnson during the first half of the Greyhounds' win Friday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Wabasso holds off Cathedral 63-59

POSTED: January 29, 2010

New Ulm Journal

WABASSO - Wabasso came out just ahead of New Ulm Cathedral in a Tomahawk Conference boys basketball game Thursday night.

Cathedral trailed Wabasso by a point at the half.

The game remained close, but the Greyhounds could not capture the lead. Wabasso wins 63-59.

Wabasso was led by Steven Rohlik, who scored 21 points. Sam Guetter scored 14 points, had 11 rebounds and nine blocks. Drew Jenniges added another 11 points for the Rabbits.

For the Greyhounds, Kevin Larsen led with 18 total points. Frank Johnson followed with 10 points.

MVL cruises by CHS

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: January 12, 2010

(Points- Only box Score at End of Article)

NEW ULM - The last time that the New Ulm Cathedral boy's basketball team defeated Minnesota Valley Lutheran was during the 1998-99 season when most of the current members of the Greyhound team were playing in the Cathedral "Super Hooper" program

Monday night, the Greyhounds appeared that they could end the 19-game losing streak to the Chargers as they trailed by a score of 36-35 when Frank Johnson hit a basket to begin the second half.

But the Chargers out-scored Cathedral 22-9 to take a 58-44 lead and go on to top the Greyhounds and end a three-game losing streak with a 71-51 win in Tomahawk Conference basketball.

Galen Holzhueter led the Chargers (2-2, 5-4) with a game-high 23 points - 17 of which came in the second half. Nate Siemers added 17 points.

Junior guard Kevin Larson paced the Greyhounds - who saw their four-game winning streak end - with 22 points.

"I was real happy with the effort that the guys came with," Chargers coach Craig Morgan said. "We had players come off of the bench with some fire tonight - it was what I was expecting out of this group tonight."

"MVL really pushed us [in the second half] to do things that we did not want to do," said Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka, who saw his team fall to 2-3 in the conference and 6-5 overall. "They ran their offense through Galen [Holzhueter] and posted him up. We did not adjust as well as we should have defensively to that."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm Cathedral's Nick Simon (42) shoots the ball as Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Kyle Henrich defends on the play during the first half Monday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

And it was the ability of the Chargers to get the ball more to Holzhueter, who scored a quiet six points in the first half, that got the MVL offense rolling.

Consecutive baskets from Holzhueter -one coming off a conventional three-point that lifted MVL to a 44-37 lead.

"We talked (at halftime) about getting him the ball more and that got us some points," Morgan said. "And we were able to get other people involved in scoring. We talked about how other people stepping up. We had Nate Siemers, Josh Hoffman, Ben Dose all go hard to the basket."

And 3s from two players off of the bench, Seth Wendland and Dusty Compart, helped build a 54-42 lead with just under 12 minutes left in the game.

MVL built a 64-45 cushion off of a Siemers basket as the Chargers hit on 10 of 19 shots from the floor while Cathedral struggled hitting just four of 15 shots in that same span as the Chargers took control.

The Chargers took an early 16-7 lead only to see the Greyhounds cut it to 18-15 on baskets from Larson and Nick Simon along with consecutive hoops from Brian Nosbush.

MVL regained momentum and held a 26-15 lead later in the first half before Cathedral cut it to 26-21 on two Larson baskets.

Larson's 3 cut a first half lead to 32-26 before he canned a jumper just before half that pulled the Greyhounds to within 36-33 at halftime.

MVL won the B-squad game 45-41.

MVL 36 - 35 - 71

CHS 33 - 18 - 51

MVL (71): Holzhueter 23, Siemers 17, Evers 8, Compart 7, Dose 5, Hoffman 4, Henrich 4, Wendland 3, Schlottman 2.

CHS (51): Larson 22, Simon 8, Fischer 6, Genelin 5, Nosbush 4, Johnson 2, Grathwohl 2, Zambino 2.

**Continue Scrolling Down for more
Cathedral Boys' Basketball Results**

Cathedral holds off Sleepy Eye

POSTED: January 6, 2010 New Ulm Journal

SLEEPY EYE - Cathedral defeated Sleepy Eye Tuesday 59-57 in Tomahawk Conference boys basketball play.

Brian Nosbush led Cathedral offensively scoring a game high 21 points, Kevin Larson added 15 points for the Greyhounds. Frank Johnson scored eight.

Eli Krumbach had 14 points in the loss for Sleepy Eye and Andrew Geiger put up 11.

16-0 run lands Indians in loss column

By Shari Hittesdorf, Sports Writer
Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch
Wed Jan 06, 2010, 10:10 AM CST

Sleepy Eye, Minn. - The Sleepy Eye girls basketball squad played well in the first half but a 16-0 run to start the second half gave New Ulm Cathedral all the momentum they would need to score a 66-51 win.

The Indians led by as many as eight in the first half. They took a 32-31 advantage into the locker room. But the Greyhounds came out on fire while Sleepy Eye was as cold as the recent arctic front that rolled through the state.

The Indians struggled from the charity stripe hitting just 7-20. New Ulm Cathedral went to the line 41 times.

The loss drops Sleepy Eye's record to 1-8 on the year, 0-4 in Tomahawk Conference play.

No doubt about it



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Cathedral's Nick Simon (42) takes a shot over Truman's Jordan Selnes during the first half Monday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to [http://www.newulm.com](#)

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: January 5, 2010

NEW ULM - New Ulm Cathedral is on a little bit of a roll.

The Greyhounds breezed through the Nicollet Tournament during the holiday break as they came home with the title.

The hot streak continued in the first game back from break as Cathedral blew out Truman 75-48 in nonconference boys basketball action Monday.

"It's great, it's nice to be on a roll," Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said. "We are just hoping to keep it up."

The Greyhounds used a strong full-court press and did a nice job of cutting off passing lanes to build a big lead in the first half.

"They played better on defense and the defense is really coming along this year," Hazuka said. "It's really helping us score points and keeping them down. I think we've got a good press and some quickness out there.

Hopefully they will start to direct and funnel the team to where we want them to go, they are working hard on it."

Cathedral opened the game on a 19-5 run and kept the lead at double digits the rest of the way as it took a 38-23 lead into the half.

Truman used a 6-2 run in the second half to close the gap to 11 but Cathedral went on a 20-3 run over the next six minutes to blow the game wide open.

"We did that with some decent offense and we were able to get the ball inside," Hazuka said. "We got some good shots and some well-rounded scoring from everyone."

Truman was led by Levi Eckstrom with 18 points. Cade Eckstrom and Clayton Feis each had eight points.

The Greyhounds (5-4) had a balanced offensive attack and was led by Kevin Larson with 25 points. Frank Johnson scored 12 points, Nick Simon had 11 points and Brian Nosbush had nine points.

"Kevin really does have the ability to see the court well," said Hazuka, whose team is at Sleepy Eye tonight. "He recognizes what's going on defensively and he can make things happen for everyone else. He came through and scored his share of the points tonight too."

Defense is key in Cathedral's success

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: January 2, 2010

NEW ULM - New Um Cathedral boy's basketball coach Paul Hazuka credits a solid defensive performance by his team in winning two straight games as the Greyhounds won the Nicollet Holiday Basketball Tournament.

"We played some good team defense and we really pressured the ball," Hazuka said. "And we added some good team offense - we worked together. We were able to get some good quality shots in both games. We were patient on offense."

Hazuka felt his team took a big step forward in the two games.

"We played two good games before the tournament even though they were both losses," he said. "I really think that we are playing pretty well. We just need to take care of the ball, work hard to get good shots and keep playing good defense."

If you look at the games played by the Greyhounds recently, their last three losses have come by seven points to Buffalo Lake-Hector, nine points to a good Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop team and two points to St. Clair.

All of those games could very easily have been Cathedral wins.

"All of those games were close," Hazuka said. "In the St. Clair game, we missed too many shots around the basket. GFW did a good job of getting the ball inside to their post players - we needed to defend those post players better and I think that we learned some lessons in both of those games and I think that it showed up in the Nicollet Tournament."

Hazuka was also happy with the way that his team took care of the basketball.

"Kevin Larson and Greg Genelin have done well in taking care of the ball," he said. "They have also added to the scoring of Frank Johnson and Brian Nosbush. We had a good team effort in both games - we had four scorers in double figures in both games."

Hazuka said that Nosbush, a sophomore has good size.

"He is long and has a nice basketball build," he said. "He has a lot of room to grow and has a lot of potential. I think that he can be a very good player for us."

Cathedral wins championship

By Jonas Leyrer — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: December 30, 2009

NICOLLET - In the championship game of the Nicollet holiday tournament on Tuesday night, New Ulm Cathedral played hard and was able to push past Triton to win the game 75-64.

Off the jump ball, the game started slowly with Triton controlling the lead. Ten minutes in, with the two teams tied at 13 points a piece, things began to pick up in intensity.

Cathedral pulled into the lead off a 3-pointer and went on a short run that put them up by five points and left Triton asking for a timeout with seven minutes left in the



half.

Though the timeout paused the Greyhounds' momentum, they tayed tough and matched all of Triton's points.

Having three minutes until halftime, the Cathedral offense again managed to break the Cobras tough press and went on a 9-2 run that left the Greyhounds up 38-27 at the half.

Though it was its offense that put Cathedral ahead, coach Paul Hazuka credited his defense with stopping the fast-paced Cobras in the first half.

"We played well together. The kids didn't rush. Triton likes to run and to push things," said Hazuka. "[The kids] kept their composer and played within themselves. Defensively, they did a nice job."

In the second half, Cathedral never once gave back the lead that it had battled hard to earn. However, the game became even more intense as Triton continuously pressed the Greyhounds offense and moved to outscore them.

The Cobras scored the initial points of the second half and began to encroach upon the lead. Triton was able to draw numerous fouls that quickly put it in the double bonus. The Cobras were unable to gain much advantage though as they were plagued by a 50 percent shooting average from the line.

Within the last five minutes of the game, Triton made two strong attempts for the win and managed to close the difference to just five points.

Hazuka called a time out with three minutes left on the board and rallied his team for a final defensive block.

"[The Cobras] were starting to up the tempo, and we needed to control the tempo and stay within ourselves. We didn't want to get caught up in a race with them," Hazuka said. "They really hung in there defensively."

Cathedral finished off the game strong. The Greyhounds not only held the lead they had, but increased it 75-64, getting back the same 11 point difference they had at halftime.

Four players from Cathedral managed to get into double digit scoring. Kevin Larson led the team with 18, Greg Genelin and Brian Nosbush each had 13, and Frank Johnson added 11.

Greyhounds win big

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

POSTED Dec. 29, 2009

NICOLLET - Although the boys basketball season has seen its share of ups and downs for New Ulm Cathedral, the Greyhounds had plenty of ups on Monday night at the Nicollet Holiday Tournament.

The Greyhounds started by grabbing an early lead, then building on that lead, and that helped them cruise to the 71-41 win over Madelia. The win puts the Greyhounds in tonight's championship game against Triton at 7:30 p.m.

While the win certainly was a boost in confidence for the Greyhounds (3-4), an even bigger boost may have been with the balanced scoring. The Greyhounds had six players score in double figures and another just miss with eight points.

In the end, Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka was impressed with the way his team played Monday night.

"There's a good team aspect to this group of guys," Hazuka said. "They like playing basketball together and they did a nice job of finding the open man. They took a little better care of the basketball and that allows for better shots and more points."

Frank Johnson led the Greyhounds with 15 points. Ross Grathwohl, Greg Genelin, Brian Nosbush and Nick Simon all had 12 points and Kevin Larson added 10 points and four assists.

Nosbush had nine rebounds and five assists and Simon grabbed six rebounds. The Greyhounds also were able to get plenty of open looks inside, something that hasn't happened all season for them.

"We had a pretty good tempo of the game and the offensive time of possession was on our side," Hazuka said. "We did a nice job of working the ball and we were much more efficient."

"There's too many times where we wanna pass and shoot and tonight I think the kids did a nice job."

Taylor Ulmen scored 14 points to lead Madelia. Kendall Peterson finished with 12 points as the Blackhawks fell behind 8-1 to open the game and 24-14 after Johnson banked a shot in off the glass inside.

Cathedral controlled the ball and the paint for much of the first half and led 32-18 after Simon scored just before halftime.

In the second half, Cooper hit a 3-pointer to increase the lead to 38-21 and Grathwohl's basket put Cathedral ahead 44-24.

Cyclones rally by NUC

By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor
POSTED: December 22, 2009

NEW ULM -The New Ulm Cathedral boys basketball team had plenty of chances to put St. Clair away Monday night, but in the end, late mistakes and missed shots hurt the Greyhounds as the Cyclones won the nonconference boys basketball game 48-46.

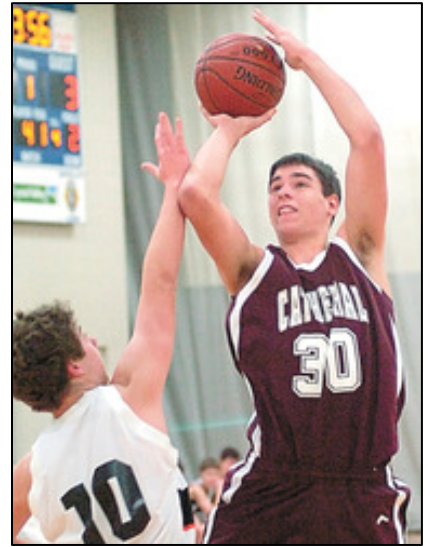
The Cyclones didn't have their first lead of the game until 5:30 left in the second half when Ryan Strobel hit a free throw. The Greyhounds had the lead three more times after that, but they were unable to hold on as the Cyclones held on for the close win.

Dustin Benning led St. Clair with 16 points and Michael Draeger had 14. Strobel finished with 12 and Brandon Prange added six for the Cyclones.

Alex Cooper led the Greyhounds with 19 points. His shot from just inside the halfcourt line hit the front of the rim as time expired.

Frank Johnson had 10 points and was the only other Greyhounds player in double figures.

The Greyhounds looked strong from the very beginning, jumping out to a 7-0 lead early on. But the Cyclones fought back and tied the game at 8-8 on Benning's 3-pointer.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Cathedral's Brian Nosbush (30) shoots over Madelia's Kendall Peterson during the first half of the Greyhounds' win Monday in Nicollet. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>



Staff photo by Mary Roufs
New Ulm Cathedral's Alex Cooper (24) gets past St. Clair's Michael Draeger during the game at CHS on Monday night. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>



The Greyhounds went on a mini-run, highlighted by a basket by Brian Nosbush to put Cathedral up 17-12. Once again, the Cyclones fought back and tied the game at 20 and 22 before Johnson's 3-pointer put the Greyhounds ahead 25-22 at halftime.

In the second half, the Greyhounds weren't able to extend the lead by much, but they did manage to lead most of the way.

A 3-pointer from Kevin Larson answered Benning's 3 at the other end and the Greyhounds led 33-29. A basket by Simon put Cathedral up 35-29 with 11:30 left in the game. It was the largest lead of the half for the Greyhounds, but they were unable to hang on.

With 5:30, Strobel's free throw gave the Cyclones their first lead of the game, but a 3 by Cooper put Cathedral ahead 42-40 with 3:40 to play. Cathedral extended the lead to 44-40, but the Greyhounds scored only one more basket the rest of the way. Cathedral plays Madelia at the Nicollet Tournament Monday.

Scrapbooking
New Ulm's
History

As you reproduce any of this material for your personal use, please support preservation of our sports history by becoming a sustaining member for only \$15.00 for 2009. You may also add a personal contribution in any amount. Please send to CRT, Inc. 1435 10th S St., New Ulm, MN 56073.



GFW stops Cathedral

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: December 19, 2009

NEW ULM - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop was able to rebound from a 5-for-15 shooting performance in the first five minutes of the game with a 9-for-17 streak after that.

New Ulm Cathedral was not as lucky with a slow start to begin the second half.

GFW outscored Cathedral 11-2 to start the second half and used that to topple the Greyhounds 68-59 Friday night in Tomahawk Conference boy's basketball.

Staff photo by Mary Roufs

New Ulm Cathedral's Greg Genelin (22) drives around a Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop defender during the second half of the game at CHS on Friday night. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Kyle Hoffman led a trio of Thunderbirds in double figures with a game-high 19 points. Alex Platz added 16 with Jay Rogotzke contributing 15.

Alex Cooper led the Greyhounds with 18 points while Frank Johnson added 10.

"I liked the effort of our kids tonight," said Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka. "The kids played hard and we played some better defense than we have in a long

time."

Despite the win, GFW coach Richard Busse felt his team needs to work on a few things.

"But we need to work on a some things in practice," he said. "We missed some free throws late in the game."

Oddly enough, while both teams struggled through shooting slumps in the contest, both teams ended up shooting around 50 percent. The Thunderbirds made 25-of-52 shots from the floor while Cathedral sank 23-of-44 shots in the game.

The key was that Cathedral was not able to take full advantage of the cold start by GFW as the Greyhounds tied it at 15-15 before Busse called a time-out.

After that, the Thunderbirds hit five of their next eight shots and took advantage of 10 Greyhound turnovers for a 25-20 lead at the 7:57 mark.

Two baskets from Platz, a jumper from Hoffman and baskets by Lucas Seehafer and Kirk Hartmann off of Cathedral turnovers lifted GFW to that five-point lead.

"We missed a lot stick-backs that did not go down," Busse said about the early cold stretch. "But we played through it - we picked it up as the game went along."

Cooper kept the Greyhounds close in the first half, hitting 14 of his 18 points in that span as the Greyhounds trailed 38-33 at halftime.

And while the Thunderbirds were able to rebound from their slow start, the Greyhounds weren't able to mirror that after their slow start to the second half.

GFW turned that 38-33 halftime lead into a 49-35 lead on baskets from Hoffman and Spencer Kruggel. A 3 from Rogotzke increased the GFW lead to 52-37 with just under 13 minutes left in the game.

"That lead never felt comfortable," Busse said. "But we were able to make enough plays when we had to."

Cathedral battled back, cutting the lead to 52-42 on baskets from Johnson and Cooper before pulling to within 59-50 on another Johnson basket with 4:20 left in the game.

But GFW was able to use the inside size of Platz and Hartmann to stop any momentum.

"They did a good job of getting the ball to their post and scoring," Hazuka said. "We need to find ways to compete against that better."

Cathedral lost the "B" game 36-34.

GFW 38-30 - 68

CHS 33-26 - 59

BLH 52, Cathedral 45

POSTED Dec. 16, 2009 New Ulm Journal

HECTOR - Buffalo Lake-Hector defeated New Ulm Cathedral in Tomahawk Conference action Tuesday.

Madison LaPlante had 15 points for the Mustangs and Joe Weipfennig scored 12 points.

Brian Nosbush led the Greyhounds with 15 points and Frank Johnson scored 10 points.



Greyhounds hang on

Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: December 8, 2009



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Cathedral's Kevin Larson (10) takes a shot after getting past Jordan Anderson of Sleepy Eye St. Mary's during the first half Monday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos: <http://cu.nujournal.com>



NEW UM - Both New Ulm Cathedral and Sleepy Eye St. Mary's played in weekend tournaments to start the season.

So they were a little tired coming into Monday's Tomahawk Conference opener.

Now the teams are just plain worn out.

Cathedral's Kyle Fischer hit a 3-pointer with three seconds left in regulation to send the game in overtime tied at 47.

Then St. Mary's Sean Mathiowetz scored on a wrap-around lay-up in the closing seconds of the overtime to send it to a second extra frame knotted at 54.

In the final overtime, Cathedral was a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line and held St. Mary's scoreless as the Greyhounds held on to win the battle 62-54.

"That was exciting," Cathedral coach Paul Hazuka said. "It was close and it was fun, especially with the win. The guys really came through and did a nice job of taking care of the basketball and taking care of business."

St. Mary's coach Tim Milliard just wishes there was a different outcome.

"It was one of those games where either team had a chance to win a number of times," Milliard said. "It really didn't come down to one play or one possession, I thought both teams played hard and Cathedral deserved to win."

Cathedral started the game hot jumping out to a 11-3 lead as St. Mary's connected on just one of its first 11 shots from the field.

Then it was the Greyhounds that cooled off and a Jon Milliard 3 gave the Knights their first lead of the game at 20-18.

The teams traded leads and a Fischer 3-pointer with eight seconds left put Cathedral up 29-25 at the half.

Neither team held much of an advantage in the second half until a Brett Ubl 3 put the Knights up 44-41 with 6:30 to play.

But Fischer's second 3 of the game tied it at 44 with 3:32 left to play.

Mathiowetz converted a three-point play with 1:45 to left give St. Mary's a final lead at 47-44.

That set up Fischer's buzzer beater for overtime.

Cathedral had its chances to win it in the first overtime but the Greyhounds went 3-for-6 from the line. A Kevin Larson free throw with 30 seconds left put Cathedral up 54-52 before Mathiowetz' wrap around lay-up tied it one last time.

The final frame was all Cathedral. Nick Simon scored right away to put the Greyhounds up and they were perfect from the line to seal the win. Larson finished the game going 8-of-9 from the line.

"He handles the ball real well and he didn't force anything," Hazuka said of Larson. "He got himself to the line a number of times and he knocked down those shots."

Cathedral was 16-for-23 from the line for the game. St. Mary's was 14-for-22.

The Knights were led by Mathiowetz, who scored 19 points. Ubl had eight and Joe Meyer and Jordan Anderson each added six.

St. Mary's (0-3, 0-1) hosts Cedar Mountain/Comfrey Friday.

"We have some young guys that really haven't been in this position before," Milliard said. "I was really pleased with the way we competed and forced the overtime. We had plenty of chances and couldn't get it done."

Cathedral was led by Larson with 14 points and he had seven rebounds. Kyle Fischer had 13 points as did Brian Nosbush off the bench. Nosbush also had 12 rebounds and Ross Grathwohl added 13 rebounds.

New Ulm Cathedral 62, St. Mary's 54

POSTED by Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch, Wednesday Dec. 9, 2009

St. Mary's gave New Ulm Cathedral a run for their money, but it was the home team Greyhounds who came away with a 62-54 win in double overtime Monday night.

The Knights overcame a six point halftime deficit to send the game into overtime. Both teams scored seven in the first extra period.

St. Mary's was held scoreless in the final period.

"Once again, I was really pleased with our effort, particularly on the defensive end," said Milliard. "We didn't shoot as well as we would like."

The Knights hit just 29 percent from two-point range, 20 percent from beyond the arc.

Sean Mathiowetz paced the offense with 19 points and six assists. Adam Sellner was also in double digits with 11 points.

Brett Ubl added eight points and eight rebounds.

POSTED: Sunday, Dec. 5, 2009 New Ulm Journal



LECENTER - New Ulm Cathedral won its first game of the season beating LeCenter 70-39 in the the LeCenter Tournament Saturday.

The Greyhounds had four players in double figures led by Kevin Larson with 21.

Ross Grathwohl had 14, Brian Nosbush scored 13 and Alex Cooper added 10 points for Cathedral.

Le Center Invitational Boy's Invitational Tournament

December 4 & 5, 2009

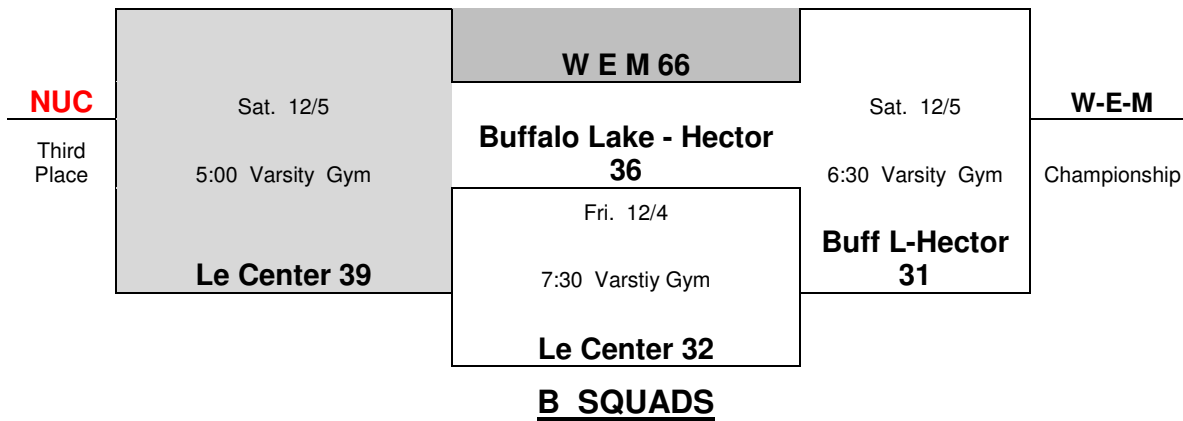
VARSITY TOURNAMENT

New Ulm Cathedral 53

NU Cathedral 70

Fri. 12/4
6:00 Varsity Gym

W-E-M 69



Buffalo Lake - Hector 38

Fri. 12/4 6:00 MS Gym Le Center 50

New Ulm Cathedral 39

Fri. 12/4 7:30 MS Gym W E M 35

On Saturday the B-Squads will play at the opposite time of their varsity teams

W-E-M 42

Sat. 12/5 5:00 MS Gym BL-H 30
--

Third Place



NUC 50

Sat. 12/5 6:30 MS Gym LC 45
--

Champions

POSTED Dec. 5m, 2009 New Ulm Journal

LE CENTER - Waterville-Elysian-Morristown defeated New Ulm Cathedral in the Le Center Tourney Friday.

Alex Cooper led the Greyhounds with 13 points and Brian Nosbush had 11 points. Cathedral (0-1) resumes tournament action tonight against an opponent to be determined.

Greyhounds See Size as a Plus

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: December 1, 2009



NEW ULM - A 14-13 record is like getting a tie for Christmas. It's not necessarily what someone wants, but it's better than a losing record and a fruitcake.

The 2008-09 New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds boys basketball team finished with that record and have the goal of improving on that record despite graduating seven players.

There are still six seniors on the 2009 roster, with two juniors and two sophomores rounding out the varsity roster for coach Paul Hazuka. The team will resemble last year's squad in many ways, but Hazuka sees one difference.

"We might be a little bigger," he said. "We have more strength at the forward spot, so maybe that'll help our rebounding. We have a good post player in Frank Johnson and he'll get help from Ross Grathwohl. Sophomores Nick Simon and Brian Nosbush will also see some time at forward."

The main offensive threats will be Johnson, forward Alex Cooper, guard/forward Kyle Fischer and point guard Kevin Larson. Senior Greg Genelin will also play point, with Hazuka hoping "he'll use his quickness to beat people off the dribble."

In fact, while the Greyhounds interior game may be stronger, Hazuka is hoping the team's overall quickness will create more turnovers.

"If we can get in the passing lanes, maybe we can get off and go quickly the other way," Hazuka said.

With the Greyhounds tallest player is listed at 6-feet-3-inches in senior Alex Berg, this quickness will be especially important against taller opponents like Springfield and Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop.

Another area Hazuka sees the Greyhounds excelling in is free throw shooting, and with 29 boys on the varsity, B and C rosters, there should be depth in case of injuries.

Hazuka also has praise for the players who occupy the position of "role players," those who probably won't see extensive playing time on a regular basis.

"Ted Mohr is a perimeter player who has gotten taller and we have Tyler Zambino playing the guard spot," Hazuka said. "We need those guys at practice, the kids who put their heart and soul in every day.

"We've got hardworking kids and a nice combination of size and speed. We'd like to improve on last year's record and we know it's not going to be easy."