

# 2009-2010 New Ulm High School Boys' Basketball Season in Review

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## Willmar avoids upset in opener

By: [Jesse Fuchs](#), West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — The underdog Eagles of New Ulm gave Willmar a surprise test Tuesday as the Cardinals held on to collect a 63-57 win in the quarterfinals of the Section 2AAA playoffs in boys basketball.

The No. 2-seeded Cardinals (18-9), who will host No. 3 Mankato West (17-8) Saturday at 7 p.m. in the semifinals, relied on their defense to advance as their offense missed some close-range looks and shot 46 percent from the field.

No. 1 Hutchinson and No. 4 Mankato East meet in the other semifinal Saturday. The championship is scheduled for March 18.

"We're up 13 with about a minute left and all of a sudden they're within six," said Willmar coach Steve Grove. "I don't know if (the kids) looked past this one, but give New Ulm a lot of credit."

New Ulm (6-21) did have opportunities down the stretch to stay within striking distance, but numerous shots rolled in and out of the basket as Willmar altered the Eagles' looks with its 2-3 zone.

Brian Reeves gave Willmar a 63-50 lead after making a two-handed dunk and a free throw to complete a three-point play with 1:08 left. The Eagles didn't seem to get fazed by the double-digit deficit as they netted seven points in a 26-second span to pull within six with 23 seconds left.

But an ill-advised three-point attempt from well behind the arc in the closing seconds fell short and New Ulm ran out of time to possibly pull off an upset.

A balanced offensive attack paced Willmar as Taylor Filipek led the Cardinals with 17 points. Brian Reeves followed with 16 and Sam Esboldt 14.

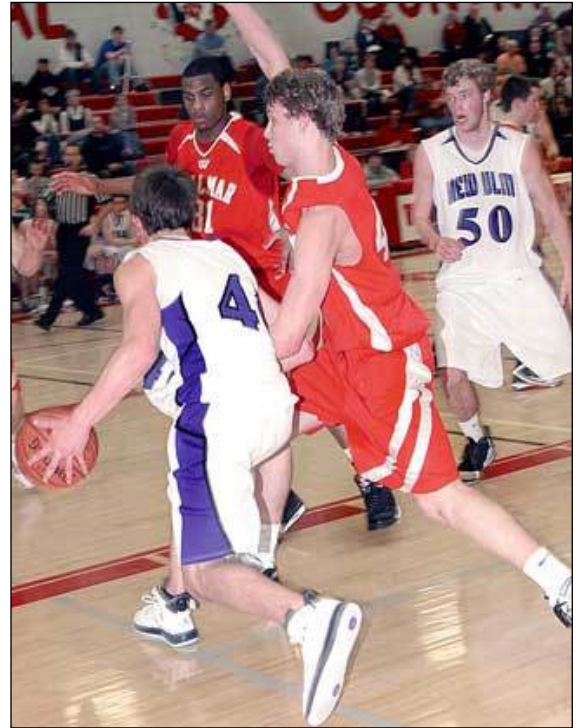
New Ulm's Zach Quiring led all scorers with 20 points.

Esboldt gave the Cardinals a boost in the first half with his three-point shooting as the senior connected on three treys, including one with five seconds left in the half that allowed the home team to take a 34-26 lead into halftime. Jimmy Unger, Andrew Bangen and Sam Spaulding also drained a three-pointer in the half as Willmar fought off the Eagles' interior defensive pressure with its outside shooting.

Willmar was 12-for-16 at the free-throw line in the second to maintain a three-to-five possession lead for much of the second half with Filipek going 7-for-7.

Willmar 63, New Ulm 57

New Ulm (6-21) 26 31 — 57



Taylor Filipek, center, of Willmar applies defensive pressure in the first half to Kevin Clancy of New Ulm as Clancy tries to push the ball upcourt Tuesday at Willmar. Closing in on the play is Willmar's Brian Reeves.

Tribune photo by Jesse Fuchs

NEW ULM – 24-48 FG (5-14 3-pt); 4-6 FT; 20 rebounds; 14 fouls ... Scoring: Justin Brethorst 5, Elliot Backer 4, Brett Gieseke 7, Drew Dauer 3, Zach Quiring 20, Kevin Clancy 7, Nate Folkens 3, Michael Huber 8 ... 3-point shots: Gieseke 1, Dauer 1, Quiring 2, Folkens 1 ... Rebound, assist and steal leaders not available

WILLMAR – 21-46 FG (7-19 3-pt); 14-18 FT; 37 rebounds; 11 fouls ... Scoring: Jimmy Unger 3, Jake Rambow 2, Andrew Bangen 5, Brian Reeves 16, Sam Esboldt 14, Sam Spaulding 5, Taylor Filipek 17, Jake Damhof 1 ... 3-point shots: Unger 1, Bangen 1, Esboldt 4, Spaulding 1 ... Rebound leaders: Spaulding 8, Esboldt 7, Filipek 7, Bangen 5, Reeves 5 ... Assist leaders: Filipek 4 ... Steal leaders: Spaulding 2

## New Ulm boys lose to Willmar

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WILLMAR - Willmar defeated New Ulm 63-57 Tuesday in Section 2AA boys basketball first round action. Willmar led at the half 34-26.

New Ulm was led by Zach Quiring who had 20 points and Michael Huber added eight points for the Eagles.

Taylor Filipek led Willmar with 17 points and Brian Reeves added 16 points. Sam Esboldt had 14 points.

New Ulm ends its season at 6-21.

*NUSC Editor's Note: The loss is the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive first round defeat for New Ulm High School in Section 2, 3A. the last win was in 1999, 66-62 over Waseca. New Ulm has now lost 16 of its last 17 playoff games. In the last seven seasons, New Ulm has won 39 basketball games and lost 119. The Eagles have had only one winning season (13-12) in 2007 in 16 years (since 1995, 23-1). In the last seven years New Ulm has won six or fewer games six times.*

## NUHS loses 74-44 after trailing 50-19 at half

*SCORE AND DETAILS COURTESY Belle Plaine High School March 8, 2009  
Information reported by New Ulm Sports Central.*

BELLE PLAINE--- The results were not posted to local media until Monday for a season-ending loss by New Ulm High School boys' basketball. The Eagles were routed by Belle Plaine 74-44 even though the teams played to a virtual standoff in the second half. Belle Plaine ended the first half with a 50-19 margin.

Zach Quiring, New Ulm's newest "One Grand Cager" had 12 points. For Belle Plaine, Justin Potthast with 18 and Charlie Kern with 15 plus seven rebounds were the leading scorers.

The score and details of NUHS boys' basketball game at Belle Plaine Saturday afternoon were unreported into Monday morning. When the score was not reported at the New Ulm Journal website, KNUJ website, Minnesota Scores, MaxPreps, the Minnesota State High School League websites or special requests to NUHS, Coach Randy Carlson provided it from Belle Plaine at NUSC's request.

It was a rescheduled game. Normally the NUHS coaches are expected to report the score to local media. Normally NUSC reports the scores and reproduces media accounts in the team's "scrapbook" section in place of detailed "live" write-ups.

## Quiring hits milestone

By Dustin Briggs  
*POSTED: March 5, 2010*

NEW ULM - The New Ulm Eagles boys basketball team played the Sibley East Wolverines Thursday night in a match-up that that was filled with action.

The Eagles defeated the Wolverines 66-62, coming back in the second half after being down 21-35 at half time. Although the Wolverines pulled Marshall Bjorklund only five minutes into the game, the Eagles had to earn their "W."

Behind for the majority of the game, by up to 15 points, the Eagles put into action some extremely aggressive defense followed up by great ball movement and shooting.

In the first 10 minutes of the second half, the Eagles outscored the Wolverines 25-10.

After four lead changes, with six minutes left in the game, Zac Quiring hit a milestone with his third 3-pointer of the night, tying the score at 51 and earning his 1,000th career point.

===== **The following has been historically archived on New Ulm Sports Central based regarding the above report**=====

*New Ulm High School senior forward Zach Quiring became the 29th member of the One Grand Cager Club Thursday night in the Eagles' 66-62 win over Sibley East. No details regarding his points- to-date were included in the New Ulm Journal article which mentioned he reached 1,000 on a three-pointer. (See attachment for all-time list).*

*Quiring is the 29th New Ulm high school basketball player to score 1,000 points, the 16th boy (third fpr NUHS) and the fourth player from New Ulm High School. Others include Kayla Altmann with 1,250 last year as the school's all-time scoring leader, Luke Schmidt 1211 in 1955, Scott Hanson 1093 in 1968. The all-time leader now is Galen Holzhueter who is seven shy of being the only New Ulm player scoring 2,000 in a career.*

**Editor's Note:** *Kayla Altmann's complete stats to-date are unavailable from the school and apparently have not been saved. FG and FT for Hanson and Schmidt have been recorded. That information for others is in process of being updated and historically recorded.*

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All the drama and commotion must have struck the Wolverines because the Eagles took the lead in their next possession with a field goal by Michael Huber and they held on to it the rest of the game.

"We fell down early but we knew with this being our last game that we were going to leave it all on the floor," said Quiring after his performance. "The seniors on the team had something to prove and we weren't going to let up no matter what. The 1,000th point came, the win came so everybody's happy with a big confidence boost before the playoffs."

Quiring finished the night leading in scoring with 26 points, including three 3-pointers. Huber followed with eight including six rebounds.

Sibley East was not as dominant without Bjorklund running the floor, but it still had some impressive talent on the court. McKoy Rodning was on finished with 24 points on the night.

The Eagles end their regular season with a make-up game Saturday night in Belle Plaine and then start their postseason Tuesday night when they travel to Willmar.

"They played phenomenal tonight and we needed something uplifting heading into the playoffs," Eagles head coach Shane Heidersheidt said. "These guys work so hard, they'll spill their blood on the floor for a win. I'm looking forward to seeing what they've got in the postseason."

The Eagles, who have lost 10 games this season by eight points or less hope this game will have ended a streak of losing close games to set them off in the right direction in the postseason.

## **Giants hold off New Ulm, 59-56**

By Jonas Leyrer — Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: March 3, 2010*

NEW ULM - A game that looked like it would be an easy win for New Ulm slowly changed direction in the second half. The Eagles had another near miss on Tuesday night as LeSueur-Henderson took the lead away from New Ulm and got a 59-56 win in the closing minutes.

Although LSH hit a 3-pointer in the opening seconds of the game, New Ulm proved to be the better organized team as it kept the Giants from scoring for the next five minutes.

During that time, New Ulm went on a huge run that put it up 17-3 and started to set things up for a blowout game.

But hopes for the landslide victory ended there. The Giants rallied and had 10-4 run that closed the deficit to just a few baskets.

New Ulm was able to regain some ground, but at the end of half the Eagles 14- point lead had shrunk to 31-24.

"You have to be disciplined and you have to stay disciplined in your offense," coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "I thought we would refocus a little bit [during halftime]. We needed to get back to being patient on offense."

Coming into the second half, the pace of the game slowed as both sides were unable to make much of scoring opportunities.

After six minutes though, it was LSH which had proved to be speeding up as it closed within two points of the lead.

New Ulm struggled to stay up and worked its defense hard to slow the Giants, but with 9:50 left on the board LSH had hit a pair of 3's that gave them a one-point edge over the Eagles, 43-42.

Even when New Ulm hit its stride for a few minutes and retook the lead 49-45, the Giants weren't ready to give up and managed a couple of 3-point plays that returned them to their one-point, 53-52, lead with 4:25 left to play.

Both teams went scoreless for the next three minutes as tough pressure from the defenses kept shooting to a minimum. When the teams were finally able to find the bottom of the basket, it was LSH that made the most of it.

The Giants sealed the win with 20 seconds left.

"We try to get the ball to our post player, and unfortunately, it just didn't fall for him tonight," Heiderscheidt said, "but we're still gonna go to him; it's a big part of our offense."

For the Eagles, this is another difficult loss. Tuesday's game marks the fifth loss that was decided by three points or less.

The Giants were led by Jack Fraser who scored 15 and Joe Hank who picked up 11.

For the Eagles, Zach Quiring scored 21 points while Justin Brethorst added another nine.

## **St. Peter 65, New Ulm 57**

ST. PETER - St. Peter defeated New Ulm in South Central Conference boys basketball action Friday.

New Ulm did not report any statistics.

# Eagles fall to Blue Earth Area

By Jonas Leyrer — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: February 20, 2010

NEW ULM - Though they had their shot at a rematch, it seems the Eagles were again unable to topple the top-ranked team in the the South Central Conference in Blue Earth Area.

The game play was physical on both sides, but in the end, it was the Buccaneers who managed to push past New Ulm and get the 54-44 conference win on Friday night.

At the game's start things went in favor of the Bucs. The BEA defense held New Ulm scoreless for the first three minutes of the game. But the Bucs were unable to do much offensively during that time, scoring only five points, and New Ulm was able to get tie things up as soon as it started landing outside shots.

Having success with the outside field goals, New Ulm took a slim lead over BEA that it was able to keep until the fouls started to pile up.

With 11 minutes still left in the first half, the Eagles' tough man-to-man defense had put BEA into bonus free-throws. One foul later, the Bucs made two shots from the line and took the lead.

"We try to play aggressive," coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "We're probably gonna get more fouls. I like my guys to be up in their face. That's the type of style we want to play: be all over everybody. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't."

New Ulm briefly recaptured the lead in the following minutes, but it was quickly taken away. The Eagles spent the majority of the half right behind BEA, trailing by no more than three points at any given time.

New Ulm was determined, though, and with less than two minutes before halftime, Justin Brethorst stepped up sank a 3-pointer that tied the game. Unfortunately, BEA managed to push through the Eagles defense and take the lead back with only seconds left. At halftime, New Ulm trailed 26-24.



**Staff photo by Mary Roufs**

New Ulm High School's Justin Brethorst (10) drives past Blue Earth Area's Riley Holmseth during the game on Friday night at NUHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Coming out for the second half, the Bucs were determined to plow through New Ulm and drive to the basket. The Eagles, on the other hand, stuck to the outside shooting that had worked in the first half. As things played out, BEA managed to draw fouls and get back on the free-throw line for bonus points, while New Ulm could not sink the outside shots it needed.

In the first five minutes of the half, BEA went on a brief run that put them up 35-28. The game nearly halted then as the no points were scored for nearly three minutes. When the teams started hitting shots again, they began to match answer each other's points equally. By the time the game got down to its last two minutes, BEA still held the lead by the same margin, 47-40.

The closing minutes were frantic for the Eagles. They were close to the lead, but try as they might, only two of their nearly 20 shots were successful and their attempts to get blocks and steals resulted in more free-throws for BEA. The game ended with New Ulm down, 54-44.

In the end, it was likely the bonus shots that added up to a BEA win. The Bucs shot a total of 16 free-throws, while the Eagles shot just four.

For New Ulm, Kevin Clancy led the team with 10 points. Brethorst added eight, while teammate Michael Huber also added eight.

It was a landmark night for the Bucs leading scorer, Nick Lee. Aside from scoring 20 points against the Eagles, Lee celebrated his 1,000th-career point just minutes into the game.

Also scoring big for BEA, were Nate Carr and Garrett Anderson who got 12 and 10 points, respectively.

## Redwood Valley runs by Eagles

*POSTED: February 17, 2010*

By Jonas Leyrer  
Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - It is always a little disappointing for a fan when a winning side emerges in a game and takes away all doubt of the outcome. Though the fans of a winning are still happy in any game, a landslide victory offers little excitement.

The New Ulm boys basketball team lost on Tuesday night to Redwood Valley, 66-58. But even though they could not get a win, landslide or otherwise, the one thing they did manage have a crowd of fans on their feet.

Out of the start of the game, things moved fast. Both teams led off with 3-pointers they scored in the first minute. New Ulm moved quickly and after five minutes had an 11-8 lead over the Cardinals.

Redwood answered back, though. After a number of drives resulting in free-throws, the Cardinals had taken the lead, 22-18. Though the Eagles made a strong, consistent effort to recapture the lead, it seemed that Redwood was always one step ahead.

With five minutes left in the half, the Cardinals seemed to break free of the New Ulm encroachment and increased its lead to 32-23.

New Ulm managed to score a few more points and regain some ground, but a buzzer shot at the end of the half was in Redwood's favor. The score at halftime was 37-29 and the game seemed to be picking up for the Cardinals.

At the restart, it was clear that whatever momentum Redwood had brought onto the court was being halted by a tough New Ulm defense.

"At halftime we switched to 'man-to-man' and looked to help out more," coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "We started getting steals and some deflections here and there. We really did a good job of taking it away."

In the first four minutes of the second half, each team only managed a single point. Neither side was able to pass through the opponent's defense with a clear shot.

With 14 minutes on the board, things started to pick up some pace. New Ulm and Redwood began to score more points, but neither side was able to gain any real ground. Suddenly, things began to move fast.

Zach Quiring spearheaded a major push by the Eagles that resulted in 13-6 run against the Cardinals. In three minutes, New Ulm had reduced the lead to a single point. Redwood called for a timeout with seven minutes left in the game.

After the timeout, Redwood got organized and managed to put in another basket, but Quiring and teammate Kevin Clancy followed them quickly with two points a piece. New Ulm had a 55-54 lead with four minutes to go.

The Cardinals scored again and the game was tied at 58-58 with 1:50 left on the clock. .

Unfortunately, it was the strong defense played by the Eagles that ultimately undid them. During the last minutes of the game, Redwood was given the bonus and the double bonus. Though the Eagles too managed to also get bonus free-throws, they were unable to use them successfully.



**Staff photo by Steve Muscatello**

New Ulm's Justin Brethorst lays the ball up for a shot as Redwood Valley's Michael Busack defends on the play during the second half Tuesday at New Ulm High School. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Redwood scored eight more points from free-throws while New Ulm was unable to land another successful shot. The Cardinals won 66-58.

"We played hard in the second half," Heiderscheidt said. "We picked up the defensive intensity. Shots just didn't fall for us."

Leading for New Ulm was Quiring, who scored 24 of the team's points. Clancy followed him, adding 13 points.

For Redwood Valley, JT Radel led the team with 27 points. Eric Panitzke was next with 10 points.

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## Cardinal boys hold off Eagles

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By Ben Stoterau, Sports Editor

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Redwood Falls, Minn. - An 8-0 run to end the game helped Redwood Valley escape with a 66-58 victory over host New Ulm Tuesday night in a non-conference boys basketball match-up.

The game was tied at 58 with less than two minutes to play, but the Cardinals (6-12) rattled off the final eight points for its third straight victory.

J.T. Radel led the way with 27 points, seven rebounds and three assists.

Erich Panitzke added 10 points and five boards, Jesse Leith had nine points and seven assists and Jordan Ford added eight points and two rebounds.

Redwood Valley 66

New Ulm 58

Cardinal scoring - Radel 27, Panitzke 10, Leith 9, Ford 8, Busack 6, Sandgren 5, Huhnerkoch 1

## Defense the key for Eagle boys basketball

*POSTED: February 14, 2010*

By Jim Bastian, New Ulm Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - New Ulm Eagle boy's basketball coach Shane Heiderscheidt used two words to describe the Eagles' win Friday on the road against Fairmont.

"Tremendous defense," he said was the key to avenging an earlier 58-53 home loss to the Cardinals.

"We have been working hard in practice on defense," said Heiderscheidt whose team downed the Cardinals 47-33. "That work is starting to pay off. We had a lot of deflections [Friday] - we are keeping track of deflections and I think that we had 13 deflections in the first half. Some of them led to steals and some did not. We did end up with 30 deflections in the game."

Those deflections disrupted Fairmont's offense as New Ulm held the Cardinals to 20 first-half points and only 11 shots in the second half.

"They [Fairmont] went for a stretch of eight minutes to start the second half where they scored two points," Heiderscheidt said.

Heiderscheidt said that the difference between the first meeting and this one was that he picked up on something on film that happened in the first game that he corrected before the second meeting.

"We were running a 1-2-2 zone against them in the first game, which we ran [Friday], but in that first game we did not do a good job of taking away their middle cutter," he said. "So we corrected that Friday and took away the middle pass which is vulnerable against that 1-2-2. We did a great job of that an also getting out and putting pressure on their shooters."

Heiderscheidt said that Justin Brethorst played a solid game on offense.

"He led us in scoring - he is starting to get his shot back. But overall, my starting five played very well all game, Brett [Gieseke] did a nice job of running the offense - if we did not have a good he brought the ball out. We were patient with the ball."

LEARN FROM WIN: A team usually learns things after a loss but they can also learn from a win. Heiderscheidt feels that you can learn from wins in the form of confidence.

He said that in recent games, the team is cutting down on mental lapses.

"Before we would go five or six minutes where we play foolish basketball. Now that is cut down to a minute or so."

The Eagles can improve their standings in the South Central Conference when they play Blue Earth Area and St. Peter - two teams that are ahead of them - in upcoming games.

## New Ulm 47, Fairmont 33

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FAIRMONT - New Ulm beat Fairmont 47-33 in South Central Conference boys basketball Friday.

Justin Brethorst led the Eagles with 15 points, Zach Quiring had 10 and Brett Gieseke had eight points.

## New Ulm upends Fairmont

Jason Wilcox - FairmontSentinel Sports Writer



*POSTED: February 13, 2010*

FAIRMONT - Between Justin Brethorst and Brett Gieseke the New Ulm Eagle boys hoopsters had all the offensive bases covered Friday night.

Brethorst and Gieseke combined for 10 of the 12 points in the Eagles 12-0 run to commence the second half en route to a 47-33 South Central Conference win over the Fairmont Cardinals in Fairmont.

"Our defense was outstanding, holding the team under 50 points, but we had too many turnovers and didn't finish shots," said Cardinal head coach Ray Hassing.

Fairmont was within two possessions at the end of the first half, trailing only 20-16, but the 12-0 Eagle run to start the second half quickly put the game out of reach.

"The kids are playing hard and good things will happen eventually," said Hassing.

Brethorst led off the second half with a close range turnaround, before Gieseke's steal and layup combination made the score 24-16 with less than a minute gone by in the second session.

Kevin Clancy went over the top of the Cardinal defense for two more points at 15:25, before another Gieseke conversion was sandwiched around two more from Brethorst for a 32-16 Eagle lead with 13:25 to go in the game.

Brethorst led the Eagles with 15 points, while Kevin Clancy scored 14 and Zach Quiring netted 10.

The closest Fairmont got the rest of the second half was a 35-26 deficit after a Chris Heide conversion via a top of the key feed from Justin Heinrich at 3:50.

But the Eagles then went on a 12-1 run.

Fairmont took its first lead of the game with 7:10 left in the first half when Heide's corner trey found net from the corner for a 10-9 lead. Heide's high floater on the move kept the one-point lead for the hosts at 12-11 with five minutes left, before a pair of Kevin Hanson free throws helped the Cardinals to a 14-12 lead with 4:17 left.

But Quiring's timely top of the key 3-pointer at 3:25 swung a one-point edge to New Ulm at 15-14 at 3:25.

Another Hanson free throw tied the score, but Brethorst added a corner triple at 1:45, before Nate Folkens' quick flip to Elliot Backer in the lane was good for two and a 20-15 lead with 60 seconds to play. Brandon Splinter's free throw for Fairmont made the contest a 20-16 affair at halftime.

Hanson and Heide led Fairmont with seven points each, while Joey Fitzgerald scored six points.

Fairmont (8-11, 5-4) hosts Waseca next Friday. New Ulm (5-12, 4-3) hosts Redwood Valley on Tuesday.

Fairmont's B-squad was a 50-41 winner over the Eagles. Ben Kain led Fairmont with 13 points, while Michael Forster added a dozen. Ryan Heuer scored eight, Adam Schultz tallied seven and Joe Driano scored six points for the hosts (11-4).

The Cardinal C-squad was a 44-16 victor over New Ulm on Friday in Fairmont.

Levi Becker netted 11 points and three assists, while Lukas Hested scored 10 points for Fairmont.

Bryce Holm and Ian Hasek contributed six and five respective points, while Justin Barnes grabbed six rebounds for the red-and-white (16-1).

## **Waseca boys defeat New Ulm**

*POSTED: February 6, 2010*

WASECA - Waseca defeated New Ulm 63-48 in South Central Conference boys basketball action.

No statistics were provided for New Ulm.

## Second half run leads Eagles to win

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: January 30, 2010*

NEW ULM - Kevin Clancy didn't score a point in the first half of New Ulm's South Central Conference contest with St. James. But he more than made up for it late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Clancy scored 12-second half points - including eight of the final 12 points of the game for the Eagles - as New Ulm snapped its eight-game skid with a 64-54 win.

Michael Huber led the Eagles (3-3, 4-11) with 14 points. Charles Kolstad and Austin Pinke led St. James (1-5; 5-8) with 21 and 16 points.

"It was a hard-fought game," Clancy said. "We really needed a win to get us going again. Losing streaks can tear a team apart. People start to talk and get frustrated,"

New Ulm coach Shane Heiderscheidt said that his team worked hard the past weeks. "We needed to get our minds right and back to the way that we had them at the start of the season," he said.

New Ulm jumped to a quick 7-0 lead in the game as Brett Gieseke canned a 3-pointer to start the run followed by baskets from Huber and Zach Quiring.

The Eagles saw the Saints cut the lead to 10-8 on two baskets from Charles Kolstad and a Shane Leistikow free throw.

But the Eagles were able to rebuild that lead to 16-8 on an Andrew Wendinger hoop and increase it to 21-10 on a Gieseke basket off of the sixth Saints' turnover of the first half. Two baskets from Huber just before the half saw New Ulm comfortably in front at halftime, leading 32-22.

Two quick baskets by Huber and Clancy to start the second half saw the Eagles in cruise control with a 36-22 lead before St. James coach Steve Walker called a time out.

After the time out, St. James outscored New Ulm 14-2 and made the 36-22 blowout suddenly a 38-36 game.

"We knew that we had to keep going," Clancy said. "We could not let them back into the game. That has been our struggle all year. We just had to put them away when we were up."

New Ulm weathered that storm and regained lost momentum thanks to baskets from Quiring and an Erik Curry rebound..

"We were playing good defense in the game and if I called a time out and got them focused again, we could get the lead back up," Heiderscheidt said. "They (St. James) have shooters and we could not leave them open, We can not have that mental breakdown on defense."

Baskets courtesy of Wendinger and Huber saw New Ulm carrying a 46-39 lead with 9:30 left in the game.

But Austin Pinke's 3 with six minutes left in the game pulled the Saints to within 50-44 and when Ben Tonsager hit a free throw with 3:37 left in the contest. the Saints were down by just two points at 52-50.

That is when Clancy stepped up to help put the game away for the Eagles. "This is a big confidence-booster for us," Clancy said. "We definitely needed to win this game."



**Staff photo by Steve Muscatello**  
New Ulm's Nate Bauer (20) takes a shot as Austin Pinke of St. James defends on the play during the second half of the Eagles' win Friday at NUHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

New Ulm won the "B" game 56-54.

**ST. JAMES ... 22 32 - 54**

**NEW ULM ... 32 32 - 64**

**ST. JAMES (54): Kolstad 21, Pinke 16, Leistikow 6, Mueller 4, Tonsager 4, Hoffman 3.**

**NEW ULM (64): Huber 14, Clancy 12, Quiring 8, Gieseke 7, Brethorst 6, Wendinger 6, Curry 4, Bauer 4, Backer 3.**

## **Late free throws help Eagles**

By Jim Bastian—Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: January 31, 2010*

NEW ULM - One of the things that lifted the New Ulm boy's basketball team in its 10-point win over St. James Friday night was the Eagles' success late at the free throw line.

In the first half, New Ulm was 3-for-3 from the charity stripe.

But in the second half - and mainly the last 2:58 of the contest - New Ulm went to the free throw line nine times and sank eight charity shots.

New Ulm coach Shane Heiderscheidt said the Eagles didn't get to the free throw line much in the eight game losing streak.

"When we started the season, we were going to the free throw line 18 or 19 times a game," he said. "Lately we had been going to the line four or five times a game. Tonight was a perfect example. We scored 64 points and we had three 3-point shots. So what does that tell you. We went to the line late and we were playing good defense. That initiates the offense."

Another aspect of Friday's game was the solid play of the New Ulm bench especially early in the first half. With the Eagles leading 12-8, Heiderscheidt pulled his starters for a rest.

Nate Bauer came off of the bench and canned a basket that was followed by buckets from Erik Curry and Andrew Wendinger and a 3-ball from Elliot Backer. Two free throws from Wendinger later saw New Ulm's subs turn a two-point lead into a 23-13 advantage when the starters went back into the game.

"I had not been giving my starters some rest in the past," Heiderscheidt said. "They (reserves) will bust their tails just as hard as anyone else. They all give me 100 percent - that second group can play defense. They are my mosquitoes - they are all over the place."

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## **Saints' all-around play tops New Ulm 77-50**

*By: Pat Beck, St. Peter Herald*

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NEW ULM — Putting it all together offensively and defensively, the St. Peter boys basketball team pulled away from New Ulm in the second half and posted a 77-50 victory on Thursday.

Leading 28-24 at the half, the Saints outscored the Eagles 49-26 in the second half.

"Anytime you hold a South Central team to 50 points, you are playing pretty good defense." St. Peter coach Kelly Raymond said.

Guard Brodie Raymond led the Saints with 34 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Point guard Chad Poppen had 12 points and a team-high five assists. Forward Joey Bartlett also scored in double digits with 11 points, and forward Ian Karlsrud scored

nine points.

Defensive leaders included Bartlett, guard Matt Strey and post Britton Schott.

"I thought that Joey and Matt did a great job on their two main scorers, and Britton did a very nice defending their best post player," Raymond said.

"Ian Karlsrud played very well for us on both ends of the court and showed a very nice offensive spark for us. It is hard to believe that just over three weeks ago we were 1-4 and now we are 6-4 with a five-game winning streak. The team is really starting to gel and they are playing well on both ends of the court."

**St. Peter.... 28 49 - 77**

**New Ulm .. 24 26 - 50**

**St. Peter (77)**

**Brodie Raymond 14-23 3-3 34, Chad Poppen 6-9 0-0 12, Joey Bartlett 4-10 0-0 11, Ian Karlsrud 4-7 1-2 9, Ben Rosburg 2-2 1-2 5, Matt Strey 1-3 1-2 3, Pace Marier 1-1 0-0 2, Britton Schott 0-2 1-2 1, Josh Leonard 0-0 0-0 0, Armando Brown 0-0 0-0 0 Totals 32-53 7-11 77**

**Rebounds 38 (Raymond 9, Bartlett 8, Schott 7, Poppen 5, Karlrud 4, Rosburg 3, Leonard, Strey)**

**Assists 15 (Poppen 5, Bartlett 4, Karlsrud, Leonard, Raymond, Rosburg, Schott, Strey)**

**Steals 6 (Raymond 3, Poppen 2, Karlsrud)**

**Blocks 1 (Rosburg)**

**3-point field goals 6-11 (Bartlett 3-4, Raymond 3-7)**

# St. Peter rolls by New Ulm

By Jonas Leyrer — Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - Both the Eagles and the Saints came out ready to play on Thursday night, but only one team could keep momentum going by the end of the game.

Through skilled outside and inside shooting, St. Peter handed the Eagles a 77-50 defeat.

The first half of the matchup started both sides keeping close pace with one another. A few minutes in, the Saints had grabbed enough rebounds to gain a slight edge over New Ulm.

St. Peter kept a meager lead until eight minutes in when a push from the Eagles and a tense free-throw by Brett Gieseke tied the teams up 16-16.

The Eagles' surge was short lived, though. Moments after the scores were equalized, the Saints scored six unanswered points that looked like the beginning of major problems for New Ulm.

The Eagles' response was another brief pulse of scoring that put them only two points behind St. Peter with two minutes left in the half.

The Saints halted the progress, and New Ulm went into halftime trailing 28-24.

It was at the beginning of the second half when the Eagles began to have some trouble on the court.

When gameplay resumed from the break, the Saints managed a 9-2 run against New Ulm.

Though the Eagles tried to answer back, three consecutive 3-pointers from St. Peter's Brodie Raymond silenced the team and removed much of New Ulm's hope for a win.

New Ulm was able to put a few more points on the board and even saw senior Elliot Backer sink back-to-back 3's. However, it would take more than what the Eagles had left to bring the scores close once more.

Though the Saints demonstrated impressive outside shooting, for New Ulm Coach Shane Heiderscheidt, the game was decided under the basket.

"We didn't do a good enough job staying on them in the second half," Heiderscheidt said. "Rebounding is the key. We have to be disciplined in boxing out; and we weren't."

For New Ulm, Zach Quiring scored 17 points, while Andrew Wendinger came up with nine and Kevin Clancy picked up eight.

On St. Peter's side, Brodie Raymond scored a devastating 34 points. Teammates Chad Poppen and Joey Bartlett added 12 and 11 points, respectively



**Staff photo by Mary Roufs**  
New Ulm's Zach Quiring (24) scores on a reverse lay-up during the game against St. Peter on Thursday night at NUHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nuijournal.com>



## New Ulm's losing streak continues

By Andy Danner — Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - New Ulm's losing streak reached five games Tuesday night as the Eagles failed to get their offense into gear.

Fairmont never relinquished its lead in the second half and outlasted New Ulm 58-53 in a slow-paced defensive grudge match.

"It was a good defensive effort," Fairmont head coach Ray Hassing said. "We had to come ready to play and we did. New Ulm is a quality team and we are thankful to come in and get the win."

With the victory the Cardinals push their undefeated conference record to 4-0.

New Ulm started the game shooting lights out and commanded an early 9-3 advantage. But Fairmont knocked down a pair of 3-pointers to deadlock the score at 9-9.

The Eagles quickly regained the lead thanks to Brett Gieseke's second 3-point basket of the game and then later stretched their edge to 16-11 with just under 10 minutes to play in the first frame.

The score see-sawed back and forth for the remainder of the half as the two teams

exchanged one-point leads.

Gieseke knocked down two free throws with 27 seconds left to give New Ulm the 22-21 lead but seconds later Fairmont's Kevin Hanson rolled in a left-handed lay-up under the hoop to send the Cardinals into half with the slim 23-22 lead.

Gieseke scored 10 points for the Eagles in the first half.

"The 22 points doesn't shock me too much," New Ulm coach Shane Heidersheidt said. "They played pretty good defense and contested a lot of our shots. We may have only scored 22 points in the first half but we only gave up 23 points."

"The score didn't surprise me at all because I know that we play good defense," Hassing said.

After not scoring in the first half, Fairmont senior Joey Fitzgerald scored seven of the Cardinals' first nine points to open the second half.

Fitzgerald's layup at the 15-minute mark opened up a nine-point margin for Fairmont at 32-23.

New Ulm kept the game close and drew within three after a Justin Brethorst lay-up and a free throw from KT Farasyn with 5:46 to play.

But the Cardinals immediately answered with seven straight points for their largest lead of the game at 49-39.

The closest the Eagles got after that was three points and Fairmont hit enough of their free throws down the stretch to hang on for the 58-53 road win.

The Eagles struggled with foul trouble the entire game and two of their starters, Michael Huber and Kevin Clancy, both fouled out.

"Foul trouble cost us again," Heiderscheidt said. "We need to do a better job initiating contact and getting to the line ourselves. We were standing around a little too much tonight and that is just not us."

After winning three of their first five games, New Ulm has now dropped five straight.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm's Justin Brethorst attempts a lay up after getting past Fairmont's Logan Peyman during the second half Tuesday at NUHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

"We need to hit some shots in order to start winning games," Heiderscheidt said. "We had a five minute stretch where we didn't hit a single bucket tonight."

Nate Folkens led the Eagles with 14 points off the bench.

"Nate's a hustler and we have been working on his shot so that was definitely good to see," Heiderscheidt said.

Gieseke finished with 12 points and Brethorst added 11. Zach Quiring contributed six assists for New Ulm.

Max Waletich had a game-high 15 points for the Cardinals. Fitzgerald and Brandon Splinter also finished in double figures with 12 and 11 points respectively for Fairmont.

***FAIRMONT (58)***

***Splinter 11, Fitzgerald 12, Peymann 5, Waletich 15, Hanson 5, Heinrich 4, Hawkins 5, Roggow 0.***

***NEW ULM (53)***

***Brethorst 11, Gieseke 12, Quiring 3, Clancy 2, Huber 5, Curry 5, Farasyn 1, Folkens 14.***

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# Rising High

## Marshall earns 68-54 wire-to-wire win over New Ulm

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*Note basketball box score reported by Marshall Independent*



**Photo by Matt Dahlseid**

Marshall's James Petrich (45) jumps up in the lane to pass the ball to the wing while being defended by New Ulm's Michael Huber (50) and Zach Quiring (24) during Monday's game at Marshall High School.

MARSHALL - The Marshall boys basketball team stretched its winning streak to six Tuesday night after defeating New Ulm 68-54 in a game in which the Tigers never trailed.

The Tigers (7-1) came out scrapping on defense right away, forcing New Ulm (3-7) into turnovers and getting points in transition. A layup by Marshall's Caleb Johnson gave Marshall a 19-8 lead four minutes into the contest and the Tigers kept applying the pressure.

"I was very happy with how we started the game," Marshall head coach Tom Critchley, Jr. said. "We backed off the rah-rah speeches and kind of let the players figure things out themselves and I was very proud of the seniors and the other kids for making sure we got off to a strong start."

Marshall went into the half with a comfortable 43-26 lead, but came out to start the second half a little sluggish.

New Ulm came out on a 9-3 run and cut the lead to single digits at 46-37 following a layup by Michael Huber.

Critchley said he was a little disappointed with how his players came out to start the half, but said that's to be expected with a young team.

"I think we still need to play a whole basketball game," he said. "We have spurts where we're either good offensively or defensively, but we're still young and we have some times where we take some possessions off, which eventually will catch up with you."

Marshall responded with an 8-0 run of its own to push its lead up to 54-37 and the outcome of the game was never in question from that point on as the Tigers cruised to the 14-point win.

Marshall used a balanced scoring attack to take down the Eagles, with five players scoring in double figures.

Ben Sanders led the way for the Tigers with 13 points, while James Petrich had 12 and Johnson, Skyler Stensrud and Andrew Mathiowetz each finished with 10.

"We did a very good job of sharing the ball," Critchley said. "I think a lot of the time that's one of our strengths, but at times I think it's a weakness because we can get too unselfish. We have some good shooters who need to pull the trigger a little more often, which we saw tonight and they helped us get that energy going on both ends of the floor."

### **New Ulm (54)**

Erik Curry 1 0-0 2, Justin Brethorst 2 0-0 5, Elliot Backer 1 0-0 2, Brett Gieseke 1 0-0 2, Zach Quiring 8 0-0 18, Jackson Ahlness 1 0-0 2, KT Farasyn 1 0-0 2, Kevin Clancy 6 0-0 12, Michael Huber 2 0-0 4. Totals 24 2-3 54.

**Three-pointers 4 (Quiring 2) Rebounds 28 (Brethorst 6, Quiring 6) Assists 22 (Brethorst 6) Steals 7 (Brethorst 4) Blocks 1 Turnovers 24 Total Fouls 12.**

### **Marshall (68)**

Collin Hoover 1 0-0 2, Ben Sanders 6 1-1 13, Caleb Johnson 4 2-2 10, Beau Bofferding 2 1-2 5, Skyler Stensrud 4 0-0 10, Austin Saugstad 3 0-0 6, Lucas Smidt 0 0-1 0, Andrew Mathiowetz 4 0-1 10, James Petrich 6 0-0 12. Totals 30 4-7 68.

Three-pointers 4 (Stensrud, Mathiowetz 2) Rebounds 29 (Johnson 7) Assists 21 (Hoover 5) Steals 17 (Johnson 4) Blocks 2  
Turnovers 20 Total Fouls 11.

Halftime Score Marshall 43, New Ulm 26

## **Marshall 68, New Ulm 54**

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MARSHALL - Marshall's Ben Sanders scored 13 points as the Tigers defeated New Ulm in nonconference boys basketball action Tuesday.

Zach Quiring led New Ulm with 18 points and Kevin Clancy scored 12 for the Eagles.

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## **Jim Bastian Column**

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: January 2, 2010*

**EAGLES DROP TWO IN WINDOM:** Eagle boy's basketball coach Shane Heiderscheidt was not happy with his team's performance in the Windom Holiday Tournament where they dropped games to Martin County West and Fulda.

"We played pretty good defense in the first game (58-49 loss to MCW) but we shot only 10-for-24 from the free throw line. We usually shoot 85 percent from there. And we were only 5-for-19 from the 3-point line and that cost us that game."

He said that his team did not play defense at all in a 78-56 loss to Fulda.

"We need to work on our defense in practice," Heiderscheidt said. "Losing both games in the tournament surprised me, especially losing that first game. I felt that we should have been in the championship game. We just did not play well. Brett Gieseke, our starting point guard, was sick and did not play in the second game."

Heiderscheidt said that he puts no stock in Holiday Tournaments.

"I do not like them at all. I don't like tournaments around Christmas time," he said. "I don't mind tip-off tournaments to start the season."

He said that his team needs to work on defense and improve on that.

"And we also need to find a way to win," Heiderscheidt added. "We are trying to learn to win. When we get down, we need to be patient on offense and not me-me basketball. We will have some fire on Tuesday in Marshall. I think that the kids have had a lot of people patting them on the back for the wins. But we still need to work hard."

## **New Ulm boys fall at Windom**

*POSTED: December 30, 2009*

**WINDOM** - The New Ulm boys lost in the first round of the Windom Tournament Tuesday.

The boys fell to Martin County West 58-49. The Eagles held a 20-19 lead at the half but shot just 10-of-21 from the free throw line for the game.

Zach Quiring led New Ulm with 18 points. Justin Brethorst scored 15 points and had four 3-pointers to lead the Eagles.

MCW was led by Conner Grupe with 20 points and Mitch Olson scored 17.

New Ulm plays Fulda in the consolation game.

## **Tigers top New Ulm**

By Jonas Leyrer, Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: December 23, 2009*

**NEW ULM** - For the all the effort on the court Tuesday night, neither the New Ulm Eagles nor the Hutchinson Tigers could break free from the other in the first half.

But in the latter part of the game, Hutchinson mounted a strong offense and defense that put it past New Ulm 72- 54.

The game went back and forth for the first half as both teams vied for the lead with their slowing building scores.

The lead had switched more than 10 times within the first 13 minutes of the game. With 11 minutes left in the game, the two teams stood tied at 15-15.

Both began having trouble finding the basket and over the next six and a half minutes the two teams scored a combined total of 13 points.

New Ulm took a 24-22 lead off a 3-pointer by Elliot Backer with three minutes left in the first half.



**Staff photo by Mary Roufs**  
New Ulm's Elliot Backer shoots over a Hutchinson defender during the first half of the game on Tuesday night in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

Hutchinson then went on a run and the half closed out with the Tigers leading 30-24.

The beginning of the second half looked much like the first. New Ulm played hard and trailed 36-33 with 14:24 left in the game.

But the Eagles began to feel the pressure of an incredibly intense Tigers defense. Hutchinson went on another run that put 13 unanswered points on the board and that seemed to put the game out of reach for the Eagles.

"We kinda had a mental lapse there for three or four minute stretch," coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "And you can't do that against a good team."

The Eagles managed to break free from the Tigers' defense near the end of the game and come up with a few more points.

Brett Gieseke hit consecutive 3-point shots, that brought New Ulm out of a scoring slump.

Though Hutchinson still held a strong lead, New Ulm went down fighting as Jackson Ahlness made a buzzer shot to put a couple more points on the board

"These guys are in the process of learning to win," Heiderscheidt said. "Once we get it down we're gonna be a tough team to stop. I have no doubt of that in my mind. We have the athletes to do it."

For Hutchinson, Adam Hjelter had 15 points while Trent Kucera scored 14 points, including five free throws and two 3-pointers.

Zach Quiring scored 18 points for the Eagles, while Gieseke scored 13 points and Justin Brethorst scored 12 points.

## Eagles boys top Chargers

*POSTED: December 19, 2009*

By Michael Gassett  
Journal Sports Writer

(Incorrect photo posted to NUJ website)

NEW ULM - No one ever said winning had to be pretty.

Some parts of Friday's New Ulm boys basketball battle with Dassel-Cokato were downright ugly.

But that doesn't much matter as the Eagles came away with the 61-50 victory in nonconference action.

"That is just typical New Ulm basketball," New Ulm coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "We like to get up and down the floor and we might have more turnovers than anybody else that we are playing because we just don't have the size to slow it down.

"Our turnovers might be high but we will take that chance because our quickness will keep us in most of our games."

The Eagles led for nearly the entire game - except for the first two points scored by the Chargers - but that lead never felt safe.

New Ulm led by as much as six with six minutes to play in the first half before DC tied it up at 21 with 1:33 to play.

A 3-pointer by K.T. Farasyn and a basket by Nate Folkens gave New Ulm a 26-21 lead at the break.

The Eagles built that lead to 36-27 on a Folkens basket with 13:40 left in the game. They kept their distance and made it 51-40 with just under five minutes to play on a Zach Quiring basket.

Then things got a little interesting. Three straight baskets by the Chargers cut the lead to 51-46 with 2:12 to play forcing Heiderscheidt to call a time out.

DC never got closer as the Chargers had to resort to fouling the rest of the game and the Eagles went a perfect 10-for-10 from the line in the final two minutes to seal the win.

"We work on a lot of free throws in practice," Heiderscheidt said. "I told them if they want to win games in the end they have to be a good free throw shooting team. We like to attack the basket and going to the line is easy points."

New Ulm was 24-for-30 for the game.

DC was led by Douglas Potter with 17 points and Brett Smith scored 10 points. Mark Nowak added eight.

New Ulm was led by Quiring with 20 points. Brett Gieseke scored nine points, all of which came from the line. Folkens added nine points off the bench.

"Nate's defense is what sparks us," Heiderscheidt said. "I see that during the game when we are a little sluggish I will bring him in and his defense gets us going."

New Ulm is now 3-3 on the season and that equals the win total of last year's team.

"It means that the hard work that they've been doing has paid off," said Heiderscheidt, whose team hosts Hutchinson Tuesday. "This group of guys work hard every day and play hard every night. We had to change the attitude around here and make it more of a 'team' and not a 'me.' They are starting to buy into it and good things are going to happen to them."

## Eagle boys knock off Blue Jays

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - New Ulm Eagles boys basketball coach Shane Heiderscheidt didn't show film to the team at Wednesday's practice to get their opinion of Academy Award nominees.

It was to show the team the mistakes they made in frittering away a 14-point lead against Glencoe-Silver Lake on Tuesday night that contributed to a loss.

Thursday night, the Eagles held a 16-point lead against the Waseca Blue Jays and didn't let them get any closer than 10 in a 60-48 South Central Conference win.

It was the second win in a row for the Eagles and brought them to within one victory of their total wins last season.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello  
New Ulm's Brett Gieseke (14) takes a 3-point shot during the first half against Waseca Thursday at NUHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.co>

"It's a team game with us," Heiderscheidt said. "We went stretches where we took some bad shots, but we played good defense. We watched film and we had to shore up our rebounding and we did pretty well. And, you see what happens when you run the offense."

The teams started off quickly offensively, with the Eagles jumping to leads of 7-3 and 11-5 behind the 3-point shooting of Brett Gieseke and Elliot Backer. But a couple more 3-point attempts failed, and Waseca was soon tied with New Ulm at 11-11.

The tone of the game was then set as the Eagles went on a 17-2 run, scoring 10 in a row behind a 3 from Andrew Wendinger, a steal and hoop by Erik Curry and buckets by KT Farasyn and Michael Huber.

Up 21-13, Gieseke launched another one from downtown and Zach Quiring got warmed up with four in a row from the free throw line, a spot he would become more familiar with late in the game.

The Eagles closed out the half by taking advantage of two Blue Jay turnovers and entered halftime with a 39-23 lead. Waseca cut the lead to 12 at 43-31, but shots from Curry and Backer restored the Eagles margin to 16 points.

With 4:30 left in the game, a 3 by the Blue Jays Wil Pfeiffer gave the Waseca fans hope by shaving the New Ulm lead to 53-41. The Eagles then watched as Waseca missed a 3-point attempt and four free throws in a row. At the 3-minute mark, New Ulm started milking the clock and the Blue Jays didn't foul anyone for 59 seconds, when they fouled Quiring.

Quiring hit one of two, was fouled again, hit two and then watched as Nick Hanson hit a 3 for the Blue Jays and cut the New Ulm lead to 56-46 with 50.7 remaining.

But Waseca missed two more 3s and sent Quiring to the line two more times, resulting in four points and the eventual 60-48 win.

Quiring led the Eagles with 19 points, while Gieseke had 11 and Huber had seven points and 13 rebounds. The only Blue Jay in double figures was Hanson with 19.

New Ulm is now 2-3 overall, but 2-0 in the conference and will go for a .500 record tonight at home against Dassel-Cokato at 7:30 p.m.

The New Ulm B squad won 55-48.



Staff photo by Mary Roufs  
New Ulm's Michael Huber (50) shoots over  
Glencoe-Silver Lake's Matt Ober during the  
non-conference game in New Ulm on Tuesday  
night. For more photos of this event, go to

## Eagle boys fall to Panthers

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: December 16, 2009*

NEW ULM - Sometimes old habits are hard to break.

After playing a solid first half against a taller Glencoe-Silver Lake team, the New Ulm Eagle boy's basketball team had an ill-timed flashback to last season.

The Eagles saw GSL score 10 straight points to open the second half and the Panthers used that to come away with a 63-56 win over the Eagles Tuesday night in non-conference boy's basketball.

Zach Quiring led the Eagles (1-0, 1-3) with a game-high 16 points. Justin Brethorst and Kevin Clancy each added 11 points.

Kaine Dummer led the Panthers (1-0) with 14 points. Kyler Anderson and Matt Ober each contributed 13 points.

"We played well in the first half," Eagles coach Shane Heiderscheidt said. "But you cannot come out in the second half and be flat-footed, we let them take over the game in the second half."

The first 18 minutes saw New Ulm take a 9-6 lead on a 3 from Brett Gieseke and keep the lead against a team that had a 6-foot-8 and 6-foot-6 player on the floor against a smaller New Ulm squad.

After GSL knotted the game at 11-11, the Eagles went on an 11-0 run to take a 22-11 lead. K.T. Farasyn's 3 started the spurt that ended when Brethorst canned a jumper.

New Ulm increased its lead to 26-12 after Michael Huber blocked a Panther shot and then scored off of a feed from Quiring on the other end of the court.

"We moved the ball well on offense in that first half," Heiderscheidt said. "We got a lot of easy looks at the basket."

But GSL managed to cut into that lead before the Eagles scored on baskets from Brethorst and Huber for a slim 32-25 halftime lead.

Then, the bad habits returned.

"We went back to the old New Ulm-style basketball," Heiderscheidt said. "We went back to the one-pass, one-shot style. I think that maybe the kids were over-confident being up at halftime - we thought that we were going to take care of this team. But that is not the way it works. We need to be disciplined."

GSL held slim leads early in the second half thanks in large part to an Eagle team that made only four of their first 14 shots from the field.

The Eagles took their last lead of the game at 41-39 with 11:40 left in the game on a Quiring bucket before falling behind 47-44.

Three free throws from Quiring with just over four minutes left in the game pulled the Eagles to within 51-49 and two more charity shots courtesy of Quiring saw the Eagles still down by two points at 53-51 with less than three minutes left.

"We had no energy what-so-ever in that second half," Heiderscheidt said. "GSL did switch up their defense at us [in the second half]. They threw a junk zone defense at us and that kind of threw us off."

"When you play against teams that are big down low like that, we needed to get some outside shots to get them out of that and we could not," Heiderscheidt said.

New Ulm was six of 17 from the field in the second half. New Ulm won the "B" game 53-43.

GSL .....25-38 - 63

NEW ULM .. 32-24 - 56

GSL (63): Dummer 14, Ober 13, Anderson 13, Schiroo 10, Zajicek 6, Ahlfs 2, Maass 2, D, Eckhoff 2, P. Eckhoff 1.

NEW ULM (56): Quiring 16, Brethorst 11, Clancy 11, Gieseke 6, Farasyn 6, Rykhus 4, Backer 2.

## **GSL boys rally to win opener**

***POSTED GLENCOE NEWS, Dec 17, 2009***

Senior Kaine Dummer scored 11 of his team-high 14 points in the second half, helping balanced Glencoe-Silver Lake turn a seven-point halftime deficit into a 63-56 victory at New Ulm last Tuesday.

For the Panthers, late starters after yet another 14-game football season at GSL, the Dec. 15 date marked the opening game on their schedule. For New Ulm, which returned four starters from last year's 3-21 team, the loss was its third in four outings thus far.

The Panthers do not play their second game until the opening round of the GSL Panther Booster Club Holiday Tournament, slated for 8 p.m. Dec. 28 against Breck.

GSL head coach Don Tangen said he was "encouraged" by his players' initial performance.

Indeed, the Panthers kept their poise after falling behind by as many as 12 points (24-12) in the first half. A 13-8 surge got GSL to intermission trailing by only 32-25, and then Dummer - a recipient of honorable mention on last year's All-Wright County Conference team - set the tempo for the second half by quickly stealing the ball and setting up a quick-strike Panther basket.

For the second half, GSL would outrebound New Ulm, 23-11, and outshoot the Eagles, 47 percent (16 of 34) to 25 percent (8 of 32).

In addition to Dummer, Kyler Anderson and center Matt Ober tallied 13 points apiece, while Tyler Schiroo added 10.

## **New Ulm 68, St. James 57**

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ST. JAMES - New Ulm defeated St. James in South Central Conference action. No stats were reported.

## **NU boys pick up first win**

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

*POSTED: December 13, 2009*

NEW ULM - First year New Ulm High School boy's basketball coach Shane Heiderscheidt said that the key to the Eagles' 68-57 win over St. James Friday night was the play of the New Ulm defense.

"That is what I have been pushing all year," he said. "We have to play solid defense in order to win."

He said that he will spend 75 percent of a practice on defense each day.

"The offense will come off of our defense - we want to get out and go and get transition baskets," he said. "So our defense initiates our offense."

Heiderscheidt said that he has seen steady improvement from his team in the first three games. "They are still working," he said. "Our first two games, we did not have our full team due to suspensions [missing five players]. Now with them back it is like starting over trying to find the right mixture of players to rotate in and out. The guys that played the first two games because of the suspensions I thought can compete in the [South Central] Conference. Bringing back those five players just gives us more strength for our team and more depth."

He said that this year's team is determined and their goal is to win the conference title. But the Eagles need to be disciplined in their offense.

"They still want to get one pass and try to take the ball to the basket," he said. "I am trying to get them away from that. If you are in a tight game and you need a basket at the end and you need to run the clock down, you have to be disciplined in your offense. Three games in - I am very pleased with the effort."

He said that in the loss to Mankato East, his team was down by 13 points and came back to cut the lead to four points.

"Their bench just really hurt us then," he said. "We did not have the depth then."



Heiderscheidt said that the team likes the fast-pace offense that he runs.

"We push the ball up the floor and defensively, we want to get in your face," he said. "They have accepted it well." He added that the team still needs to keep being disciplined in their offense and they need to learn to make the right decisions.

"There are times to be selfish and there are times to be unselfish," Heiderscheidt said. "I think that we can compete for the conference title - I believe that 100 percent. I have a good group of kids. I can go 12-to-14 deep this year. If we could have had more depth in the Mankato game, we could have won. It would have been a different story with a full team."

## **Mankato East boys 79, New Ulm 60**

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MANKATO - Mankato East defeated New Ulm 79-60 in nonconference boys basketball action Thursday.

Justin Brethorst scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Eagles. Brett Gieseke scored 14 points, Kevin Clancy had eight and K.T. Farsyn added seven.

## **Eagle boys look to improve**



By Dustin Briggs, Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - When most of us were at home recovering from a food coma the morning after Thanksgiving, the New Ulm boys basketball team was sprinting up and down the court at practice.

Just by walking in the gymnasium one could sense a feeling of determination coming from the group and their new coach Shane Heiderscheidt. This attitude can most likely be a consequence of the previous season's record of 3-21.

This season the player's numbers show more experience. Elliot Backer, Justin Brethorst, Brett Gieseke, Erik Curry, Taylor Drahota, Zach Quiring, and Drew Dauer are all returning seniors who are serious about establishing themselves as a threat to the other teams in the South Central Conference.

Quiring led the team in points per game last season with 16.8. Brethorst had the second-most with 8.2 ppg, and Gieseke was fourth with 4.9 ppg. Three of the four top scorers are all returning and are all expecting to have even better numbers this season.

"We seem to be working together better and working harder," Gieseke said. "We can see that we have to consistently work together if we expect to win."

Gieseke said the team needs to work on the overall scoring, spreading out the ball handling, toning down the speed to find a better concentration, work together as a team, and get the conference title."

After some changes in the program, the team is now led by Heiderscheidt, the former girls basketball coach at Sleepy Eye High School.

Heiderscheidt is very excited and positive about the Eagles' chances of doing well this season.

"These guys are here to work and prove that they belong," he said. "I like the intensity I have seen and I am confident that they are going to surprise some teams."

Heiderscheidt's overall impression of the team is that the group is "willing to work hard and determined to prove people wrong. They are strong kids working hard on the court and the weight room."

He has a realistic level headed approach to coaching basketball. His coaching discipline plan is self described as hard-nosed and he expects them to follow the set rules.

Gieseke isn't letting any of the changes break his focus.

"It was rough going through three coaches but we realize if we want to be successful we have to get it out of our mind."

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## Heidersheidt is new boys basketball coach

By Jim Bastian—Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - He was supposed to be the assistant head boy's basketball coach this season for New Ulm High School.

But because of events in the last week, he is now the head coach.

Shane Heiderscheidt has agreed to take over the position that was vacated by the unexpected resignation of Kory Kettner from that spot last week.

New Ulm High School Activities Director Steve Worm said, "under the circumstances we are pleased that someone was available with the qualifications that Shane brings. He has been a head basketball coach for 10 years. He comes from the girl's side of basketball where he was the head coach at Sleepy Eye High School. He had originally shown interest in being our head girl's basketball coach. We had already hired a girl's coach so I asked him if he would be interested in helping to rebuild our boy's program and he said that he would be happy to help do that."

Heiderscheidt, who played college basketball at both Ridgewater College and Mount Senario, said that he is excited about the position.

"Considering the circumstances it is hard because Kory is a friend," he said. "I was not at the meetings that he had with NUBBA (New Ulm Basketball Association) when he decided that he was not going to be the head coach."

Heiderscheidt said that going from a head girl's basketball position to a boy's head coach will be a transition.

"With guys you can coach more strategy," he said. "Some of the guys that I have seen at New Ulm are putting a lot of time in. You are not going back to the basics. I coached the New Ulm JV in the Sleepy Eye League this summer. I thought that the kids worked well together and were pretty motivated - we got some younger kids who are gym rats."

Heiderscheidt said that he wants his team to be a tough-nose defensive team.

"I looked at some of the scores from last year and they were giving up between 75-80 points a game - that cannot happen," he said. "One of our goals is to only allow 50 points a game. You have a pretty good chance of winning if you do that."

Worm said that he hopes that all of the kids will give Shane every opportunity.

"I hope that they will all come out as they had planned before," Worm said. "We will go from there."

Worm said that he is working on finding an assistant coach for Heiderscheidt

## Kettner, NUBA President respond to resigning

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer



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NEW ULM - Kory Kettner, who resigned as the New Ulm Eagle boy's basketball coach on Monday, less than four weeks before high school basketball practice starts, said that "it would not be possible to build the program the way that I thought that it should be done" as one of his reasons for stepping down.

Kettner, who played college basketball at Minnesota State-Mankato, was the head coach of the Nicollet Raiders' boy's team and was also a radio analyst for Minnesota State-Mankato men's basketball, added that "as a head coach, you have to be able to do it [build the program] the way that you want to do it."

Kettner, who had brought a new enthusiasm to the program in a short while, said that there were a number of things that made him decide to resign.

"But the thing that put it over the top was an e-mail that Steve [Worm, New Ulm High School Activities Director] received saying something about the state of New Ulm Basketball. NUBA [New Ulm Basketball Association] had a sign-up on a Saturday not too long ago and I did not attend it - I did not know anything about it.

"As a head coach it is important to be able to work with the younger kids and be able to turn the kids on to the game of basketball and make it fun for them," Kettner said. "I think that there are philosophical differences between NUBA and what my philosophy is."

Kettner thought that the e-mailer was trying in a round-about way to cause some problems.

"This is something that I do not want to fight," he said. "I do not have time to deal with this kind of stuff and as a head coach, I do not get paid enough. Coaches salaries - you are not compensated very well."

He added that he felt that the high school basketball program cannot be turned around with the philosophies that NUBA has.

Kettner said that there are players who are dropping out of the basketball program even before they get up to the varsity level.

"There is one common thread with that program through the years and that is that they have not been very successful at the high school varsity level," he said. "In my opinion, the school the size of New Ulm should be more successful. The high school coaches have changed, the players have changed and yet the results are what they are. You can't even argue it."

Kettner did say that he feels that there are a lot of good people on the NUBA board that really have the kids best interest at heart.

"Unfortunately I do not feel that it is all of them," he said. "I think that there is maybe one or two of them that feel that they should run one way and that is kind of the way that it has been run. They are placing too much emphasis on winning at the youth level and not letting all of the kids getting on the floor and getting to play."

After Kettner was hired, he said that he attended a NUBA meeting just wanting to kind of feel them out and see what their philosophies were as far as playing time with the kids and how they were running their program.

"I stated my feelings about how all of the kids in the program should be playing," Kettner said. "I came away from the meeting with the feelings that they [NUBA] were not going to change so I was going to start a new elementary program on Saturday morning with which the varsity players at NUHS would help out a little bit - get the kids in the gym and get them excited about basketball. But I just felt that after that e-mail that it was just not going to work."

Kettner said that part of the e-mail "was about why we did not have a seventh grade (basketball) coach hired yet. The season was still six weeks away and the reason that there was not a 7th grade coach in place was that there was a candidate that had applied and he was working out of state at the time. Mr. Worm and myself wanted to do all of the interviews in one day - everything was under control. The e-mail also said that I was not at the NUBA sign-up which, in all reality, is not that big of a deal. I was going to try and do my own thing because of the differences."

Kettner still believes that there can be some really good things done in New Ulm.

"I would have never taken the job originally if I did not believe that way," he said.

Kettner said again that NUBA can be a very good thing.

"There are some people there that have the right intentions," he said. "They just need to step back and take a look at their philosophy and see where they can make some changes. NUHS has ran through so many varsity basketball coaches over there and they have not won."

Kettner did add that Steve Worm has supported him 100 percent and has always been positive with him.

#### **NUBA President responds**

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer  
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NEW ULM - New Ulm Basketball Association President Noel Phifer said that he met with Kory Kettner once, on June 24th, and really liked him as a coach and is disappointed that Kettner resigned as New Ulm High School boy's basketball coach.

"I think that he was going to be a positive for the program and I am sorry to see that he has resigned," Phifer said. "Personally, I feel bad for what has happened. I hope that a new coach gets put in place quickly so that they can have a successful season. I have heard that that is exactly what the school is attempting to do. I hope that they get that accomplished."

Phifer said that he is going to meet with some parents today (Saturday).

"We will be discussing some of the issues to see if we can sort some of this out," he said. "But in terms of the philosophy issue all that I can say is that I do not know exactly what Kory thought our philosophy or where he gets it from. I know that he attended a meeting and we had some discussion about the NUBA philosophy."

In a newsletter from NUBA for the 2009-10 registration, it states that "many hours have been spent discussing how to best organize a basketball program and have resulted in some changes in the areas of tournament participation, volunteer requirements and fee structures."

"Traveling tournament teams maybe be available for 4th-6th grade. Participation in tournaments will be based on attendance, attitude, effort and participation at practices. All players will have the opportunity to go to out of town tournaments."

Phifer said that he heard just recently about Kettner's plan to start a separate Saturday morning basketball program not involving NUBA.

As far as playing to win and not letting everyone play, Phifer said that is not true.

"On a team that my son played on last year, everyone was on the tournament team so when I hear the comment that NUBA is just all about winning, that is not my experience with NUBA.

"I was very optimistic with Kory being head coach, I want the kids to have a good basketball season and anything that I can do to help I will."

#### **Kettner steps down**

By Jim Bastian, Journal Sports Writer  
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NEW ULM - Kory Kettner, who was hired in June to be the New Ulm High School boy's basketball head coach, resigned from that position on Monday.

"I am very disappointed that we have lost Kory," said New Ulm Activities Director Steve Worm who hired him. "We have lost a real plus to the district and it was an opportunity to turn our boy's basketball program around."

"But with the reasons that he cited to me I understand completely his decision," added Worm. "He felt as if there were too many obstacles in his way that would not allow him to build his program. He said that he did not want to start something that he could not finish. He said that he felt that there were too many roadblocks in the way."

Worm said that himself along with the players were excited about having Kory here.

"He would have been a very positive influence - he brought with him a good attitude and approach to things along with a winning record in addition to an upbeat, positive approach," Worm said. "I think that the kids, in the brief time they were with him, had bought into that approach."

Worm added that the players that he had spoken to "are very disappointed but they told me that they understand as well."

Kettner could not be reached for comment at press time.