



New Ulm Legion Blue (16U) Baseball for 2010



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roster

| No | Name | Position | HS Grad Year | Schools |
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| 1 | Cody Baumgartner | | | |
| 2 | Ted Mohr | | | |
| 3 | Aaron Wendinger | | | |
| 4 | Cole Cihak | | | |
| 5 | Scott Maages | | | |
| 6 | Matt Linscheid | | | |
| 7 | McKenzie Reinarts | | | |
| 8 | Jordan Lilleodden | | | |
| 9 | Matt Bergmann | | | |
| 10 | Collin Clyne | | | |
| 11 | Nate Roeder | | | |
| 12 | Dan Blackstad | | | |
| 13 | Erik curry | | | |
| 14 | Brandon Johnson | | | |
| 15 | Michael Schlottman | | | |
| 16 | Shane Traulich | | | |
| 17 | Jordan Schneider | | | |
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Mankato beats NU Legion Blue

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NEW ULM - Mankato exploded for two, three-run innings and took advantage of four New Ulm Blue errors as Post 11 cruised by Blue 9-1 Monday night in a South Central Legion game.

Ray Teachout got the win for Post 11 allowing just four hits while striking out 11.

Dan Blackstad took the loss for New Ulm going three innings and permitting five runs on six hits.

Mitch Kleist had three hits for Mankato including a triple while Adam Geiger and Jesse Munsterman each added two. Ryan Wil-laert drove in three runs two coming on a two run triple in the third inning.

Jordan Lilleodden had two of New Ulm's four hits and drove in the lone run for New Ulm Blue.

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Blue picks up win

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MANKATO - New Ulm Legion Blue defeated the Mankato Americans 16-6 in 6 innings at the Mankato American Legion Tournament Friday.

Dan Blackstad earned the win. He pitched five innings and gave up five runs and struck out five.

Cole Cihak was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Jordan Lilleodden was 3-for-4 with a double. Erik Curry, Shane Traulich, Aaron Wenninger and Brad Portner all had two hits with Portner adding three RBIs.

New Ulm's second game was postponed due to rain with New Ulm ahead 6-2 in the bottom of the fourth inning. It will resume at 8 a.m. today.



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NU Blue drops two games

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MANKATO - New Ulm Legion Blue dropped both games at the Mullvihill Tournament in Mankato Saturday.

New Ulm Blue fell to Kasson 9-3 in a continuation of a game that was postponed due to bad weather on Friday night.

The game resumed in the fourth inning. Ted Mohr took the loss as he pitched three innings and allowed six runs on five hits. Erik Curry was 2-for-4 with a double and triple.

Against Prior Lake, Aaron Wenninger took the loss. He went 2 1/3 innings and allowed seven runs on seven hits. He also was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Brandon Johnson had a two-run home run and Jordan Schneider added a homer.

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Legion Blue defeats Austin

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MANKATO—New Ulm Legion Blue defeated Austin 8-4 to take fifth place in Mankato Mulvillie Tourney on Sunday.

Winning pitcher was Michael Schlottman, who went 7 innings, giving up four runs on four hits and throwing three strikeouts.

New Ulm hitters included Jordan Lilleodden, 2-for-3; one triple, two RBIs; Shane Traulich, 2-for-4, two steals and two runs scored.

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New Ulm Blue knocks off Mankato American Errors, stranded runners make for a rough night

POSTED June 28, 2010 Mankato Free Press

By Jim Rueda Free Press Sports Editor

MANKATO — A porous defense combined with 10 runners stranded on base was too much to overcome for the Mankato American Post 11 Legion baseball team on Monday. The result was a 9-3 loss to New Ulm Blue at Franklin Rogers Park.

“I told the players after the game they have to come ready to play,” Mankato coach Ben Smith said after his team committed seven errors. “You have to show up and focus on all facets.”

Smith said it was not the first game the defense has been spotty for Mankato.

“It’s been up and down all season,” he said. “(Starting pitcher) Griffan (Kozitza) deserved better than he showed tonight. We didn’t give him much support.”

For five innings it was a close ball game. Kozitza allowed just one hit and two unearned runs over that span.

His counterpart, Nate Roeder, was also sharp, allowing one earned run on eight hits as the teams were tied 2-2 going into the sixth.

That’s when things began to unravel for Mankato.

After Aaron Wenninger flew out to lead off the inning, New Ulm got a single from Jordan Lilleodden, consecutive doubles by Brandon Johnson and Shane Traulich and another base hit by Dan Blackstad.

The four hits, combined with an infield throwing error and an RBI-grounder, resulted in a four-run rally and a 6-2 New Ulm lead. The visitors put the game away with a three-run seventh. Two more Mankato errors, along with a double by Lilleodden and a run-scoring single by Traulich highlighted the rally.

Mankato answered with a run off reliever Wenninger in the seventh, but could get no closer. Traulich led the New Ulm attack, going 2 for 4 with three RBIs.

“I came in swinging the bat with confidence,” Traulich said. “I had a couple of hits off Mankato (on Friday) and I had a few more hits in our last game, too.

“Nate pitched a great game for us, throwing a nice fastball and mixing in his curve. We made a couple of mistakes on defense but otherwise we played a pretty good game.”

Lilleodden also had two hits and drove in two runs for New Ulm. Zach Woodside, Tyler Swanson and Kozitza had two hits apiece for Mankato.

The win evens New Ulm’s record at 3-3. Mankato is back in action Wednesday with a game at New Ulm Gold and then returns home for a 5:30 p.m. doubleheader with Mankato National on Thursday at Franklin Rogers Park.

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Blue bounces back

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By Michael Gassett — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Brad Portner started Monday's game with Sleepy Eye on the New Ulm Legion Blue bench.

He ended up being the hero.

With one out and bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, Portner hit a slow roller just out of reach of the Sleepy Eye second baseman and just enough to score Brandon Johnson from third.

That gave Blue a 6-5 win in Legion baseball action at Johnson Park.

"It felt good," Portner said. "I just went up there relaxed and got it done."

Jordan Lilleodden started the late-inning rally when he led off the bottom of the seventh with a triple to right.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Blue's Brandon Johnson slides safely into third as Sleepy Eye third baseman Branden Streich catches the ball Monday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Sleepy Eye coach Bruce Woitas called a timeout to talk to his team and Landon Zinniel proceeded to intentionally walk Johnson and Shane Traulich to load the bases and set up a force out at any base.

It worked at first as Dan Blackstad grounded to the third baseman, who promptly threw out Lilleodden at home for the first out of the inning.

But that set up Portner's heroics.

"That was amazing seeing Jordan run the bases, he is so fast," Portner said. "I just thought that if I got up, all I needed was one little hit and it worked."

After Sleepy Eye opened the game with a run in the first, Blue led for the majority of the final six innings.

New Ulm posted three runs on the board in the second and two more in the fifth to go up 5-2.

But Sleepy Eye rallied back with two runs in the bottom of the sixth as Caleb Hillesheim singled and scored on Jon Sellner's single to right.

Matt Helget drove in Sellner to cut New Ulm's lead to 5-4.

Sleepy Eye tied it in the top of the seventh when Craig Fischer, after falling behind 0-2, walked to lead the inning. Nathan Kral then drove him in with a single to center to tie the game at five.

Blue was able to end it in the seventh to improve to 5-6 on the season.

Both New Ulm Blue and Sleepy Eye have been struggling as of late.

In the final two games of the Upper Midwest Classic over the weekend, neither team was able to find its offense and both were shut out.

Something had to give Monday night.



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"This felt good," Portner said of scoring runs. "We started scoring more and more, it's just a good boost."

Zinniel took the loss for Sleepy Eye. He pitched the final two innings in relief of Nathan Kral.

Zinniel allowed one run on two hits with two intentional walks.

Kral allowed five runs on five hits with a strikeout and four walks.

Kral was also the big bat for Sleepy Eye going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Fischer scored two runs and Scott Salfer and Matt Helget each had RBIs.

Aaron Wenninger earned the win as he pitched a complete game and allowed five runs on eight hits.

Portner had two RBIs and Blackstad was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Erik Curry also had two hits.

National powers past New Ulm Blue

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Mankato remains perfect in South Central Legion League

By Denny Weller Special to The Free Press

MANKATO — The Mankato National Post 11 baseball team continued its hitting onslaught Thursday at Franklin Rogers Park by pounding out 12 hits in a 12-3 South Central Legion League win over New Ulm Blue.

Adam Athey, Luke Weber and Jack Mages ripped two hits each as National improved to 14-2 overall and 6-0 in SCLL play. Weber smacked a pair of doubles while Athey and Mages drove in two runs apiece. Athey lined a two-run triple into the right-center field gap in the second and Mages had a run-scoring double in the opening frame.

"Everybody came out swinging tonight," Weber said. "We were seeing strikes and driving the ball. I think we're all aggressive and have confidence knowing we want to hit the ball.

"I didn't have the greatest BP (batting practice) session before the game but I saw the ball and hit it in the game. No matter who we play, we come out and play our best and never drop to their level. We are all really close and we all have the same mind-set and that's to win baseball games."

Post 11 starter Derek Quame needed 99 pitches to pick up the complete-game victory. Quame, a right-hander from Mankato East, struck out four and hit a batter in winning a seven-hitter. Blue (5-7, 2-2) got a two-run single from Brad Portner in the fourth inning and a solo homer off the left-field foul pole by Aaron Wenninger an inning later. Shane Traulich led New Ulm with two hits.

"Derek pitched a great game that will help us tremendously for the upcoming weekend," National coach Jamie Mulvihill said. "We've got four games coming up and for him to throw a complete game was huge.

"We struggled offensively the first couple games of the year but we came to life at the Hopkins Tournament and haven't slowed down since. This team is focused and ready to go every game. We don't look at a team as better or worse than us, we just go out and take care of business."

Mankato scored two runs in the bottom of the first after Blue starter Michael Schlottman got the first two outs. Adam Geiger drew a walk and scored on Weber's double before Mages laced a run-scoring double to deep left field. After Athey's two-run triple made it 4-0, Toby Turbes' RBI single and Weber's double helped extend the National cushion to 6-0 after three innings.

Post 11 erupted for five runs in the fifth behind five hits, a walk, an error and two wild pitches. Seth Allan's two-run single was the key hit in the surge while Mages chipped in with a run-scoring base hit up the middle.

"We've been looking for the first pitch we can hit," Mages said. "A lot of people are too conservative up there but we've been swinging at pitches we can hit right away. "We've got so much depth on this team that when someone goes out we bring somebody in just as good. ... Our chemistry is great."



Mankato National Post 11 Legion right-hander Derek Quame tossed a complete-game, seven-hitter in a 12-3 win over New Ulm Blue Thursday at Franklin Rogers Park.



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New Ulm Blue loses at Pierre tourney

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(Ed. Note - This game was not a part of the Pierre tournament even though Blue will play the same team again in a first round contest. Some additional information is provided for Blue's 12-3 loss to Mankato prior to this trip. A Mankato Free Press Article reports that that game on page 8 from a Mankato perspective.

PIERRE, S. D. - New Ulm lost to Valley Springs, S. D. 9-8 in the Pierre tournament Friday in American Legion baseball.

Cody Baumgartner took the loss, pitching one inning and allowing three runs and two hits. He was 2-for-4 at the plate with two runs and McKenzie Reinarts was 2-for-3 for Blue.

On Thursday, Blue lost 12-3 to Mankato National. Michael Schlottman took the loss. He went four innings, giving up seven runs and seven hits. He struck out two. Shane Traulich was 2-for-3 with a double and Aaron Wenninger had a home run.

NUSC Note: Line scores for Mankato National game and first Valley Springs, S. D. tournament game, as furnished by New Ulm Blue:

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Pierre, S. D. 000 401 21 - 9 - 14 - 2

Legion Blue goes 2-2 at Pierre

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PIERRE, S.D. - New Ulm Legion Blue went 2-2 at the Pierre Tournament over the weekend.

Blue beat Valley Springs 11-8 and Huron, S.D. 12-0. It lost to Pierre 9-8 in eight innings and Regina, Saskatchewan 15-10.

Dan Blackstad earned the win against Valley Springs with five strikeouts. Aaron Wenninger threw a complete game two-hitter to beat Huron.

For the tournament, Erik Curry led the way going 6-for-12 with nine runs scored and three stolen bases. Brandon Johnson was 10-for-14 with a homer, nine runs scored and six RBIs. Shane Traulich was 6-for-13 with six runs scored and six RBIs. Cole Cihak and Brad Portner were each 6-for-10. Jordan Lilleodden had a homer.



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Post 8 splits 4 at tourney

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PIERRE — Pierre Post 8 split a pair of games Sunday to finish 2-2 at an action-packed Koester Memorial Tournament at Hyde Stadium in Pierre.

Post 8 dropped their Sunday opener, 3-2, as Valley Springs starter Derek Fischer went the distance, striking out 12 Pierre batters. But the home team rallied in the nightcap, and, after a short rain delay, took care of Huron, 14-10, on the strength of a towering two-run blast by Adam Deneke early and a grand slam by Orin Burke late.

Pierre moved to 22-21 with the tourney split. The team from Regina, Sas., won the tournament with a 3-1 record.

“I thought we played all right,” Pierre coach Bob Sullivan said. “I thought our hitting was better than it has been, and our pitching was solid. The one area I thought let us down was our defense.”

While Post 8 didn't pile up a ton of errors for the weekend, they failed to make some plays that could have gotten them in the dug-out, especially in Saturday night's game against New Ulm, Minn.

“That's the thing about defense,” Sullivan said. “You can look at the errors, but there are so many plays you can make that help you out, and we missed some of those this weekend. So that's something we'll definitely work on.”

The defensive highlight for Pierre came Sunday afternoon, when Deneke made a dead-sprint diving grab of a laser in the right-center gap and doubled up Fischer at first to keep the game within reach. That, along with a grab the Regina centerfielder made against Pierre on Saturday, were the highlights of a well-played tournament.

“Those were just some outstanding catches,” Sullivan said. “I thought the teams from out of state were outstanding and the South Dakota teams matched up, so we were really happy with that aspect of the tournament.”

In Saturday's opener, Valley Springs got a pair of early runs against Pierre starter Nolan Merrill and Fischer made them stand up.

Merrill pitched well, allowing two earned over seven while striking out seven. But Fischer kept Pierre off balance, striking out two in five of his seven innings.

Post 8 got on the board in the second when Deneke walked, stole second and took the next two bases on wild pitches. They added a run in the fifth when John Breckenridge singled to lead off the frame, took second and third on wild pitches and scored on Tanner Wolf's ringing double.

Wolf had a big weekend at the plate, homering in each game Saturday and gapping two doubles, as well.

“Tanner can turn on a pitch like that, and that's why we like having him at the bottom of the lineup,” Sullivan said. “He can help turn our lineup over in those situations and give us a shot at a big inning.”

Post 8 opened tournament play with a loss to Regina, falling 7-5 in a back and forth game against the team from Saskatchewan.

Wolf led off the fourth inning with a towering home run and Hewlett had two hits and an RBI for Pierre.

Ryan Lauseng started for Post 8 and wriggled out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth, but was hit hard in the top of the sixth and had to give way to Jordan Smith. By the time the dust cleared, Regina had rallied from a 5-4 deficit to take a 7-5 lead they would not relinquish.

Post 8 then delighted a large home crowd with a come-from-behind win in the Saturday nightcap, topping New Ulm Blue, 9-8, in eight innings.



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In an exciting if sloppy game, Pierre got two runs in its last at-bat to send things to extra innings, then got two more in the eighth after allowing New Ulm to take another lead.

In the eighth, Wolf singled and Cichos bunted him to second. Wolf took third on a passed ball and scored on Merrill's rope single to left. Merrill took second on a hit-and-run groundout by Breckenridge and scored when Weber's hard chopper took an awful hop and scooted over the New Ulm shortstop's head.

Wolf hit his second homer of the day in the game, and Merrill, Deneke, Owens and Wolf all had two RBI for Pierre.

Cichos started for Pierre and was sharp, scattering 11 hits — many of them ground balls with eyes — over six strong innings. Breckenridge picked up the win in relief, allowing two earned runs over two innings. The Pierre defense wasn't strong behind him, making two errors and failing to retire a batter on a grounder to the middle infield.



Post 8 had a chance to break the game open early, but was robbed by a stellar fielding play. With the bases loaded and two down, Merrill cracked a drive to the 380 sign in the left-centerfield gap, but Regina's Aidan Marquardt ran it down, diving full-out on the warning track to retire Pierre with just one run home.

Blue rolls past Sleepy Eye

POSTED July 13, 2010

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

SLEEPY EYE - Most people may think that the triple is the most difficult part of hitting for the cycle.

It wasn't for Shane Traulich Monday night against Sleepy Eye. Traulich was 4-for-4 with a two-run homer, a double and two triples with five RBIs as New Ulm Legion Blue beat Sleepy Eye 15-1 in Legion baseball action.

"I thought I could pretend to trip or something," Traulich said of settling for a single instead of a second triple in his final at bat. "But I thought the coaches would be mad at me so I went as fast as I could to third. I didn't try to swing very hard because I wanted the single but it's no big deal, a triple is good."

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Blue Shane Traulich (16) watches to see if the ball stays fair during New Ulm's 15-1 win against Sleepy Eye Monday in Sleepy Eye. Traulich was 4-for-4 with five runs batted in. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Traulich had a triple in the second and a double in the third. He hit a two-run homer just below the scoreboard in right center in the fourth.

Even if he didn't complete the rare feat, four extra-base hits in a game is an accomplishment as well. "That's really awesome, I haven't done that in a game before," he said.

Sleepy Eye took a brief lead in the bottom of the first when Caleb Hillesheim drove in Craig Fischer for the first run of the game. That lead was short-lived for Sleepy Eye.

After the scoreless first, Blue had at least two runs in the final four innings. New Ulm scored two in the second and three in the third before Blue posted four in the fourth. New Ulm then sent 10 batters to the plate in the fifth and scored six runs to put the game away.

"That's something that carried over from this weekend," Blue coach Jonathon Curry said of the team's tournament in Pierre, South Dakota. "In all five games we really hit the ball well. [Sunday] alone we scored 22 runs so I think we just have confidence right now. We are swinging with confidence up and down the order."

Sleepy Eye was led by Fischer, who went 2-for-3. Sleepy Eye had seven hits in the game. Cole Cihak also had a strong game for Blue as he went 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Brandon Johnson was 3-for-4 with an RBI. Jordan Schneider was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Brad Portner had two RBIs. Blue had 14 hits in the game.

Michael Schlottman picked up the win for Blue. He went four innings and allowed one run on five hits with a strikeout and a walk.

"He kept the ball down and Sleepy Eye has some hitters that can really hit the ball well," Curry said. "I thought he managed their lineup well. A win like this is huge for us," Curry said. "A big win like this gives us a ton of confidence and we head into district play feeling really good."



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Blue falls in first round

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By Jeremy Behnke, Journal Sports Editor

MANKATO - New Ulm Legion Blue hung tough for most of Wednesday's game with Worthington Wednesday in the District 2 playoffs at Franklin Rogers Park.

But Worthington had a big seventh inning in which it scored three runs to take a 6-2 lead. Worthington hung on and sent Blue to the loser's bracket with a 7-4 win.

The loss means Blue (8-11) will now play Fairmont at 7 p.m. tonight at Wolverton Field at Mankato East. A loss will end Blue's season.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm Legion Blue catcher Brandon Johnson reaches for the ball as a Worthington base runner slides safely into home during Blue's opening round loss Wednesday at Franklin Rogers Park in Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Clinging to a 3-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh, Worthington went on to score three runs in the seventh off Blue starter Michael Schlottman. The big hit came when Adam Munkel hit a bases-loaded double off the wall in left that put Worthington up 5-2 at that point.

Mitch Jensen later scored in the inning to put Worthington up 6-2 and that was enough run support for Munkel, who earned the win.

"That's one thing we've been struggling with all year is the big inning, and it bit us again tonight," Blue coach Jon Curry said. "Michael did a good job for the most part, he got out of a lot of jams. [Munkel] Just cleared the bases with one double and without that one inning, it's 4-4 and it's a whole new ballgame."

Schlottman pitched seven innings and allowed eight hits and six runs. Munkel pitched 7 1/3 innings for Worthington, allowing six hits and four runs.

Worthington scored the game's first run in the first inning after Justin Larson scored on an RBI grounder by Steve Kremer. In the second inning, Worthington scored another run when Jensen scored on a fielder's choice by Stuart Rogers.

New Ulm managed to tie the game in the bottom of the third after Dan Blackstad led off with a double and scored on Jordan Lilleodden's hit. Aaron Wenninger also scored after he came across on Mitch Traulich's bases-loaded walk. But Worthington caught a break when Cole Cihak grounded into a double play with the bases loaded.

Munkel gave himself the lead in the fourth inning after he scored on a sacrifice fly by Cody Melendrez with the bases loaded.

That set the table for the big seventh inning for Worthington. But New Ulm scored two more runs in the bottom of the eighth to keep it close.

Erik Curry doubled to lead off the inning and Lilleodden drove him home. Brandon Johnson then hit an RBI double to make it 6-4 and that ended the day for Munkel on the mound.

Later in the inning, with Johnson on third, Jensen, who relieved Munkel, got Cihak to hit a fly to short right-center. It looked like a hit, but Melendrez made a diving catch in center to end the inning.

Jensen came in and got the last five Blue hitters out to end the game.

Worthington scored an insurance run in the ninth inning to go up 7-4 at that point.

"I was really happy with the way we fought in the eighth inning," Curry said. "We finally strung some hits together we got a little rally going. That kid makes a great catch and if he doesn't catch that it's probably a triple. It was nice to see that fight in the eighth inning."



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Fairmont ends Blue's season

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By Karla Deutschmann — Sports Writer

MANKATO - New Ulm Blue's season came to an end Thursday when it fell to Fairmont 2-0 in the Second District Legion Tournament at Wolverton Field.

The game was a pitchers battle as Fairmont's Tyler Beck struck out nine batter's in nine innings giving up six hits and one triple for the win.

New Ulm tried to take advantage of the early errors in the first inning and a stolen base from New Ulm's Erik Curry to score some runs but fell short.

"Unfortunately alot of their errors weren't the big errors that we needed to score off of." New Ulm coach Jonathon Curry says. "We created a couple of errors to start an inning, but it just seemed like at the right time they were making all the right plays."

New Ulm had only one error taking place in the seventh inning of the double elimination tournament.

New Ulm's Jordan Lilleodden went 2-for-4 with a triple to start the fourth inning but Fairmont bounced back and struck out two batters to stop New Ulm from scoring.

New Ulm's Aaron Wenninger pitched eight innings striking out one batter, giving up eight hits and one walk taking the loss for New Ulm.

Fairmont had eight hits and four errors in the win.

Fairmont's Logan Peymann went 2-for-4 scoring one of Fairmont's runs in the first inning.

The only other run was scored in the seventh inning by Jordan Petschke as he went 2-for-3 with a double in the seventh inning on a two out rally.

New Ulm Blue started a two-out rally in the sixth inning but couldn't bring the runners around the bases to score.

"The kids battle good all year, and picked themselves up and made plays when they had to," Jonathon Curry. "I just wish we could have played a little longer this year. It was tough being our last game of the season."



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Blue shortstop Michael Schlottman (15) hangs on to the ball after colliding with left fielder Shane Traulich (16) during Blue's playoff loss to Fairmont Thursday at Wolverton Field in Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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Post 36's Beck shuts out Blue

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Jason Wilcox - Sentinel Sports Writer

MANKATO - It turned out to be worth the wait to see Tyler Beck in action for the first time this postseason for the Fairmont American Legion baseball squad.

In the third game of the Division I, Second District Tournament for Post 36, Beck's nine innings of shutout ball helped propel the team to another round with a 2-0 victory over New Ulm Blue on Thursday night at Wolverton Field at Mankato East High School.

No. 3-seeded Fairmont (5-4) advances to play No. 6-seeded Sleepy Eye - a 9-8 winner over No. 5-seeded Worthington on Thursday - at 4 p.m. today in another elimination game back at Wolverton Field.

Fairmont defeated Sleepy Eye, 15-9, in the first round of the tournament Wednesday.

The winner of that game will play No. 1-seeded Mankato National in another elimination game at 7 p.m. tonight.

No. 2-seeded New Ulm Gold defeated National, 9-4, in a winners-bracket game Thursday.

New Ulm Blue ended its season with an 8-12 record.

The Fairmont High School right-handed pitching standout went the distance, allowing only six hits. He struck out nine and issued no walks over nine innings.

"Tyler told me before the game, 'I'm going nine (innings). I've got to save our arms for (Friday),' " said Fairmont head coach Scott Chirpich.

Beck's teammates proved to get him all of the cushion it turned out he would need in the opening frame.

Tanner Nawrocki led off by beating out an infield hit off of Blue starter Aaron Wenninger. Nawrocki moved to second base on a Logan Peymann single to center.

After a flyout, Conner Guetter's fielder's choice eliminated Nawrocki at third base, but kept two runners on with two out. Joey Fitzgerald then stepped to the plate and smacked a single to center, scoring Peymann, just before Guetter became the third out on the play at third base on an 8-3-5 defensive effort.

The game remained 1-0 until the seventh frame as Jordan Petschke cranked a two-out double to right and scored on Justin Heinrich's follow-up single to center.

Peymann and Petschke each ended up with two hits for Fairmont, while Nawrocki, Fitzgerald, Heinrich and Beck each had one. Jordan Lilleodden led New Ulm Blue with two hits. Brandon Johnson, Shane Traulich, McKenzie Reinarts and Cody Baumgartner each had one.

Blue put its first two batters aboard in the first inning on infield errors, but a flyout and a 6-4-3 double play ended the inning.

Lilleodden led off the fourth inning with a triple but a groundout and consecutive strikeouts kept Blue off the board. Then in the fifth, Blue had two runners reach on an error and bunt single, but another 6-4-3 double play by Fairmont's defense kept Blue scoreless.

Wenninger took the loss, allowing two runs on eight hits in eight frames. He struck out one and walked one.

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Aaron Wenninger (LP) and McKenzie Reinarts. Tyler Beck (WP) and Logan Peymann.

LOB-New Ulm Blue 6, Fairmont 4. 2B-Jordan Petschke (Fairmont). 3B-Jordan Lilleodden (New Ulm)



SOLID CONTACT — Fairmont American Legion Post 36 batter Max Waletich makes solid contact with a pitch during an elimination-bracket baseball game in the Division I, Second District Tournament on Thursday at Wolverton Field in Mankato. Fairmont went on to post a 2-0 victory over New Ulm Blue. (Steve Muscatello of the New Ulm Journal) View additional photos at <http://cu.nujournal.com>



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