New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

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Legion Gold 2010 Season Schedule and Results

Day & Date	Time		Opponent	Cl	Type	Location	Site	NU	Opp	In	W	Leag	Exh	Other	Total	Ref
Tues Jun 22, 2010	7:30 pm	1	Fairmont		League	A Fairmont		5 -	0		W	1-0			1-0	
Wed Jun 23, 2010	3:00 pm	2	Rochester Patriots		Exhib	A Rochester		1 -	5		L		0-1		1-1	
Wed Jun 23 2010		3	Rochester Patriots		Exhib	A Rocherster		7 -	3		W		1-1		2-1	
Thu, Jun 24,2010	6:30 pm		Grand Rapids Canc		Exhib	A Grand Rapids			-		-				2-1	
Fri, Jun 25, 2010	11:30 am	4	Mitchell SD		Fargo T	A Fargo-Moorh	Matson Field	15 -	5		W			1-0	3-1	
Fri, Jun 25, 2010	2:00 pm	5	North St. Paul		Fargo T	A Fargo-Moorh	Matson Field	5 -	3		W			2-0	4-1	
Sat. Jun 26, 2010	2:00 pm	6	Mandan, N. D.		Fargo T	A Fargo-Moorhd	Matson Field	3 -	2		W			3-0	5-1	
Sat. Jun 26, 2010	4:30 pm	7	Moorhead		Fargo T	A Fargo-Moorh	Matson Field	9 -	5		W			4-0	6-1	
Sun Jun 27, 2010	TBD	8	Tri-City Red		Fargo T	A Fargo-Moorh	Williams Stad	6 -	8		L			4-1	6-2	
Mon Jun 28, 2010	8:00 pm	9	Mankato Nationals		League	H New Ulm	Mueller Field	2 -	8		L	1-1			6-3	
Wed Jun 30,2010	7:30 pm	10	Las Vegas		Exhib	H New Ulm	Mueller field	8 -	7		W		2-1		7-3	
Wed June 30, 2010		11	Mankato American		League	H New Ulm	Mueller Field	10 -	0		W	2-1			8-3	
Thur Jul 1, 2010	8:30 pm	12	Sleepy Eye		UM Class	H New Ulm	Johnson	16 -	4		W			5-1	9-3	
Fri July 2, 2010	7:30 pm	13	Rochester		UM Class	H New Ulm	Johnson	6 -	9		L			5-2	9-4	
Sat Jul 3 2010	1:00 pm	14	Apple Valley		UM Class	H New Ulm	Johnson	1 -	2		L			5-3	9-5	
Sat July 3 2010	7:30 pm	15	Sioux Falls West		UM Class	H New Ulm	Johnson	8 -	5		W			6-3	10-5	
Mon Jul 5 2010	8:00 pm		Eagle Lake		League	H Eagle Lake			-		?					
Tues Jul 6 2010	7:30 pm	16	Fairmont		League	H New Ulm	Mueller Field	18 -	7		W	3-1			11-5	
Wed Jul 7 2010	7:30 pm		New Ulm Blue Canc		League	H New Ulm	Johnson		-		-				11-5	
Fri July 9 2010	7:30 pm	17	Edina ????		Gopher	A Edina	Braemar	2 -	11		L			6-4	11-6	
Sat Jul 10 2010	2:30 pm	18	Rochester A's		Gopher	A Edina	Braemar	14 -	2		W			7-4	12-6	
Sat Jul 10 2010	5:00 pm	19	Napoleon, Oh		Gopher	A Edina	Braemar	2 -	10		L			7-5	12-7	
Sun Jul 11 2010	9:30 am	20	Fargo, ND		Gopher	A Edina	Braemar	7 -	8		L			7-6	12-8	
Sun Jul 11 2010	12:00 pm	21	Gillette WY		Gopher	A Edina	Braemar	2 -	10	5	L			7-7	12-9	
Mon Jul 12 2010	8:00 pm	22	Sleepy Eye		League	A Sleepy Eye		5 -	9		L	3-2			12-10	
Tue Jul 13 2010	7:30 pm		Mankato Cancelled		League	A Mankato			-		-				12-10	
Wed Jul 14 2010	7:00 pm		Apple Valley Rain		Exhib	A Apple Valley			-		-				12-10	
Thur Jul 15 2010	6:30 pm	23	Willmar		Exhibit	A Willmar		9 -	5		W		3-1		13-10	
Fri. July 16 2010		24	Valley Springs SD		SF Shootout	N Sioux Falls	Harmodon	12 -	2		W			8-7	14-10	
Sat. July 17 2010		25	Watertown, SD		SF Shootout	N Sioux Falls	Harmodon	8 -	6		L			8-8	14-11	
Sat July 17 2010		26	Sioux Falls West		SF Shootout	A Sioux Falls	Harmodon	18 -	8		W			9-8	15-11	
Sun. July 18, 2010	3:00 pm	27	Excelsior, MN		SF Shootout	N Sioux Falls	Harmodon	0 -	6		L			9-9	15-12	
Wed Jul 21 2010	4:00 pm	28	Fairmont		Dist Play	N Mankato	East Hi Sch	8 -	1		W			10-9	16-12	
Thu July 22 2010	7:00 pm	39	Mankato National		Dist Playoff	A Mankato	Frank Rogers	9 -	4		W			11-9	17-12	
Sat July 24 2010	1 p.m.	30	Mankato National		Dist Playoff	A Mankato	Frank Rogers	2 -	9		L			11-10	17-13	
Sat Jul 24 210	4 p.m.	31	Mankato National		Dist Playoff	A Mankato	Frank Rogers	15 -	19		L			11-11	17-14	

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New Ulm Gold shuts out Fairmont

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Jason Wilcox - Sentinel Sports Writer

FAIRMONT - Colton Petron made certain the New Ulm Gold American Legion baseball squad started its season off on the right foot.

Petron fired a one-hitter over seven innings of work to lead Gold to a 5-0 win over Fairmont American Legion Post 36 Tuesday at Cardinal Park in Fairmont.

Gold used a run scored via an error in the first frame and never looked back.

"It's tough coming off the high of the (high school) state tournament and playing (Legion) right away, but this is a very good New Ulm team we played. Our pitching kept us in it. ... but we had to hit the ball to win," said Fairmont coach Adam Schmidt.

PLAY AT THE PLATE — Fairmont American Legion Post 36 catcher Tanner Nawrocki (left) prepares to catch a throw home to get New Ulm Gold runner Zach Fischer during baseball action Tuesday at Cardinal Park in Fairmont. Fischer was safe on the play. (Photo by Chip Pearson) View additional photos at http://cu.fairmontsentinel.com

Gold scored the only run they would need in the first when Aaron Pfaff reached on a one-out error and claimed second on the play before scoring on Kyle E. Fischer's single to right off Fairmont starter Tyler Beck.

Gold then broke the game open with two outs in the fifth.

Fairmont relief pitcher Jon Ellis retired the first two batters he faced, but the next six Gold batters reached base.

Kyle E. Fischer singled past second, before Zach Fischer reached after being hit by a pitch. Zach Hoffmann followed up with a single to score Kyle E. Fischer, before Bryan Kehren's sharp infield hit scored Zach Fischer with a slide.

An error then allowed Jason Shaul to reach and Hoffmann to cross the plate.

New Ulm Gold added one more run in the seventh frame when Fairmont pitcher Tanner Nawrocki walked Hoffmann, who scored on back-to-back singles from Shaul and Dalton Deinhart.

Detron allowed one hit, a second-inning, two-out single to left by Joey Fitzgerald, in seven frames. He struck out five and walked four. Beck took the defeat, giving up one run on four hits in four frames. He struck out two and walked two. Ellis allowed three runs on three hits in one inning, with one walk and a hit batter. Nawrocki allowed one run on two hits in two frames with one strikeout.

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Colton Petron and Jason Shaul. Tyler Beck (L), Jon Ellis (5), Tanner Nawrocki (6) and Logan Peymann, Tanner Nawrocki (5), Andy Reiter (6). LOB-NUG 9, Fairmont 6. SAC-Dalton Deinhart (NUG).

NU Gold defeats Fairmont 5-0

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FAIRMONT—New Ulm Gold defeated Fairmont 5-0 in Legion baseball action Tuesday.

Colton Petron earned the win for New Ulm. He allowed one hit. Kyle Fischer was 2-for-4 with an RBI and run and Zach Hoffmann was 1-for-3 with two runs and an RBI. Dalton Deinhart was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

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Legion Gold splits with Rochester

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ROCHESTER - New Ulm Gold split a doubleheader with the Rochester Patriots Wednesday in legion baseball action.

Rochester won the first game 5-1 and New Ulm won the second game 7-3. Dalton Deinhart took the loss in the first game and Aaron Pfaff was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Colton Petron also had an RBI and Caleb Juntunen was 1-for-3 with a double.

In the second game, Collin Wenninger got the win. He pitched five innings and allowed three hits and struck out two.

Kyle E. Fischer was 1-for-3 with two RBIs and Jason Schaul was 3-for-3 with an RBI. Kevin Larson was 3-for-4 with a run and two RBIs.

Legion Gold wins two in Fargo

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FARGO, N.D. - New Ulm Legion Gold won two games at the Fargo Legion Tournament Friday.

New Ulm beat Mitchell, S.D. 15-5 in the first game and North St. Paul 5-3 in the second game.

Against Mitchell, Kaleb Juntunen earned the win as he allowed five runs, two earned with two strikeouts and five walks.

Aaron Pfaff was 3-for-5, Kyle M. Fischer had a three-run home run and four RBIs. Zach Hoffmann was 2-for-3 with two homers and five RBIs. Jason Shaul was 2-for-4 with a homer and an RBI.

In the win against North St. Paul, Kyle E. Fischer threw a complete game and allowed three runs, none earned with eight strike-outs and a walk.

Shaul was 1-for-3 and Kyle E. Fischer was 2-for-3.

Gold wins two games

POSTED June 27, 2010 New Ulm Journal

FARGO, N.D. - New Ulm Legion Gold advanced to the championship game of the Fargo Legion Tournament Saturday with two wins.

New Ulm opened play Saturday with a a 3-2 victory over Mandam, N.D. in eight innings.

Then Legion Gold beat Moorhead 9-5 to advance to today's finals, where it will meet Tri City at 4 p.m.

In the win against Mandam, Adam Loose put down a suicide squeeze that scored Keith Besemer for the winning run.

Zach Hoffmann was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Aaron Pfaff was 3-for-3 with a run scored.

Against Moorhead, Hoffmann again had the big bat. He went 3-for-3 with two home runs and five RBIs.

Kyle E. Fischer had a double and RBI. Bryan Kehren was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Kyle M. Fischer picked up the win in both games for New Ulm Gold

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Fargo Post 2 sweeps at F-M Invite

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Gefroh went 2-for-3 with a triple in Fargo's first game, a 3-0 victory against Manitoba Select.
Gefroh added a grand slam in the second game in the second game, a 14-3 win over Detroit Lakes.
Kirk Schroeder tossed a three-hit shutout for Post 2 in the first game.
Post 2 lost twice late Friday. Matt Fiechtner went
4-for-6 with a homer and six RBIs in those two games.

Zach Hoffman homered twice – including a tie-breaking homer in the seventh inning – as New Ulm defeated the Moorhead Blues 9-5 in the Blues' first game Saturday.
John Cahill and Cole Honl each had three hits in that game for the Blues.

Moorhead won its second game 7-1 against Mitchell, S.D. Michael Little and Tyson Schoenborn each had two hits for the Blues (5-9).

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F …… 244 104 –14 12 0
Johnson and McLeod. Johnson, Horner (6) and Jones. W–Johnson. L–Johnson. HR–F, Gefroh.

New Ulm 9, Moorhead Blues 5
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Wenginger, Besemeyer (5), Fisher (6) and Shoul. Miller, Smith (7) and Cahill. W–Fisher. L–Miller (1-1). HR–NU, Hoffman 2.

Moorhead Blues 7, Mitchell, S.D., 1
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Moorhead 020 302 x– 7 8 0
Havlik, Schmidt (7) and Patrick. Honl, Smith (7) and Cahill. W–Honl (1-1). L–Havlik.

Late Friday's games
Pierre 10, Fargo Post 2 9
P 143 011 0–10 14 2
F 021 004 2– 9 11 7
Wolf, Breckenridge (6) and Hewlett. Haugen, Horner (4) and Fiechtner. W–Wolf. L–Haugen (0-3). HR–P, Deneke. F, Fiechtner 2.

Tri-City 6, Fargo Post 2 4
TC 030 010 2– 6 6 2
F 100 102 0– 4 8 4
Liff and Mauricio. Krabbenhoft, Venaas (6) and Jones. W–Liff. L–Krabbenhoft (0-1).

Saturday's other results
At Jack Williams Stadium
Pierre, S.D., 5, Manitoba Select 0
Tri-City Reds 3, Pierre, S.D., 2
Tri-City Reds 5, Manitoba Select 0
At Matson Field
Mitchell, S.D., 7, North St. Paul 4
Mandan 9, North St. Paul 5
New Ulm 7, Mandan 2
Today's schedule— At Jack Williams Stadium
Pierre, S.D., vs. Mandan, N.D., 10 a.m.
Fargo Post 2 vs. North St. Paul, 12:30 p.m.
Championship: Tri-City Reds vs. New Ulm, Minn., 4 p.m.
At Matson Field—Mitchell, S.D., vs. Detroit Lakes, Minn., 10 a.m.
Moorhead Blues vs. Manitoba Select, 12:30 p.m.

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Tri-City Red defeats Legion Gold for first place

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FARGO - New Ulm Legion Gold lost the championship of the Fargo-Moorhead tourney in Fargo on Sunday to Tri City Red 8-6.

Adam Loose took the pitching loss for gold.

Hitters for Gold included Kyle E. Fischer 2-for-4, two runs, one double; Zach Hofmann, two runs, one double, one home run and two RBI's.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Gold shortstop Kyle E. Fischer makes a throw to first after fielding a ball during New Ulm's loss to Mankato National Monday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos

Mankato Post 11 rolls by NU Gold

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NEW ULM - New Ulm Legion Gold coach LeRoy Flor said it was a case of his team not coming ready to play Monday night.

Mankato's Ray Teachout scattered seven hits while striking out eight as Post 11 hammered out 14 hits with an 8-2 win over Gold at Mueller Park.

Teachout also worked out of three Gold scoring opportunities as New ULm stranded seven runners in the game - three of which were in scoring position.

Kyle M. Fischer took the loss for New Ulm Gold (6-3). He went six innings and allowed all eight runs on 12 hits. He fanned three.

Adam Athey and Derrick Cattryse each had three hits with Drew Weber driving in two runs.

Kyle M Fischer, Kyle E. Fischer and Zach Hoffmann provided the offense for Gold with two hits each.

"I do not think that we did not come prepared to play," Flor said. "And I do not know why. We are not playing very well in any facet of our game right now and I am not sure why but we will get it fixed."

Mankato, which improved to 11-2 on the year with the win, jumped on Kyle M. Fischer for three runs in the top of the first, Athey singled and was sacrificed to second by Luke Weber. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Adam Geiger's double to center field. Derek Quame was hit by a pitch before Drew Weber singled to load the bases. A Toby Turbes' groundout and an RBI single by Matt Anderson gave Post 11 a lead that it wouldn't lose.

Gold got to the righthander Teachout in the bottom of the third with all of its runs.

Aaron Pfaff was hit by a pitch and Kyle M. Fischer blooped a single into center field. An error on a Kyle E. Fischer groundball scored one run with Hoffmann's double scoring Kyle E. Fischer.

Other than that, Teachout kept Gold hitters off-stride with a balance of fastballs and off-speed pitches.

"I give him credit," Flor said about Teachout. "He got himself into a rhythm and we let him stay in it. You cannot let a pitcher like that stay in a rhythm."

While Teachout was in rhythm, Kyle M. Fischer was not.

Mankato scored a single run in the fourth on a Cattryse double and an Athey single.

Post 11 added another single run in the fifth on a Turbes single and an RBI double off of the bat of Drew Weber.

Mankato then blew the game open with three runs in the sixth.

Carttryse led off with an infield single and took second on an error on a pickoff throw by Fischer. He went to third on an Athey groundout and scored on Luke Weber's base hit.

Adam Geiger then grounded a potential double play ball to shortstop Kyle E. Fischer who saw the ball under his glove for the second error of the inning.

The error hurt as Drew Weber followed with a two-run double and an 8-2 lead.

Flor felt that while Mankato had 14 hits in the game, a lot of the hits were softly-hit singles.

New Ulm Gold will play a doubleheader Wednesday beginning at 5 p.m. when it hosts Las Vegas at Mueller Park before playing Mankato American at 8 p.m.

Gold opens up the Upper Midwest Classic at 8 p.m. Thursday with Sleepy Eye.

"Maybe those games will get our kids back playing the way that they should," Flor said.

Classic tuneup for Legion Gold

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Las Vegas shortstop Julian Cutolo wats for the ball as New Ulm Legion Gold's Colton Petron slides safely into second during Gold's 8-7 win Wednesday at Mueller Park in New Ulm.For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

NEW ULM - Playing its eighth game in the last six days and with the Upper Midwest Classic beginning today, New Ulm Legion Gold needed some solid pitching in a double-header at Mueller Park against Las Vegas and Mankato American.

And in both cases, Legion Gold got the pitching and also some key hitting.

In the game against Las Vegas, it took a Kyle M. Fischer single in the bottom of the seventh to get by Las Vegas 8-7 while in the nightcap, a solid pitching performance from Tim Kehren, who was called up from the New Ulm Junior Legion and a 13-hit attack helped bury Mankato American 10-0 five innings.

Gold coach LeRoy Flor was especially impressed with the job done by the righthanded Kehren in the nightcap as he struck out six and scattered four hits.

"Tim pitched a good ballgame." said Flor, who saw his team improve to 8-3 with the sweep. "The name of the game for a pitcher is to throw strikes. When you pitch strikes, your defense does not sit back on their heels. All that I asked of him was to get the ball across the plate, he did a terrific job."

And Kehren was helped by Gold's offense that scored a run in the first when Kyle E. Fischer reached on the first of five errors by Mankato American.

He stole second and and went to third on an error by losing pitcher Britt Vaube who allowed eight runs in four innings. He scored on Zach Fischer's single.

Jason Shaul drove in two of his three runs in the game with a triple to center field.

New Ulm's offense exploded for five runs in fourth as it sent 10 men to the plate.

Bryan Kehren reached on an error before Dalton Deinhart, who will pitch tonight's game against Sleepy Eye in the opening game of the Upper Midwest Classic, singled.

Tim Kehren then helped out his own cause with a bunt single that scored older brother Bryan. Kyle E. Fischer followed with an RBI single and Kyle M. Fischer's fly ball into short right field dropped for an RBI.

Zach Hoffmann, who hit his sixth home run of the season in the opener against Las Vegas, then followed with a line drive single for a 7-0 cushion.

An intentional walk to Zach Fischer proceeded a Shaul sacrifice fly for an 8-0 lead.

Flor said that he was not surprised that his team hit well against Mankato American.

"Their pitching was probably not real good," he said.

Meanwhile Tim Kehren was calm in his first start for New Ulm Gold.

He worked out of a first inning jam when he allowed two singles to start the game before he set down the next three hitters. In the fourth, he left two Mankato runners on base. And in the fifth, he walked the lead-off batter before striking out the next three hitters.

Gold then ended the game in the bottom of the fifth when Tim Kehren and Kyle E. Fischer both walked. Kyle M. Fischer reached on an error to load the bases. Colin Wendinger was hit by a pitch to force in a run before the fifth error ended the game.

Gold did not have that easy of a game in the opener against Las Vegas as it took an error by Las Vegas in the bottom of the seventh that helped score the winning run.

And it was not a solid defensive game by either team as New Ulm had three errors while Las Vegas was guilty of four.

"We played awful," Flor said. "We absolutely played awful. I was not happy with it."

Las Vegas coach, former New Ulmite Paul Buboltz, said that his team was tired after a long trip from Billings, Montana that gave some of his younger players a chance to see some action.

"It was a good experience for them to see some action in this kind of setting," he said. "The last pitcher that we used was an eighth grader and we had eight of our nine starters on the bench."

Las Vegas scored twice in the second inning off of New Ulm starter Keith Besemer, who held Las Vegas to just four hits. But three errors in that inning by New Ulm - two of them by Besemer - allowed them to score.

But Gold came back with four runs in the bottom of that inning. Zach Fischer singled and Shaul reached on an error. Another error and a Colton Petron sacrifice fly cut the lead to 2-1. Adam Loose's RBI single tied the game at 2-2 before singles from Kyle M. Fischer and Kyle E. Fischer moved Gold to a 4-2 lead.

Vegas scored a run in the fourth but New Ulm countered with three runs in the bottom of the inning for a 7-3 lead. Two of New Ulm's runs came on a Hoffmann home run. Vegas came back with three runs in the top of the sixth before it tied the game in the top of the seventh.

But Gold won the game in the bottom of the inning on a walk, an error, a hit batsman and Kyle M. Fischer's fourth hit of the game.

Gold rolls by Sleepy Eye

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Sleepy Eye's Landon Zinniel puts the tag on New Ulm Legion Gold's Kyle E. Fischer (19) as he slides safely into second during Gold's Upper Midwest Classic win Thursday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. Looking on is Sleepy Eye shortstop Clint Haala. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

NEW ULM - When you give a team 10 walks and the same amount of hits in a game, you are playing with fire.

And Thursday night, Sleepy Eye Post 7 got burned.

Three Sleepy Eye pitchers issued 10 walks and New Ulm Gold banged out 10 hits.

Toss in two costly errors in the same inning and you have a blowout.

New Ulm sent 14 batters to the plate in the fourth inning and scored 10 runs before the first out was recorded and went on to a 16-4 win over Sleepy Eye in the Upper Midwest Classic.

The game was stopped after 4 1/2 innings because of the 10-run rule.

Dalton Deinhart got the win for New Ulm. He struck out three and walked three while allowing five hits. Matt Helget took the loss for Sleepy Eye.

Jason Shaul was a one-man wrecking crew for Gold, pounding out three hits including a single, double and triple while driving in five runs.

Zach Hoffmann and Adam Loose each had two hits. Kyle E. Fischer, Hoffmann, Loose and Kevin Larson each drove in two runs.

Derek Skovbroten provided the offense for Sleepy Eye with two hits including a double and drove in all four runs.

Gold coach LeRoy Flor felt that his team did not take advantage of what Sleepy Eye pitchers gave them in the first few innings.

What that was was four first inning walks that resulted in just two runs coming on Shaul's two out triple.

In the second inning, New Ulm could not take advantage of an error and a hit batter as Matt Helget worked out of that second -inning jam.

That seemed to spark Sleepy Eye as it erased that 2-0 New Ulm lead in the top of the third with one swing of the bat.

Deinhart opened the inning by walking Scott Salfer before Clint Haala singled. Deinhart fanned Brandon Streich for the first out before an infield single by Craig Fischer loaded the bases.

Deinhart got the second out when he got Landon Zinnel on an infield pop-up. He then got two strikes on Skobroten before Deinhart tried to sneak a fastball by him. Skovbroten laced a three-run double to center field for a 3-2 Post 7 lead.

That lead was short-lived as New Ulm scored four runs in the bottom of the third after there were two outs.

Colton Petron reached on a fielder's choice before Helget walked Aaron Pfaff. Loose reached on an infield single to load the bases. Larson then laced a two-run single to right field for a 4-3 New Ulm lead.

Kyle E. Fischer followed with the third straight single of the inning for a 6-3 lead.

Then in the bottom of the fourth inning, the relatively close game changed.

Hoffmann led off with a single,took second on a passed ball and raced home on Zach Fischer's triple. Shaul followed with and RBI single. Walks to Petron and Pfaff loaded the bases. A Loose single, two infield errors and a walk to Kyle M. Fischer upped the lead to 12-3 with still no one out.

Hoffmann's second single of the inning scored two more runs before Zach Fischer drew the 10th walk of the game. Shaul followed with his second hit of the inning, a two-run single for a 16-3 lead.

"You cannot afford to give a team like Gold those extra bases without earning them," Sleepy Eye coach Bruce Woitas said. "They took advantage of that and some of our mistakes in the field in that (fourth) inning."

"That was discipline at the plate," said Flor about the walks. "But they were not afraid to get two strikes on them and swing the bat."

And outside of what Flor felt was one bad pitch - the fastball to Skovbroten in the third - Deinhart pitched well.

"He did well," Flor said. "He had been having some shoulder problems but now it is better."

Woitas, whose team will face Apple Valley, Las Vegas and Rochester in their next three games, said that they "will see very good competition all weekend. But you can always learn something from those games."

Rochester tops Gold

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By Jim Bastian

NEW ULM - In Thursday's win over Sleepy Eye, New Ulm Gold got a solid pitching performance.

Less than 24 hours later, that pitching staff did a complete 180-degree turn.

Two Gold pitchers walked eight Rochester batters, hit three and uncorked four wild pitches as Rochester scored four runs off of those miscues and topped New Ulm 9-6 Friday night in the Upper Midwest Classic.

Jared Samuelson got the win for Rochester, the only unbeaten team in Pool A. He went 5 2/3 innings and allowed all six runs while striking out two. Blaine Evans pitched the final 1 1/3 innings.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Gold's Jason Shaul drops down a bunt during the third inning of Gold's Upper Midwest Classic Game against Rochester Friday at Johnson Park. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Colton Petron took the loss for New Ulm, now 1-1 in the UMC.

He lasted 2 2/3 innings and permitted five runs. He walked four and hit two batters and uncorked three wild pitches. Colin Wendinger went the final 3 1/3 innings. He walked two, hit one batter and tossed one wild pitch.

Jordan Martini, Jordan Kangas and Blaine Evans each had two hits with Evans, Eric Sheridan and Brad Pastika each driving in two runs.

Kyle E. Fischer, Kyle M. Fischer, Zach Hoffmann, Zach Fischer and Aaron Pfaff each had two hits as New Ulm outhit Rochester 10-8 in the near three-hour contest. Zach Fischer drove in two runs.

"The walks that we allowed you are not going to win baseball games with," Gold coach LeRoy Flor said. "They only had eight hits for their nine runs. Giving up eight hits is not that bad. But once you have your defense on their heels with all of those walks - I do not understand it. The pitchers that I threw tonight usually do not throw balls."

But they did Friday.

New Ulm took a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Kyle E. Fischer singled and eventually came around to score on a Zach Fischer double.

But Rochester quickly erased that with three runs in the bottom of the first off of Colton Petron. Josh Benson and Martini each doubled before Kangas singled in a run. A walk to John Meyer loaded the bases before Evans singled in the second run of the inning. An Eric Sheridan sacrifice fly scored the third run.

Gold countered with three runs in the top of the third. Kyle E. Fischer singled, stole second and took third on a balk. Zach Hoffmann reached on an infield single. Zach Fischer's single scored a run before an error and a Jason Shaul squeeze bunt added two more runs.

But the wheels started to come off of the New Ulm pitching staff in the third and fourth innings.

In the third, Petron walked Kangas who was then sacrificed to second by Meyer. Petron hit Evans before a passed ball and a walk to Sheridan loaded the bases. Pastika was hit by a pitch to force in a run. Bryan Kehren dropped a fly ball to allow another run to score. Petron then walked Matt Pesrson ending his night with 85 pitches in just 2 2/3 innings.

Colin Wendinger entered and got the final out.

In the fourth, Wendinger also had control trouble as the A's scored two more runs on just one hit, that being a lead-off infield single from Martini.

After Wendinger struck out the next two batters, he walked Evans and hit Sheridan to load the bases. A walk and a wild pitch added two more runs. In the third and fourth innings, Rochester scored four runs on just one hit.

Meanwhile, New Ulm tried to come back with single runs in the fourth and sixth innings on a Zach Hoffmann single and a Kyle M. Fischer base hit.

Rochester tacked on two insurance runs in the sixth on a double, an error and two more singles.

"We also had some errors that cost us," he said. "We really need to win our game with Apple Valley (at 1 p.m.). "We have to get better," he said.

Fischer loses no-hitter then game

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - For six innings, New Ulm Gold's Kyle E. Fischer was as good as gold on the mound in the game with Apple Valley.

The righthander had faced 18 batters, the minimum amount of batters in that span, and hadn't allowed a hit.

The only two 76er players to reach base had been on a first-inning walk and a sixth-inning error.

Both runners had immediately been picked off first by Fischer.

But in the top of the seventh inning, Apple Valley got its only two hits of the game and it cost New Ulm.

Staff photo by Mark Newsom
New Ulm Legion Gold's Kevin Larson tries to get a tag down on Apple Valley American Legion's Scott Splett during their Saturday afternoon Upper Midwest Classic game at Johnson Park in New Ulm.For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

Scott Splett led off the top of the seventh with a triple - the first hit of the game for Apple Valley - and it led to a two-run rally as the 76er's snuck by Gold 2-1.

The loss by Gold eliminated it from play on Championship Sunday.

Josh Johnson got the win for Apple Valley. He went the distance and allowed one run and six hits while striking out six.

Kyle E. Fischer took the hard-luck loss for Gold, allowing just those two hits and two runs while striking out five.

At one time in the game, Fischer set down 14 straight Apple Valley hitters.

Splett and Tyler Briggs had the only two hits for the 76ers. Briggs drove in both runs in the bottom of the seventh to take a victory away from New Ulm.

Kyle M. Fischer and Zach Hoffmann had doubles for New Ulm with Zach Fischer driving in the lone run for New Ulm.

For New Ulm Gold coach LeRoy Flor, it was a tough way for his team to lose a game especially with the performance of Fischer.

"Kyle pitched a hell of a ballgame," said Flor who has seen his pitching staff have a Jekyll and Hyde performance in the tournament. "He pitched terrific. There are no two ways around it. It does not get any better than how he pitched."

While Fischer pitched well for New Ulm, Apple Valley's Josh Johnson also had a strong game.

He and Fischer were hooked up in a scoreless game through five innings.

Unlike Fischer, who allowed just a one-out walk to Kris Goodman in the first before picking him off, and having Casey Killebrew reach on a one-out error in the sixth before adding his name to the list of runners picked off first, Johnson has to battle through some New Ulm threats.

In the third inning, Kyle M. Fischer stroked a two-out double and Hoffmann followed with a walk. But Johnson struck out Zach Fischer for the third out.

In the sixth, when Gold scored its lone run, he again was able to keep New Ulm to that lone run.

Hoffmann led off that seventh inning with a double before a balk by Johnson moved him to third base. Zach Fischer's sacrifice fly to center field scored Hoffmann for a 1-0 lead.

After Johnson fanned Jason Shaul for the second out of the inning, Aaron Pfaff singled to center, promptly stole second and raced to third when Apple Valley Briggs, the catcher had is throw sail into center field. Johnson retired Kaleb Juntunen on a lazy fly ball to left to end the threat.

"We are not executing," Flor said. "We get runners on first and second [in the third inning] we need to get them in. We are not doing that now. We had threats but we are getting some bad at-bats when we need better at-bats.

"With runners on base, you should always get better at-bats. There will be holes open in the infield and the pitcher will pitch differently."

That is what Apple Valley did in that seventh inning. After Splett's lead-off triple, Fischer hit Goodman to place runners on first and third with no outs. Nathan Mowry was retired on a groundout - the eighth groundout of the game coaxed by Fischer - Gold decided to intentionally walk Bryce Hoffa to load the bases and set up a force at any base or a potential inning-ending double play.

But Briggs spoiled that when he drove an 0-1 offering from Fischer into the gap in left-center, scoring both Splett and Goodman for the win.

"We should not have lost this game," said Flor, who saw his team strand eight men on base in the game. "We need to get back on the right foot."

Gold rebounds with win over Sioux Falls

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NEW ULM - New Ulm Legion Gold rebounded from its 2-1 loss to Apple Valley earlier in the day with an 8-5 victory over Sioux Falls to close out the Upper Midwest Classic with a 2-2 record.

Kyle M. Fischer got the win for Gold, going 6 1/3 innings. He struck out four.

Josh Johnson took the loss for Sioux Falls. He allowed 11 hits.

Kyle E. Fischer and Colton Petron each had two hits for New Ulm.

Aaron Pfaff drove in three runs.

Both teams scored a run in the first before Gold scored twice in the third on a two-run single from Pfaff.

New Ulm broke the game open with five runs in the fourth.

A two-run single by Zach Hoffmann and a two-run triple off of the bat of Petron were the big hits.

Jared Frazier had two hits for Sioux Falls.

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

Gold crushes Fairmont

POSTED July 7, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Jim Bastian

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Gold's Bryan Kehren gets a base hit during Gold's game against Fairmont Tuesday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

NEW ULM - In a game that featured 18 hits by New Ulm Gold, perhaps the biggest hit of all was from Zach Fischer.

The lefthanded stick jumped on a 1-1 offering from Fairmont righthander Tyler Beck and deposited it over the right field fence for a three-run homer that gave New UIm Gold an 18-7 win over Post 36 Tuesday night at Mueller Park.

It was Fischer's only hit of the night.

Kaleb Juntunen got the win for New Ulm despite giving up seven runs in four innings. Adam Loose pitched shutout ball in his two innings. Jordan Petschke took the loss for Fairmont.

Kyle M. Fischer, Aaron Pfaff and Bryan Kehren each had three hits for Gold. Kyle E. Fischer, Jason Shaul, Kevin Larson and Garrett Fischer - who swung a bat for the first time since breaking his arm - each added two hits.

Shaul drove in five runs for New Ulm with Zach Fischer and Kehren each driving in three runs. Beck had three hits for Fairmont.

Despite giving up those seven runs, Gold coach LeRoy Flor said that he needed to have Juntunen get in some needed work. "He had not pitched in 10 days," Flor said. "And we needed him to get some work before this weekend (when Gold plays in the Gopher Classic). I could have taken him out earlier. And Adam Loose pitched well so I am satisfied with what happened."

Both Fairmont and New Um Gold each scored two runs in the second inning with Gold's two runs coming courtesy of an RBI single from Kevin Larson who would then score on the first of two Garrett Fischer triples.

After Post 36 notched a run in the top of the third, New Ulm pushed across four runs in the bottom of the inning.

A Shaul single scored Kyle M. Fischer who had reached on a walk earlier. Zach Fischer, who also walked, would come home on a Pfaff double before both Shaul and Pfaff raced home on a Kehren double for a 6-3 lead.

But Fairmont countered with four runs in the fourth for a 7-6 lead with two of the runs scoring on Juntunen wild pitches.

The scoring spree continued in the home half of the inning when Gold came back with three runs. A Kyle M. Fischer RBI single, a Pfaff base hit and a passed ball accounted for the runs.

New Ulm added three more runs in the fifth on the second triple from Garrett Fischer, a Kyle E. Fischer single and a Shaul double.

Flor said that the team was happy to get Garrett Fischer back in the batting line-up.

"That is going to be a big help for us," he said.

After Fairmont went down in order in the top of the sixth - the first time that they had been retired in order all game - New Ulm ended the contest.

Pfaff singled and scored on a Kehren single for a 13-7 lead. A passed ball, a sacrifice fly and Zach Fischer's three-run blast capped a six-run sixth inning.

"We do not have a game now until Friday (the game with New Ulm Blue scheduled for tonight has been cancelled by mutual consent)," Flor said. "So we should be ready to go.

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

New Ulm 12, A's 2

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A's**:** Jordan Kangas 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Jordan Martini 2-for-4, 1 3B, 1 RBI; Josh Benson 2-for-4, 1 2B. LP: Brad Pfeffer 6 IP, 12 H, 9 R, 5 BB, 1 K.

Notes: New Ulm broke open a 4-2 game in the sixth with two runs and added six in the seventh to avenge a loss to the A's a week ago in their own tournament. Walks and errors again haunted the A's.

Legion Gold drops two at Gopher Classic

POSTED July 13, 2010 New Ulm Journal

MINNEAPOLIS - New Ulm Legion Gold dropped two games Sunday at the Gopher Classic.

Gold lost to Fargo 8-7 then fell to Gillette, Wyo. 10-2.

Against Fargo, Colton Petron took the loss as he allowed four earned runs on nine hits with five strikeouts and two walks in five innings.

Zach Hoffmann was 3-for-3 with a homer and two RBIs. Jason Shaul was 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs. Aaron Pfaff was 2-for-4 and Zach Fischer had and RBI.

In the second game, Keith Besemer took the loss for New Ulm. He pitched four innings and allowed nine runs with two strikeouts and four walks.

Pfaff was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Zach Fischer was 2-for-3 with homer.

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

Sleepy Eye defeats New Ulm Legion Gold

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SLEEPY EYE - Sleepy Eye picked up its third win of the season as it beat New Ulm Legion Gold 9-5 Monday in Sleepy Eye.

Caleb Hillesheim earned the win for Sleepy Eye. He pitched six innings and allowed eight hits with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Derek Skovbroten pitched the final inning and struck out and walked one.

Kaleb Juntunen took the loss for New Ulm Gold.

For Sleepy Eye, Craig Fischer was 4-for-4 with a double. Skovbroten was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and Hillesheim was 2-for-3.

For Gold, Zach Fischer had a two-run home run. Kyle M. Fischer was 2-for-3 and was Aaron Pfaff. Zach Hoffmann was 2-for-4.

Legion Gold tops Willmar

POSTED *July 16, 2010* New Ulm Journal

WILLMAR - New Ulm Legion Gold beat Willmar 13-5 in Legion baseball action Thursday.

Dalton Deinhart earned the win for Gold.

Kyle E. Fischer was 4-for-5. Jason Shaul was 2-for-5 with a homer and Colton Petron was 2-for-2 with a double and triple.

Legion Gold picks up win in Mid Summer Shoot Out in Sioux Falls

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Sioux Falls, S.D. - New Ulm Legion Gold made quick work of Valley Springs as it won 14-2 Friday in Sioux Falls.

Kyle M. Fischer earned the win. Kyle E. Fischer was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Jason Shaul was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Garrett Fischer had two RBIs.

Gold (14-10) plays Watertown, S.D. and Sioux Falls West starting at 3:30 p.m. today.

Sioux Falls Post 15 East went 2-0 and West 0-1 on the opening day of pool play at the Mid-Summer Shootout on Friday at Harmodon Park. East beat Brookings 11-5 and Fargo Post 2 8-6. West lost 13-9 to Watertown.

East beat Brookings as Brooks Cross singled and doubled and Connor Schaefbauer, Cory Steffen and Jared Miller each singled twice. Cole Halgerson had a two-run single, Alex Schultz a two-run double, Trey Naasz an RBI double and Schaefbauer and Miller RBI singles in East's eight-run second inning. For Brookings, Zach Thomas had a triple and two singles, Landon Busch a triple and single and Andy Lee and Sam Froehlich two singles each.

Against Fargo, Schaefbauer was 4-for-5, Halgerson was 3-for-3 with a double and three RBI, Taylor Rasmussen was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, and Dillon Schenkel was 2-for-5 with three runs scored for East (30-12).

Valley Springs lost twice, falling 17-2 to Watertown and 14-2 to the New Ulm (Minn.) Gold. Pool play ends today.

Friday-Sunday at Harmodon Park

Pool 1 - Sioux Falls Post 15 East, Brookings, Fargo Post 2, Excelsior (Minn.)
Pool 2 - Sioux Falls Post 15 West, Watertown, Valley Springs, New Ulm (Minn.) Gold

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

Friday's Pool Play

SF East 11, Brookings 5

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Matt Thomas, Sam Froehlich (4) and Kelby Beste; Cole Halgerson, Drew Rehurek (5) and Brooks Cross. HRs - None.

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Other Tourney Scores

Watertown 13, SF West 9
Watertown 17, Valley Springs 2
New Ulm 14, Valley Springs 2
Excelsior 8, Fargo 6

Sunday

11:30 a.m. - 7th-place game (seed 4 Pool 1 vs. seed 4 Pool 2) on 2, 11:30 - 5th place game (seed 3 Pool 1 vs. seed 3 Pool 2) on 1, 3 p.m. - 3rd-place game (seed 2 Pool 1 vs. seed 2 Pool 2) on 2, 3 p.m. - Championship (seed 1 Pool 1 vs. seed 1 Pool 2) on 1

Sports briefs: SF East downs Watertown in final

From staff reports • July 19, 2010 Sioux Falls Argus Leader

Sioux Falls Post 15 West used a 23-hit barrage to defeat Watertown 22-13 in the championship game of the Mid-Summer Shootout Legion baseball tournament Sunday afternoon at Harmodon Park.

Connor Schaefbaeur was 4-for-7 with a double and triple for East (32-12), which went 4-0 in the tourney. Jared Miller was 3-for-7 with a double and three RBI, Trey Naasz 3-for-4 with three runs, and Brooks Cross 3-for-5 with a double and four runs. Cory Steffen was 2-for-5 with a double and three runs scored, Cole Halgerson 2-for-6, Taylor Rasmussen 2-for-7, Jordan Merritt 2-for-4 and Marcus Tramp 2-for-2 with three runs. East led 15-6 after five innings.

For Watertown, Blake Turbak was 3-for-5 with three runs, Nate VanLaecken 2-for-4 with three RBI and Ryan Engels 2-for-3 with two doubles.

Sioux Falls West edged Brookings 6-5 for fifth place. Jared Frazier, Joe Rezac, T.J. Davis and Weston Smith each had two singles for West (15-32). For Brookings, Zach Thomas was 3-for-4 with a double and Landon Busch 2-for-3 with a double.

MID-SUMMER SHOOTOUT Sunday at Harmodon Park

Seventh Place - Fargo Post 2 10, Valley Springs 0
Fifth Place - SF Post 15 West 6, Brookings 5
Third Place - Excelsior, Minn. 6, New Ulm (Minn.) Gold 0
Championship - SF Post 15 East 22, Watertown 13

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Alec Johnson and Kelby Beste; Trevor Hurley and T.J. Davis. HRs - None.

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Tyler Bayse, Shawn Mack (3), Dylan Olson (6) and Tanner Neale; Trey Naasz, Michael Hout (6), Jordan Schievelbein (8), Brady Cross (9) and Brooks Cross. HRs - None.

NU Legion Gold finishes fourth in Mid Summer Classic

POSTED July 19, 2010 New Ulm Journal

SIOUX FALLS - New Ulm Legion Gold finished fourth in the Mid Summer Classic in Sioux Falls.

Legion Gold lost to Excelsior 6-0 in the third-place game on Sunday.

In Saturday action, Gold defeated Sioux Falls West, 19-7 and lost to Watertown, S.D., 8-6. ***(NUSC Note: Sioux Falls Argus Leader reported score with Sioux Falls West as 18-8.)***

In Sunday's loss to Excelsior, Adam Loose was the losing pitcher.

In the 19-7 win Saturday over Sioux Falls West, Colin Wendinger was winning pitcher. Kyle M. Fischer went five-for-seven, scored three runs. He also hit for he cycle - one single, one double, one triple and one home run. Aaron Pfaff went four-for-six, scored four runs and one triple. Loose went four-for-six, hit a home run and had one RBI.

In the 8-6 defeat by Watertown, Colton Petron was losing pitcher. Aaron Pfaff went two-for-three, scored two runs and had one RBI. Kyle E. Fischer, was two-for-five and had one RBI.

On Wednesday, Legion Gold, which now has a record of 15-12, meets the winner of the Fairmont-Sleepy Eye game at 7 p.m. at Wol-

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

- New Ulm Gold's Jason Shaul gets some dust in his bubble gum as he slides in safely at third ahead of the tag by Fairmont's Jordan Petschke during the second inning Wednesday at Wolverton Field. Pat Christman

Kyle M. throws gem for New Ulm

POSTED July 22, 2010 Mankato Free Press

Fischer allows three hits in complete game win over Fairmont

By Tyler Buckentine Free Press Staff Writer

MANKATO — Kyle M. Fischer threw 103 pitches in a complete game victory Wednesday night, and if New Ulm American Legion Post 132 Gold coach LeRoy Flor needs him to go again before the Division I 2nd District Tournament is over, Fischer will be ready.

Fischer struck out seven, allowed three hits and held Fairmont Post 36 scoreless through eight innings as the Gold opened the tournament with an 8-1 win at Wolverton Field.

"(Fischer) only threw 103 in a nine-inning ballgame and he's a guy that can bounce back easy," Flor said. "Kyle M. pitches ahead in the count and that's really the key to him and our team. If he pitches ahead, we play better defense because nobody is on their heels. "

Fischer retired 12 straight batters from the fifth inning until he walked Justin Heinrich with one out in the top of the ninth. Heinrich later scored without Fischer giving up a hit for Fairmont's only run.

After he sent Fairmont down in order in the seventh, Fischer added a home run — a solo shot into the evergreens in left field — to make it 6-0 New Ulm.

"I thought I got under it, actually," said Fischer, who finished the game 2 for 4. "It didn't come off the bat well, but I'll take it."

Gold put two runs on the board in the bottom of the first after a perfect top half by Fischer. With one out and runners on the corners, Zach Fischer laced a double to right-field corner to score Aaron Pfaff and Garrett Fischer.

Zach Hoffmann led off the fourth inning with a double and Jason Shaul singled him in to make the score 3-0. Aaron Pfaff doubled later in the inning to score Hoffmann and Kevin Larson.

Meanwhile, Kyle M. Fischer continued to shut down the Fairmont lineup.

"I felt comfortable just trying to throw strikes and letting my defense do the work behind me," Fischer said. "The outfield hustled to every ball. They tracked down a lot of fly balls in the gap."

Gold spotted Kyle M. Fischer two more runs in the eighth when Zach Fischer doubled to right-center and Hoffmann walked. Shaul doubled to left-center to bring in both runners.

Shaul finished the game with three hits and three RBIs with a walk. Four New Ulm hitters finished the game with two or more hits. Garrett Fischer had one hit, a double in the fifth.

"I thought we had some good at-bats," Flor said. "We took their pitchers deep in the count and that's when you force them to throw fastballs."

New Ulm advances to face Mankato National Post 11 at 7 p.m. tonight at Franklin Rogers Park. The teams played each other June 30 at Johnson Park in New Ulm with Mankato winning 8-2.

"We probably weren't real focused and our pitching was thinned out coming back after a tournament," Flor said of the first meeting. "We'll be ready and focused. Don't worry."

Flor said he plans to throw "Big Kyle" tonight against Mankato. That would be Kyle E. Fischer.

Fairmont splits two at district

POSTED July 22, 2010 Fairmont Sentinel

Jason Wilcox - Sentinel Sports Writer

MANKATO - Kyle M. Fischer got the job done with his arm and his bat Wednesday night for New Ulm Gold.

Fischer fired a complete-game three-hitter and socked a solo home run to lead No. 2-seeded Gold to an 8-1 win over No. 3-seeded Fairmont Post 36 in Division I, Second District American Legion baseball action at Wolverton Field at Mankato East High School.

That proved to be Fairmont's second game of the day as Post 36 earned a 15-9 win over No. 6-seeded Sleepy Eye prior to turning around and dropping the contest to Gold.

Fairmont (4-4) faces New Ulm Blue - who dropped a 7-4 decision to Worthington on Wednesday - at 7 p.m. tonight in an elimination contest back at Wolverton Field at Mankato East High School.

New Ulm Gold (16-12) plays Mankato National - a 13-0 winner in seven innings over Worthington - at 7 p.m. today at Franklin Rogers Field in Mankato.

In today's other game, Sleepy Eye faces Worthington in an elimination contest at 4 p.m. today at Franklin Rogers Field.

Gold got off to a solid offensive start with two runs in the top of the first frame. Zach Fischer's two-run double to right off Fairmont starter Logan Peymann with two out scored Aaron Pfaff and Garrett Fischer, who had singled and walked, respectively.

The team added three more in the fourth as Jason Shaul singled home Zach Hoffmann, who reached on a double, before Shaul and Kevin Larson came in on a Pfaff two-out double to left for a 5-0 lead. Larson reached on an infield hit.

In the seventh inning, Kyle M. Fischer hit his solo home run - again with two out - to left field, before Shaul completed the scoring in the eighth as his one-out double to center scored Zach Fischer and Hoffmann.

Zach Fischer had doubled off Fairmont reliever Tanner Nawrocki, before Hoffmann drew a walk.

Fairmont managed to get a run on the scoreboard in the ninth when Justin Heinrich walked, stole second, took third on an error and scored on a Jon Ellis groundout.

Kyle M. Fischer allowed one run on three hits in nine frames. He struck out seven and walked two.

Shaul led Gold with three hits, while Pfaff, Kyle M. Fischer and Zach Fischer added two hits each.

Joey Fitzgerald, Jordan Petschke and Ryan Noll had Fairmont's hits.

Peymann took the pitching loss, allowing five runs on 10 hits in six-plus frames for Fairmont. Peymann struck out four and walked three.

Nawrocki gave up three runs on three hits in two relief innings. He struck out one and walked one.

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Logan Peymann (LP), Tanner Nawrocki (7) and Ryan Noll. Kyle M. Fischer (WP) and Jason Shaul.

LOB-Fairmont 3, New Ulm Gold 3. 2B-Zach Fischer (N.U. Gold) 2, Zach Hoffmann (N.U. Gold), Aaron Pfaff (N.U. Gold), Garrett Fischer (N.U. Gold), Jason Shaul (N.U. Gold). HR-Kyle M. Fischer (N.U. Gold). SAC-Kyle M. Fischer (N.U. Gold), Adam Loose

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

Gold advances to finals

POSTED July 23, 2010 New Ulm Journal

By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Gold's Kevin Larson is congratulated by teammate Garrett Fischer (11) after hitting a two-run Home run during New Ulm's win against Mankato Nationals Thursday at Franklin Rogers Park in Mankato. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

MANKATO - Batting in the No. 3 spot in the order, New Ulm Gold's Jason Shaul didn't look uncomfortable at all.

In fact, Shaul took to his new spot quite well, hitting a two-run home run in his first at-bat. That led the way to New Ulm defeating Mankato 9-4 in the District 2 Legion baseball playoffs at Franklin Rogers Park.

That means New Ulm advances to the championship and will have to lose twice in order to be denied a trip to the state tournament.

"I was pretty comfortable and I knew what I was going to see," Shaul said. "I just tried sticking the ball when people were on."

Shaul's homer in the first inning drove in Kyle M. Fischer to give New Ulm a 2-0 lead. New Ulm never gave up the lead and dominated from the start.

"It was 2-0 and he threw me two curveballs and missed, so I was sitting fastball and he left it up," Shaul said. "I just made good contact on it."

Ray Teachout took the loss for Mankato. He pitched four innings and allowed six runs.

Kyle E. Fischer earned the win for New Ulm. He went the distance, allowing eight hits.

"He was hitting his spots, ins and outs," Shaul said. "He was throwing his offspeeds for strikes and he was getting outs using the 'D.'"

He wasn't the only one to homer for Gold. Buried in the No. 9 spot, Kevin Larson hit a two-run home run off the scoreboard in right to put Gold up 4-0. It was a rare moment rounding the bases for Larson, who bats second for New Ulm Cathedral during the high school season.

"No, so when they come they're special," Larson said. "It was a great feeling to help the team win. [Third base coach Brad] Kraus definitely had a big smile on his face at third base and it helped me smile too."

Garrett Fischer added a two-run single in the fourth to put New Ulm up 6-0.

Mankato scored two runs in the fifth and both teams were scoreless until the ninth when Gold scored three more runs. Zach Hoffmann had a two-run double that scored Kyle M. Fischer and Shaul and Hoffmann later scored on Adam Loose's single to make it 9-2.

Mankato scored two more runs in the bottom of the ninth and had the bases loaded before Kyle E. Fischer escaped with a fly ball to left to end the game.

Now New Ulm gets to rest while the three other teams remaining have to battle it out. The team that emerges has to beat New Ulm twice to advance to state.

New Ulm Legion Gold Baseball 2010

Coach: LeRoy Flor Assistant Coaches: Adam Buegler, Brad Kraus

Mankato beats Legion Gold twice for championship

POSTED July 25, 2010 New Ulm Journal

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Legion Gold second baseman Kyle E. Fischer attempts to get out of the way after tagging out Mankato's Toby Turbes during New Ulm's first loss to Mankato during the 2nd District championship Saturday at Franklin Rogers Park in New Ulm. Mankato won the first game 9-2 then held on for the second game 19-15
For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

MANKATO - All New Ulm Legion Gold needed to do was win one game Saturday and it would spend next week in Hibbing for the state tournament.

If only it was that easy.

Mankato Nationals broke open a close game with seven runs in the final two innings to win Game 1 9-2.

That forced a second game for the District 2 title.

Mankato sent 16 batters to the plate and lit New Ulm up for 11 runs in the bottom of the first inning alone but New Ulm crept its way back into the game before Nationals held on for the 19-15 win and the spot in the Division 1 State Tournament.

It was a complete turn around from Thursday night when Legion Gold beat Mankato 9-4 to send it to the loser's bracket.

That win put New Ulm in the championship game and made it so Mankato needed to win twice Saturday to advance.

The first game was a pitcher's duel for the first seven innings.

Mankato struck first with a run in the second when Drew Weber reached on a fielder's choice and scored on Derrick Cattrysse's single to right.

New Ulm countered with a run in the bottom half of the inning as Zach Fischer doubled to center and was driven in by Zach Hoffmann. Adam Loose then reached on an error but both were stranded on base.

Both teams had opportunities in the fourth as both left runners at second and third.

Mankato went up in the fifth when Cattrysse walked and was driven in by Ray Teachout's double to right-center field.

That's the way it stayed until the bottom of the seventh when Legion Gold was able to tie it up.

Loose led off the inning with a single, Bryan Kehren sacrificed him to second and he advanced to third on Aaron Pfaff's groundout. Loose then tied the game on a wild pitch.

But it didn't stay tied for long.
Mankato blew up for four runs in the top of the eighth as it sent nine batters to the plate to make it 6-2.

It added to its lead in the ninth when Mankato sent eight batters to plate and scored three more runs.

Dalton Deinhart took the loss for Legion Gold. He pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed seven runs on nine hits with three walks.

Colton Petron started the game and went six innings and allowed two runs on six hits with six strikeouts and three walks.

Legion Gold had six hits in the game and was led by Zach Fischer, who went 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored.

Kyle E. Fischer, Jason Shaul, Hoffmann and Loose had the other hits.

Luke Weber got the in the first game. He went the distance and allowed two runs on six hits with five strikeouts.

He started the second game and pitched the first three innings, he allowed five runs and nine hits.

Kyle E. Fischer had a two-run homer in the top of the first but the Nationals scored 11 runs on six hits in the bottom of the inning.

New Ulm used three pitchers in that first inning as Collin Wendinger got the start and allowed six runs on two hits. Keith Besemer came in and pitched 1/3 of an inning and allowed four runs on two hits. Kyle M. Fischer then pitched the next 6 2/3 innings.

Mankato made it 13-2 after the second before New Ulm scored three runs in the third on another two-run homer by Kyle E. Fischer and an RBI single by Shaul.

Unbelievably New Ulm was able to come back and cut the game to 14-10 in the fourth.

It eventually cut the lead to two in the fifth making it 14-12.

Mankato added four in the sixth to finally put it out of reach.

Wendinger took the loss in his 1/3 of an inning of work.

Kyle M. Fischer pitched 6 2/3 innings and allowed nine runs on 14 hits. Loose pitched the ninth inning.

Kyle E. Fischer had the huge bat in the final game with two, two-run homers and six RBIs.

New Ulm Legion Gold ends the year 14-14 and Mankato is now 23-4. It opens the

Gold upsets National in Legion playoffs

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Post 11 falls to elimination bracket in 2nd District Tournament

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MANKATO — Kyle E. Fischer pitched his way out of a couple of jams and New Ulm Gold put together a 12-hit attack on Thursday, downing Mankato National 9-4 and sending the host team to the elimination bracket of the 2nd District American Legion Baseball Tournament.

Mankato right-hander Ray Teachout, who was the winner in an 8-2 National win over Gold earlier this season, was not as sharp on Thursday at Franklin Rogers Park. His control was off and he left some pitches up in the strike zone where New Ulm could take advantage.

Jason Shaul belted a two-run homer to right in the first inning and Kevin Larson added a two-run shot to right in the fourth. Garrett Fischer also had a two-run double in the fourth.

“I think Ray was maybe a little too pumped up tonight,” Mankato coach Jamie Mulvihill said. “When that happens you tend to get your pitches up above the belt and New Ulm capitalized.

“I considered taking him out after that second two-run homer when it was 4-0, but I thought he could come back. Matt Anderson came in the fifth and did a great job in relief but we couldn’t get enough timely hits after that.”

New Ulm’s Fischer kept National off the board until the fifth when Toby Turbes smacked a leadoff double to right, advanced to third on an infield error and scored on a base hit by Drew Weber. Adam Athey also scored on Weber’s single to make it 6-2.

Fischer took control soon after, retiring 10 straight batters to get his team to the ninth inning. That’s when New Ulm added three more runs on a two-RBI double by Zach Hoffmann and a run-scoring single by Adam Loose.

Fischer started the ninth but got into trouble right away. Derek Quame delivered a leadoff single and advanced to third on a double to right by Mitch Kleist.

After a conference on the mound with head coach LeRoy Flor, Fischer stayed in the game and promptly struck out Derrick Cattrysse. Fischer then hit Turbes with a pitch, struck out Anderson looking and then forced in a run by hitting Athey with a pitch.

A wild pitch scored another run, closing the gap to 9-4. Fischer hit yet another batter, Adam Geiger, to reload the bases, before getting Weber to fly out to left to end the game.

“I’d say he was one hit away from me getting him out there,” Flor said afterward. “But Kyle and I have been together a long time and I know what he can do. I had confidence he could finish it out and he proved me right.”

Fischer ended up winning a complete-game eight-hitter, striking out 10 without walking anyone. He hit four batters.

Kyle M. Fischer led the winners offensively, going 3 for 4 and scoring three times. Shaul, Garrett Fischer and Larson each had two hits and two RBIs. Turbes had two hits for Mankato.

Mankato National (21-4) now drops down to the bottom bracket where it will play at 7 p.m. today at Wolverton Field against the winner of the Sleepy Eye/Fairmont game. New Ulm Gold (16-12) awaits the winners of the elimination bracket and will play them at 1 p.m. Saturday at Franklin Rogers Park.

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Mankato National going to Legion state

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Self-proclaimed "Wolfpack" sweeps New Ulm Gold

Mankato Post 11's winning pitcher Luke Weber (right) gives head coach Jamie Mulvihill a fist bump after pitching out of a jam in the fourth inning of Saturday's first championship game. Mankato went on to win twice and capture the Second District American Legion baseball title. Joelle Pipal

By Jim Rueda Free Press Sports Editor

MANKATO — The members of the Mankato National Post 11 baseball team have adopted the nickname "The Wolfpack" for the 2010 season. On Saturday, before the 4 p.m. championship game of the Second District American Legion Tournament at Franklin Rogers Park, they let loose with their traditional howl prior to taking the field against New Ulm Gold.

Nineteen hits later, Mankato had plenty to howl about. The only thing was, New Ulm Gold howled right back with 21 hits. After the last out was finally recorded, Mankato had emerged with a 19-15 victory and a berth in the state Legion tournament in Hibbing.

"We were up 13-2 in the second inning but I remember thinking this game isn't over," Mankato coach Jamie Mulvihill said. "New Ulm doesn't give up. It was just like last year's championship game that we won 18-17."

Post 11 reached the 4 p.m. title round with a 9-2 victory over Gold in the first championship game at 1 p.m.

With that game tied at 2 after seven innings, Mankato delivered a four-run rally in the eighth. Singles by Adam Athey, Adam Geiger, Derek Quame, Drew Weber, Mitch Kleist and Derrick Cattrysse fueled the rally.

Post 11 scored three more times in the ninth on a sacrifice fly by Geiger and Quame's two-run homer.

Quame spoke prophetically after the win: "Usually when we start hitting we keep going for awhile. I expect us to keep going in the second game."

Luke Weber tossed a complete-game seven-hitter for the victory, striking out five, walking one and giving up two earned runs.

"I didn't have great control with my change-up but it was good enough that they had to be aware of it," Weber said. "The guys played great defense behind me and it was great to see us start hitting again."

Mulvihill reeled Weber out to the mound again to start Game 2. He gave up a two-run homer to Kyle E. Fischer in the first before Mankato scored 11 times in the bottom half of the inning off three New Ulm pitchers.

Quame had two RBI singles in the inning as Mankato sent 16 batters to the plate. Kleist, Cattrysse and Toby Turbes also had run-scoring hits and Drew Weber added a two-run double.

Like his coach, Drew Weber said he knew no lead was safe.

"We knew they'd keep coming at us," said the right-fielder, who finished 3 for 5 with five RBIs. "We knew we had to keep scoring."

Mankato added two more runs in the bottom of the second to make it 13-2, but Gold came right back, scoring three times in both the third and fourth innings and putting together a four-run fifth.

The two heavyweight Legion teams kept trading punches for the rest of the game. Nick Kaus, Mankato's third pitcher, held Gold to two runs over the final 41⁄3 innings to get the win.

New Ulm's Kyle E. Fischer finished with six RBIs, including a pair of two-run shots. Kyle M. Fischer had five hits and Garrett Fischer and Jason Shaul each ripped four hits to pace the Gold attack. Mankato left-fielder Toby Turbes went 5 for 5 with a double, a run scored and an RBI.

"We knew it wasn't over until the final out," Turbes said. "This was two great Legion teams going at each other.
"We kept scoring and they kept scoring and nobody gave up. It's a great win for us. It feels awesome to be going to state."

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