



New Ulm VFW Gold (16U) Baseball 2010

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Season Schedule and Results

Day & Date	Time	S	Opponent	Cl	Type	Location	Site	NU	Opp	Inn	W	Lea	Exhib	Other	Total	Ref
Sat., May 29	11:00 am		Blue Earth		League N	Essig	Postponed	-								3
			Blue Earth		League N	Essig	Postponed	-								3
Wed June 2	6:00 pm	1	St. Peter		League A	St. Peter		8 - 5	7	W	1-0				1-0	3
Sat June 5	11:00 am	2	St. James		League N	Essig		9 - 5		W	2-0				2-0	3
			St.. James		League N	Essig		-								
Wed June 9	8:00 pm	3	Wells		League A	Wells		12 - 8		W	3-0				3-0	3
Fri June 11	4:30 pm	4	Sioux Falls E		Tourn A	Luverne		5 - 9		L				0-1	3-1	4
Sat June 12	12:30 pm		Luverne		Tourn A	Luverne	Cancelled	-								
Sat June 12	3:30 pm		Blue Earth		Tourn A	Luverne	Cancelled	-								
Sun Jun 13	TBD		TBD		Tourn A	Luverne	Cancelled	-								
Mon Jun 14	5:30 pm		Hutchinson #2		Exhibit H	New Ulm	Postponed	-								
Tues Jun 15		5	Sleepy Eye		League A	Sleepy Eye		1 - 7		L	3-1				3-2	4
Wed. Jun 16	5:00 pm	6	New Ulm Blue		League H	New Ulm	Mueller	12 - 1		W	4-1				4-2	4
		7	New Ulm Blue		League H	New Ulm	Mueller	11 - 1		W	5-1				5-2	4
Sat. June 19	12:30 pm	8	Litchfield		Tourn A	Hutchinson		2 - 2		L				0-2	5-3	5
Sat June 19	2:30 pm	9	Minnewaska		Tourn A	Hutchinson		5 - 4	7	W				1-2	6-3	5
Sun June 20	TBD	10	Glencoe		Tourn A	Hutchinson		9 - 8	7	W				2-2	7-3	5
Wed June 23	5:30 pm	11	Blue Earth		League A	Blue Earth		9 - 4	7	W	6-1				8-3	5
Thur June 24	6:00 pm	12	Sleepy Eye		Tourn H	New Ulm	Johnson	2 - 6	7	L				2-3	8-4	6
Fri June 25	5:00 pm	13	Luverne		Tourn H	New Ulm	Johnson	3 - 7		L				2-4	8-5	7
Sat June 26	10:30 am	14	Maple Grove		Tourn H	New Ulm	Johnson	4 - 18		L				2-5	8-6	8
Sat June 26	5:00 pm		Omaha Gross		Tourn H	NU Canceled	Johnson	-		-					8-6	-
Sun June 27	TBD		TBD		Tourn H	NU Canceled	Johnson	-		-					8-6	-
Mon June 28	5:00 pm	15	Hutchinson #2		Exhibit H	New Ulm	Mueller	5 - 9	7	L				0-1	8-7	8
Wed June 30	5:00 pm	16	St. James		League A	St. James		14 - 3		W	7-1				9-7	8
Mon. Jul 5		17	Redwood Falls		Exhibit H	New Ulm	Mueller	4 - 3	7	W				1-1	10-7	9
Wed July 7	7:00 pm		Mapleton		League A	Mapleton	Postponed	-		-						-
Thur July 8	6:00 pm	18	Hutchinson		League A	Hutchinson		2 - 12	6	L	7-2				10-8	9
Sat July 10	TBD	19	Moorhead		Tourn N	Alexandria		7 - 5	7	W				3-5	11-8	9
Sat July 10	TBD	20	Alexandria 1		Tourn N	Alexandria		2 - 8	7	L				3-6	11-9	9
Sun July 11	TBD	21	Alexandria 2		Tourn N	Alexandria		15 - 0	5	W				4-9	12-9	9
Thur July 15	TBD	22	Glencoe		NWSub N	Dassel		7 - 1		W				5-9	13-9	10
Fri July 16		23	Hutchinson I		NWSub N	Dassel		4 - 8		L				5-10	13-10	11
Sat July 17		24	Hutchinson 1		NWSub N	Dassel		10 - 6		W				6-10	14-10	12
Sat July 17		25	Hutchinson 1		NWSub N	Dassel		2 - 5		L				6-11	14-11	12
Thurs Jul 22	7 p.m.	26	Rosemount		Dist 2 H	New Ulm	Johnson	3 - 7		L				6-12	14-12	13
Fri., July 23	4 p.m.	27	Fairmont		Dist 2 H	New Ulm	Mueller	6 - 5		W				7-12	15-12	13
Fri., July 23	7 p.m.	28	Hutchinson		Dist 2 H	New Ulm	Mueller	8 - 7		W				8-12	16-12	14
Sat., Jul 24	4 p.m.	29	Rosemount		Dist 2 H	New Ulm	Mueller	3 - 4		L				8-13	16-13	15



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First Games Postponed

The scheduled opening double header with Gold playing Blue Earth at Essig Saturday, May 29th was postponed due to conflict with high school tournament activity.

VFW Gold 8, St. Peter 5

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ST. PETER - New Ulm VFW Gold opened the season with a win over St. Peter.

Jake Stadick earned the win as he allowed four runs on two hits with five strikeouts and a walk. He also had a double and two RBIs.

Dan Reinke was 2-for-4 with two RBI and Nick Larson had a triple with an RBI.

New Ulm VFW Gold defeats St. James

POSTED June 6, 2010 New Ulm Journal

ESSIG - New Ulm VFW Gold defeated St. James 9-5 in VFW baseball action.

Zach Schreiner earned the win for New Ulm. He gave up three runs and five hits. He struck out three and walked one.

Offensively, Nick Larson was 2-for-3 with a run and three RBIs and Eric Hauser had a triple, a run and an RBI. Louis Shellum had a double, a run and an RBI.

VFW Gold comes back to win

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WELLS - New Ulm VFW Gold overcame a six-run deficit to defeat Wells 12-8 in VFW baseball action Wednesday.

Drew Pfaff earned the win for Gold. He pitched five innings, allowing two walks and four hits. He struck out three.

Eric Hauser was 2-for-4 with three runs and three RBIs and Chris Mulder was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Louis Shellum had a double and two RBIs and Javen Munce had three RBIs.



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VFW Gold loses 9-5

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LUVERNE - New Ulm VFW Gold fell to Sioux Falls East 9-5 Friday in the Luverne Invitational.

Nate Schoenherr took the loss. He allowed six runs on 11 hits with a walk and a strikeout. He also was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Javen Munce was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Louis Shellum was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Saturday's games were rained out but the tournament should resume for VFW Gold at 9 a.m. today.

Note: No further reports were received regarding makeup of the rained out games or tournament.

Sleepy Eye tops Gold

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SLEEPY EYE - Sleepy Eye VFW defeated New Ulm VFW Gold 7-1 Tuesday.

Scott Salfer picked up the win for Sleepy Eye. He pitched seven innings and allowed one run on three hits with three walks and five strikeouts.

Joe Meyer and Nick Simon were 1-for-3 with a run scored. John Mangen was 1-for-1 with an RBI.

Drew Pfaff took the loss for New Ulm. He pitched four innings and allowed five runs on two hits with four walks and four strikeouts.

Javen Munce had a solo home run for VFW Gold's lone score.

VFW Gold, Junior Legion both win

POSTED June 17, 2010

NEW ULM - New Ulm VFW Gold swept New Ulm VFW Blue in a pair of games Wednesday at Mueller Park.

Jake Stadick earned the win for Gold in the first game as he pitched five innings and allowed one run on a hit with three strikeouts and two walks.

Eric Hauser was 2-for-2 with a double and two runs scored. Drew Pfaff was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs. Zach Schreiner and Troy Altmann had two RBIs.

Dominic Camacho took the loss and Luke Cihak scored Blues only run.

In the second game, Schriener earned the win. He allowed one run on two hits with three walks.

Pfaff was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs, Louis Shellum was 2-for-4 with a triple and an RBI. Nick Larson was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Jim Holstein was 2-for-2 with a run scored and three RBIs



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VFW Gold splits at Hutchinson

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HUTCHINSON - New Ulm VFW Gold went 1-1 at the Hutchinson Tournament Saturday.

Litchfield won the first game 2-1 and Gold won the second game over Minnewaska 5-4.

Nate Schoenherr took the loss in the first game, pitching 6 2/3 innings and allowing four hits and he had five strikeouts.

Collin Kral got the win in the second game, pitching seven innings and allowing five hits. Nick Larson had two RBIs and Drew Pfaff had two runs scored.

VFW Gold defeats Glencoe, 9-8

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HUTCHINSON - New Ulm VFW Gold defeated Glencoe 9-8 Sunday in the Hutchinson tournament .

Gold won in the bottom of the seventh inning on a lead-off double by Louis Shellum, who was sacrificed to third by Colin Kral. Javen Munce drove in a base hit, which was the game-winning play.

New Ulm collected 11 walks in the game.

Winning pitcher was Luke Phifer.

Gold hitters included Eric Hauser, 2-for-2; four runs scored, one triple and two stolen bases; Shellum, 2-for-3, two runs, one double; Nick Larson, 2-for-3, one double, one RBI; and Jim Holstein, 2-for-2, one run, and two RBIs.

VFW Gold holds off Blue Earth, 9-4

POSTED June 23, 2010 New Ulm Journal

BLUE EARTH - New Ulm VFW Gold defeated Blue Earth 9-4 Wednesday.

Jake Stadick earned the win. He pitched five innings and struck out four, allowing four runs.

Drew Pfaff was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs. Zach Schreiner, Javen Munce, Nate Schoenherr and Jimmy Holstein each had an RBI.



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Sleepy Eye opens with victory

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By Michael Gasset

Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - New Ulm VFW Gold had the hits. It also had the errors and Sleepy Eye VFW capitalized.

Sleepy Eye scored six runs off four New Ulm errors to win the opener of the 2010 Jr. Upper Midwest Classic Thursday 6-2.

"We took advantage of their errors and especially their walks at the end," Sleepy Eye coach Dusty Mangen said. "We didn't hit the ball all that great, if we want to win in this tournament we gotta hit the ball better."

Gold didn't have much trouble getting hits off of Sleepy Eye starter Jordan Anderson. It just had trouble stringing hits together. New Ulm outhit Sleepy Eye 10-6 and even had four hits in the second inning but failed to score.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

Sleepy Eye Catcher Josh Kopacek tags out New Ulm VFW Gold's Nick Larson during the first game of the Junior Upper Midwest Classic Thursday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

"Their pitcher beared down, when we got the runners on he forced us to ground out," New Ulm coach Bob Weier said. "I'm very proud of our hitting but our defense in the beginning left a little bit to be desired. We are gaining experience and gaining exposed to different situations."

Sleepy Eye scored right away in top of the first when Adam Sellner singled and scored on Tyler Windschitl's single to right.

After a scoreless second, Sleepy Eye added a pair of runs in the third. Brady Hansen led off by reaching on an error and scored on Sellner's triple to left. Sellner scored when Sean Mathiowetz reached on an error.

Sleepy Eye added a run in the fifth and two insurance runs in the seventh for the win.

"It was important that we got those two runs there in the seventh inning," Mangen said. "When we scored those two, we took the momentum right back."

Gold had its chances throughout the game. It stranded seven runners through the first five innings before finally breaking through in the sixth.

Dan Reinke was hit by a pitch and courtesy runner Jake Stadick scored on Nate Schoenherr's single. Nick Larson walked and scored when Jimmy Holstein grounded out to second.

New Ulm also had bases loaded in the seventh but failed to capitalize.

Holstein, Schoenherr and Drew Pfaff each had two hits. Louis Shellum, Javen Munce, Larson and Zach Schreiner had the other hits for Gold.

Schoenherr took the loss as he went six innings and allowed six runs on six hits with three strikeouts.

Gold (8-4) plays Luverne at 5 p.m. today at Johnson Park.

For Sleepy Eye, Anderson earned the win as he pitched six innings and allowed two runs on six hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

Sellner was 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Windschitl, Nolan Helget and Hansen had the other hits.



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Bad weather halts play at Jr. Upper Midwest

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NEW ULM - New Ulm VFW Gold's game with Luverne was halted in the bottom of the third inning of the Jr. Upper Midwest Classic.

Tournament officials called a delay after Gold's half of the third inning.

Lightning was in the area and eventually warning sirens went off. Officials then evacuated Johnson Park and sent the crowd to the New Ulm Community Center.

Shortly thereafter, strong winds, hail and heavy rain blanketed New Ulm. The game will be resumed at 10:30 a.m. today.

New Ulm got on the board first when Troy Altmann led off the game with a single to left. Louis Shellum sacrificed him to second and Altmann scored on a Drew Pfaff single to right.

Luverne countered with three runs in the bottom of the first.

Cody Christensen led off with a double, Richard Gonzalez followed with a single and Nick Rittenhause drove them both in with a triple.

Rittenhause scored on a Josh Slieter groundout to second.

Gold cut the Luverne lead to one in the top of the second. Colin Kral reached on a fielder's choice and stole second. He scored on Shellum's single to right.

New Ulm eventually tied the game in the top of the third.

Javen Munce led off by reaching on an error. He later scored on Nate Schoenherr's single to center.

Gold had a chance to add more runs but left two runners on base before the game was called.

VFW Gold's game with Maple Grove - Game 17 on the original schedule - will now be played at 4 p.m. at Johnson Park. The game with Omaha Gross has been cancelled.

Weather again plays role in Jr. Upper Midwest

POSTED June 27, 2010

NEW ULM - Bad weather again made a mess of the Jr. Upper Midwest Classic Saturday.

Severe weather in the New Ulm area Friday forced the cancellation of eight games that were to be played as part of Saturday's pool play.

When severe weather rolled into the area again on Saturday night, more games were cancelled.

Jr. Legion's game with Rochester was halted in the second inning and will not be resumed.

Jr. Legion lost its other game 7-5 to Hutchinson and finished the tournament 0-3. Sleepy Eye won all three of its games, including a 12-2 victory over Mankato Saturday to secure the top spot in Pool B.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Members of New Ulm VFW Gold help the grounds crew put a tarp over home plate at Johnson Park as play was stopped for an approaching storm in New Ulm Friday. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com



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VFW Gold falls

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NEW ULM - New Ulm VFW Gold played a game and a half Saturday in the Jr. Upper Midwest Classic.

Neither game came out in VFW Gold's favor.

New Ulm lost the first game, which was a continuation of a game called Friday because of inclement weather, 7-3 to Luverne.

Then Maple Grove took down VFW Gold 18-4 in the second game, both played at Johnson Park.

Against Luverne, New Ulm had tied it up at three in the top of the third before bad weather halted the game.

When play resumed on Saturday, Luverne regained control.

Richard Gonzalez hit a three-run home run in the fourth to go ahead 6-3.

Luverne added its final run in the sixth to make the final 7-3.

New Ulm was held hitless after the game resumed.

In the loss to Maple Grove, things started out nicely for VFW Gold.

It jumped out to a 3-1 lead after the first inning. Eric Hauser led off by getting walked, Troy Altmann reached on a fielder's choice and Nick Larson drove them both in with a single to right.

Larson later scored on an error.

Maple Grove tied it in the third then blew the game wide open in the fourth as it scored seven runs on five hits and sent 11 batters to the plate.

It added two more in the fifth then topped the game off with a six-run sixth.

New Ulm scored its other run in the fourth inning. Gold had just three hits in the game, by Larson, Louis Shellum and Troy Altmann.

Maple Grove had 19 hits total.

VFW Gold is now 8-5 as it went 0-3 in the Junior Upper Midwest.

VFW Gold tops St. James

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ST. JAMES - New Ulm VFW Gold beat St. James 14-3 in VFW baseball action Wednesday.

Nate Schoenherr earned the win as he pitched six innings and allowed three runs on four hits with three strikeouts and three walks.

Nick Larson was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Jake Stadick was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and Jimmy Holstein was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Javen Munce scored four runs.

On Monday, VFW Gold fell to Hutchinson 2 9-5.



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New Ulm VFW Gold falls to Hutchinson

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HUTCHINSON - Hutchinson 1 defeated New Ulm VFW Gold 12-2 in six innings Thursday in VFW baseball action.



Luke Phifer took the loss for New Ulm. Colin Kral was 2-for-3 and Jimmy Holstein was 2-for-2.

VFW Gold wins

POSTED July 6, 2010 New Ulm Journal

NEW ULM - After nearly a week off, New Ulm VFW Gold shook off any rust it may have had and edged Redwood Falls 4-3 Monday at Mueller Park.

Redwood Falls opened with single runs in the second and third before VFW Gold scored three in the bottom of the third. That's all it needed and New Ulm held on for the win.

Chris Mulder was the big bat for VFW Gold. He went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Javen Munce had a double and two runs scored. Jake Stadick had an RBI.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm VFW Gold second baseman Luke Phifer looks to make a relay throw to first for a double play as a Redwood Falls base runner slides into second Monday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

VFW Gold had seven hits in the game.

New Ulm VFW Gold defeats Moorhead in Alex.

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ALEXANDRIA - New Ulm VFW Gold defeated Moorhead 7-5 at the Alexandria Tournament Saturday.

Drew Pfaff earned the win for New Ulm. He went the distance, allowing five runs on eight hits. He struck out four and walked two.

Offensively, Pfaff also was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs.

Javen Munce was 3-for-4 with a double and three runs and Louis Shellum had a double and an RBI. Jake Stadick also added an RBI for Gold.

VFW Gold takes third in Alex

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ALEXANDRIA - New Ulm VFW Gold took third place at the Alexandria Tournament over the weekend.

On Sunday morning, Gold lost to Alexandria 1 8-2. Jim Holstein took the loss for Gold. Gold came back and defeated Alexandria 2 15-0 in the third-place game.

Zach Schreiner had a no-hitter in the game. Nick Larson was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and Jake Stadick was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Drew Pfaff was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Collin Kral was 2-for-3.



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VFW Gold opens with win

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By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

DASSEL - At last weekend's tournament in Alexandria, New Ulm VFW Gold's Louis Shellum broke out of a hitting slump and helped lead Gold to a third-place finish at the tournament.

On Thursday, Shellum carried that hot bat over as he had what was perhaps the biggest hit in a 7-1 win over Glencoe in the District 2, Northwest Subdistrict playoffs.

Shellum gave his team a 4-0 lead with a one-out, bases-loaded single in the fifth inning. That broke open the game for Gold (13-9), which will play the winner of Hutchinson 1 and Dassel at 4 p.m. at Dassel.

"That was a key hit for us, and with one out and the bases loaded, that was a key at-bat for any team," VFW Gold coach Bob Weier said. "He started out hot this summer, and then he hit a cold streak. I'd say it started up in Alexandria where he started hitting the ball well for us, and he's been hot ever since."

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello New Ulm VFW Gold's Javen Munce (left) makes a running catch as Louis Shellum (17) looks on during New Ulm's play-off win against Glencoe Thursday in Dassel. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Nate Schoenherr earned the win for Gold. He went seven innings, allowing five hits and one walk. He struck out three and was backed up by a defense that made only one error.

"They were really helping me out, out there," Schoenherr said.

After the three-run inning in the fifth, Schoenherr was able to relax a little more. Prior to that, New Ulm had scored only one run, and that came in the first inning.

"Oh yeah, the more runs you have out there, the easier it makes it when you're pitching," Schoenherr said.

The mix of Schoenherr's pitching and the defense behind him was the perfect blend for the win.

"It all starts with pitching," Weier said. "He threw strikes and he had a lot of their better hitters out in front of the ball. He mixed his pitches well and from where I was sitting, he moved in and out [on his pitches]. He made them hit his pitch, and we had some nice plays behind him, especially in the outfield."

Jim Holstein scored New Ulm's first run. He came home on an RBI double by Nick Larson.

New Ulm then scored three runs in the fifth to make Schoenherr's job easier. Javen Munce, Larson and Drew Pfaff all singled to load the bases. Reinke then singled to make it 2-0, and Shellum's hit doubled the lead to 4-0.

New Ulm scored two more runs in the sixth inning to go up 6-0 and Glencoe scored its first run in the bottom of the sixth. New Ulm added another run in the seventh inning.

Munce finished the day with three hits and an RBI and Larson had two hits. Pfaff also had two hits and scored two runs.

The win was big for New Ulm, which had a first round bye and only had to play one game on Thursday. New Ulm will only have to play one game on Friday also.

"It's an advantage because you play one less game," Weier said. "Today we play at 4 o'clock, and since we had the first-round bye we didn't have to play two games in the first day. Now we just have to take advantage of it."



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VFW Gold falls to Hutchinson

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By Jeremy Behnke — Journal Sports Editor

DASSEL - On Thursday against Glencoe, the New Ulm VFW Gold team got a good pitching performance from Nate Schoenherr and some timely hitting to advance in the District 2, Northwest Subdistrict playoffs.

But on Friday against Hutchinson, the exact opposite happened as Gold was unable to come up with a big hit throughout the course of the game. The end result was an 8-4 Hutchinson win, and New Ulm dropped to the loser's bracket for a game today.

Drew Pfaff took the loss for New Ulm. He lasted 4 1/3 innings, allowing seven runs on eight hits. He walked seven. He struck out three.

Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm VFW Gold third baseman Nate Schoenherr tags out Hutchinson's Max Cowger during Gold's playoff loss Friday in Dassel. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

"They do a good job of putting the bat on the ball," New Ulm Gold coach Bob Weier said. "I thought our inability to throw strikes hurt us early on and it's just the opposite of [Thursday] where our pitcher did a nice job, today we struggled on the mound. But we had some opportunities in the middle of the game to score some runs. If we get one run

each inning, who knows, maybe their pitcher squeezes the ball a bit more in the last inning, and their defense makes some mistakes, we could come away with a win."

But Jason Hudson didn't panic even when Gold rallied late in the game. He picked up the win for Hutchinson despite the fact that New Ulm scored three times in the bottom of the seventh to make it interesting again.

Hutchinson will now play in the championship on Sunday against the team that emerges from the loser's bracket. The championship game is at noon with a second game to be played if necessary.

New Ulm plays at 6 p.m. today against the winner of Glencoe and Dassel. If New Ulm wins, it advances to play Hutchinson on Sunday and it will also advance to next week's District 2 tournament that will be held in New Ulm.

Hutchinson put the pressure on New Ulm right away in the top of the first. Phillip Kuball walked and later scored on Hudson's RBI single to make it 1-0.

New Ulm then saw the Hutchinson lead grow to 2-0 when Kuball hit a two-out, bases-loaded single that scored Jeremy Fleck. But Gold caught a break when left fielder Javen Munce threw out Jake Ziemer at the plate for the final out.

New Ulm had a chance to get on the board in the bottom of the second, getting runners on first and third with one out. But Gold was unable to capitalize as two strikeouts ended the inning.

In the third inning, Max Cowger put Hutchinson up 3-0 when his two-out double scored Brandon Ziemer, but Cowger was thrown out at third trying to stretch it into a triple.

New Ulm scored its first run in the bottom of the third after Nick Larson's RBI double brought home Colin Kral.

A wild pitch scored another Hutchinson run in the fourth to make it 4-1 and Tyler Ellefson scored the fifth Hutchinson run on Kuball's hit.

RBI singles by Jeremy Fleck and Dacotah Thompson upped the Hutchinson lead to 7-1, ending Pfaff's run on the mound. Hudson added an RBI single in the sixth for Hutchinson.

New Ulm managed to cut into the 8-1 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning. Schoenherr, Munce and Dan Reinke all scored in the inning with Reinke, Chris Mulder and Louis Shellum all driving in runs at the plate.



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Although New Ulm lost and fell to the loser's bracket, Gold was still fortunate enough to only have to play one game on Saturday thanks to having a first-round bye. That should help preserve the pitching staff and keep everyone fresh if they're needed on Sunday.

"We talked about that [Thursday] for a bit," Weier said. "We got the break when we got the bye and now we have to take advantage of it."

NU VFW Gold in rain delay vs. Glencoe

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DASSEL - New Ulm VFW Gold led Glencoe 4-0 heading into the top of the fourth when rain halted the VFW District 2, Northwest Subdistrict playoff action.

VFW Gold advances, beats Glencoe 5-0

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DASSEL - New Ulm VFW Gold advanced to this week's District 2 Tournament in New Ulm after it beat Glencoe 5-0 in a game that was delayed by rain Saturday.

Gold then played Hutchinson where it won the first game 10-6 before falling in the second championship game 5-2.

Against Glencoe Jimmy Holstein picked up the complete game win. He struck out three and gave up six hits. He was also 2-for-2 at the plate with an RBI and Jake Stadick was 3-for-3 with an RBI.

Gold then played Hutchinson 1, the same team that sent Gold to the loser's bracket on Friday.

Zach Schreiner earned the win in the 10-6 victory. Troy Altman was 2-for-5 with two RBIs and Collin Kral was 2-for-5 with an RBI.

In the second championship game, Gold lost 5-2. Stadick took the loss and Nick Larson led the way at the plate by going 2-for-4 with two doublers and an RBI.

Javen Munce scored both of New Ulm's runs.

JR LEGION AND GOLD MOVES TO DISTRICT 2

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ST. JAMES --- New Ulm Jr. Legion Sunday scored a 4-0 win over Fairmont to capture the title of the Southwest District, VFW play-offs for District 2. (Includes District, Sub-Dist brackets). Fairmont with its runner-up finish also advances to the District tournament coming in New Ulm starting Thursday July 22. **New Ulm Gold** also made it into the tournament.

New Ulm Gold came back through the elimination game to force Hutchinson into a second championship game. Hutchinson's #1 team won that extra playoff 5-2 as both qualified for the district tournament.

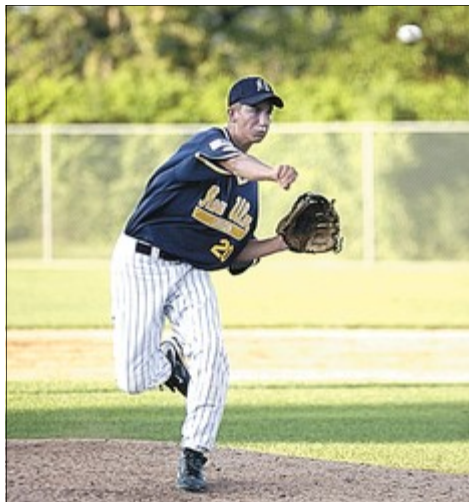
Mankato came through the Southeast sub-District by beating runner-up Shakopee twice. New Ulm Blue lost both its games, 11-6 to Hutchinson 2 and 4-2 to St. Peter.

(Some game details are cited in the preceding article).



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Staff photo by Mary Roufs
New Ulm Gold VFW pitcher Nate Schoenherr pitches during the game against Rosemount in the District VFW Tournament at Johnson Park on Thursday night in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

VFW Gold falls to Rosemount

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Alex Berg — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - The New Ulm VFW Gold team lost 7-3 to Rosemount Thursday night at Johnson Field.

New Ulm fell behind early, giving up a run in the first and four more in the second inning. Gold found itself down by seven before it could score.

Drew Pfaff started for New Ulm, he pitched two innings and allowed five runs, three were earned, on five hits. He struck out two, walked two, and took the loss.

Morris Valenzuala picked up the win for Rosemount. He went 6 1/3 innings, allowing three runs, two of which were earned. He struck out four, walked five, and surrendered five hits.

New Ulm Gold edges Fairmont

POSTED July 24, 2010 *Fairmont Sentinel*

Charlie Sorrells - Sentinel Sports Editor

NEW ULM - Fairmont VFW Post 1222 baseball coach Todd Sukalski experienced a case of de ja vu on Friday.

Colin Kral delivered a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to plate Eric Hauser with the winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift New Ulm Gold to a 6-5 district playoff victory over Fairmont at Mueller Park in New Ulm.

"Those one-run games," Sukalski said, shaking his head on the heels of his lineup's second consecutive loss in the Second District Tournament.

Mankato Post 950 scored two runs with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning during Thursday's district opener to eclipse Fairmont, 3-2.

"Our pitcher saw the runner (Hauser) break from third base and threw the pitch up high to maybe get a popup and possibly a double play," said Sukalski, whose team ended its season with a 15-9 record. "You have to give the batter (Kral) credit though, for being able to get the bunt down on that pitch."

The Kral-Hauser connection fended off Fairmont's second comeback bid that produced a tie at 5-all in the fifth.

Designated hitter Kyle Guetter stroked a clutch RBI single to plate Ross Wilken with two out to even the postseason clash. Wilken reached on an error, stole second base, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored when Guetter drilled a shot down the third base line.

New Ulm Gold, however, mounted its seventh-inning comeback behind Hauser's leadoff pinch-hit triple to right field.



Photo by Chip Pearson/Fairmont Sentinel New Ulm VFW Gold's Nate Schoenherr slides past Fairmont catcher Andy Reiter in Friday's District 2 VFW baseball tournament at Mueller Park.



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VFW Gold's season continues

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By Michael Gassett — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - These cardiac kids just won't quit.

New Ulm VFW Gold, the surprise of the District 2 Tournament so far, kept its season alive with two dramatic wins Friday.

New Ulm beat Fairmont 6-5 in the first game, then VFW Gold pulled off another dramatic win in the second game as it beat Hutchinson 8-7 in nine innings.

Both came on suicide squeeze plays.

It's pretty crazy," said VFW Gold's Eric Hauser, who scored on the squeeze in the first and executed the squeeze in the second. "You don't see that happen very much."

In the game against Fairmont, the two teams were locked up in a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning, Hauser led off with a triple to the fence in right-center field.

Fairmont pitcher Alek Borchardt intentionally walked Nick Larson then Louis Shellum grounded out to first. Chris Mulder reached on an infield single but Hauser had no chance to make it home.

Then with Colin Kral up to bat, the perfect scenario aroise. Without hesitation, Hauser darted for home before Borchardt even completed his delivery, Kral barely had a chance to get the bat on the ball, when Hauser slid across home for the game-winning run.

"It's a pretty play when you execute it the right way, especially when you win a ball game with it," VFW Gold coach Bob Weier said.

In the victory over Hutchinson, Drew Pfaff reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and made it to third when Shellum reached on an error.

Hutchinson then intentionally walked Dan Reinke to load the bases. That set up Hauser to be the hero again.

""We just always seem to come back," Hauser said. "It's pretty neat. This is a fun team to play with and we are excited to keep playing."

The win sets up a showdown with Rosemount at 4 p.m. today in another elimination game at Mueller Park.

Against Fairmont, VFW Gold struck first with three runs in the top of the first on two hits and was aided by two Fairmont errors.

Fairmont tied it up with a run in the second and two in the third to make it 3-3.

It took its first lead of the game in the fourth before VFW Gold promptly took the lead back in the bottom half of the inning.

Jake Stadick led off with a walk, Nate Schoenherr walked and Larson drove them both in with a single to right to make it 5-4.

But Fairmont bounced back and scored another run in the top of the fifth to tie it back up at five.

That's the way it stayed until Hauser's dash in the bottom of the seventh.

"These kids are battlers, they just keep playing," Weier said. "Today I thought that we played seven strong innings, they are just fun to watch."



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Borchardt took the loss for Fairmont. He pitched three innings of relief of Bryce Holm. Borchardt allowed one run on two hits with a strikeout and three walks.

Holm pitched the first four innings and allowed five runs on four hits with two strikeouts and five walks.

Fairmont had six hits in the game and Kyle Guetter led the way going 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Ross Wilken had two RBIs as well.

For VFW Gold, Zach Schreiner earned the win. He pitched two innings with two strikeouts and a walk. Jimmy Holstein pitched the first five innings and allowed five runs on six hits with three strikeouts and a walk.

Larson was 2-for-2 with two RBIs. Javen Munce was 2-for-3. Kral had two RBIs and Mulder had an RBI. Schoenherr scored three runs.

"It took me some time to get used to the mound," he said. "I just got focused in and threw strikes."

New Ulm gave Dove more support in the third inning when it batted around again, sending 10 men to the plate and adding six more runs.

Singles from Peterson and Guggisberg and a walk to Lindscheid loaded the bases for Collin Clyne who rapped an RBI single to center field for an 8-1 lead.

Prokosch's double to right field made it a 10-1 game before two more runs came home on Bergmann's triple to left field.

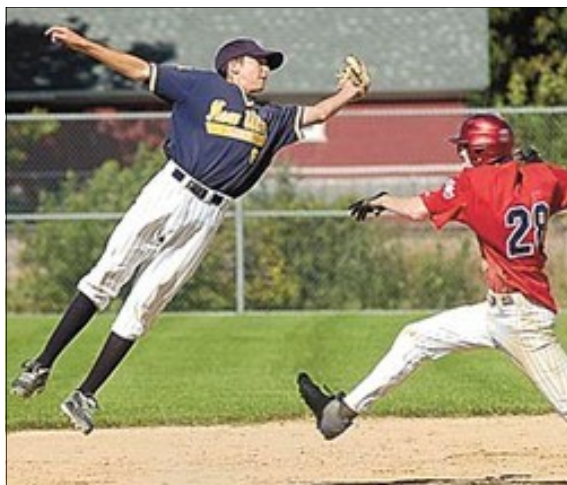
That ended Jake Ziemann's day on the mound with Dakota Thompson allowing the final New Ulm run on a Kehren double for a 13-1 lead.

Dove said that the win over Hutch "was a big one for us. We felt really confident this game. We are playing very good lately. We have come out of a slump that we were in."



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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm VFW Gold second baseman Troy Altman leaps to catch the ball as Rosemount's Matthew Wells (28) begins his slide into second during New Ulm's Second District playoff loss Saturday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. Wells was safe on the play.

VFW Gold's magical season ends

POSTED July 24, 2010 *New Ulm Journal*

By Dan Timm — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - New Ulm VFW Gold was down 4-3 to Rosemount in the bottom of the fourth when Jake Stadick came into pitch for New Ulm.

He did everything he could to extend the season, pitching a perfect three innings, but New Ulm was unable to score a run in its last four innings as its season came to a close.

"No. 1, he threw strikes. No. 2, he kept the ball low in the strike zone. And No. 3, he was able to control his breaking pitch. Their good hitters couldn't handle a good breaking pitch, and that is how he got out their good hitters," New Ulm coach Bob Weier said of Stadick's success on the mound.

It was a closer game than the opening round matchup of the district playoffs with these two teams, where New Ulm lost 7-3, but Rosemount gave New Ulm its second loss of the double-elimination tournament.

"Today, I thought we started out much stronger, and I thought we played better as the game went on," Weier said.

Rosemount's Calvin Johnson struggled in the first inning, walking three of his first four batters. That allowed Nate Schoenherr's single to score Chris Mulder and Dan Reinke to hit a sacrifice fly to center field to give New Ulm two runs in the top of the first.

Rosemount responded in the bottom of the first by leading off with three straight hits capped by an RBI double from Trevor Kolden. All three of the runners scored before the inning was over and Rosemount took a 3-2 lead into the second.

The tie was quickly broken in the bottom of the inning. Matt Wells got himself to second with a single and a stolen base. Zach Zabo hit an RBI double off losing pitcher Colin Kral before getting out on a base running error to end the inning.

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The win kept VFW Gold's season alive and set up a match with Hutchinson in the consolation semifinal.

Hutchinson jumped out to a 6-0 lead after four innings. VFW Gold scored four in the bottom of the fourth to pull it within two. New Ulm took its first lead of the game as it scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the 7-6 lead.

Hutchinson then tied it up in the top of the seventh. That's how it stayed until the bottom of the ninth.



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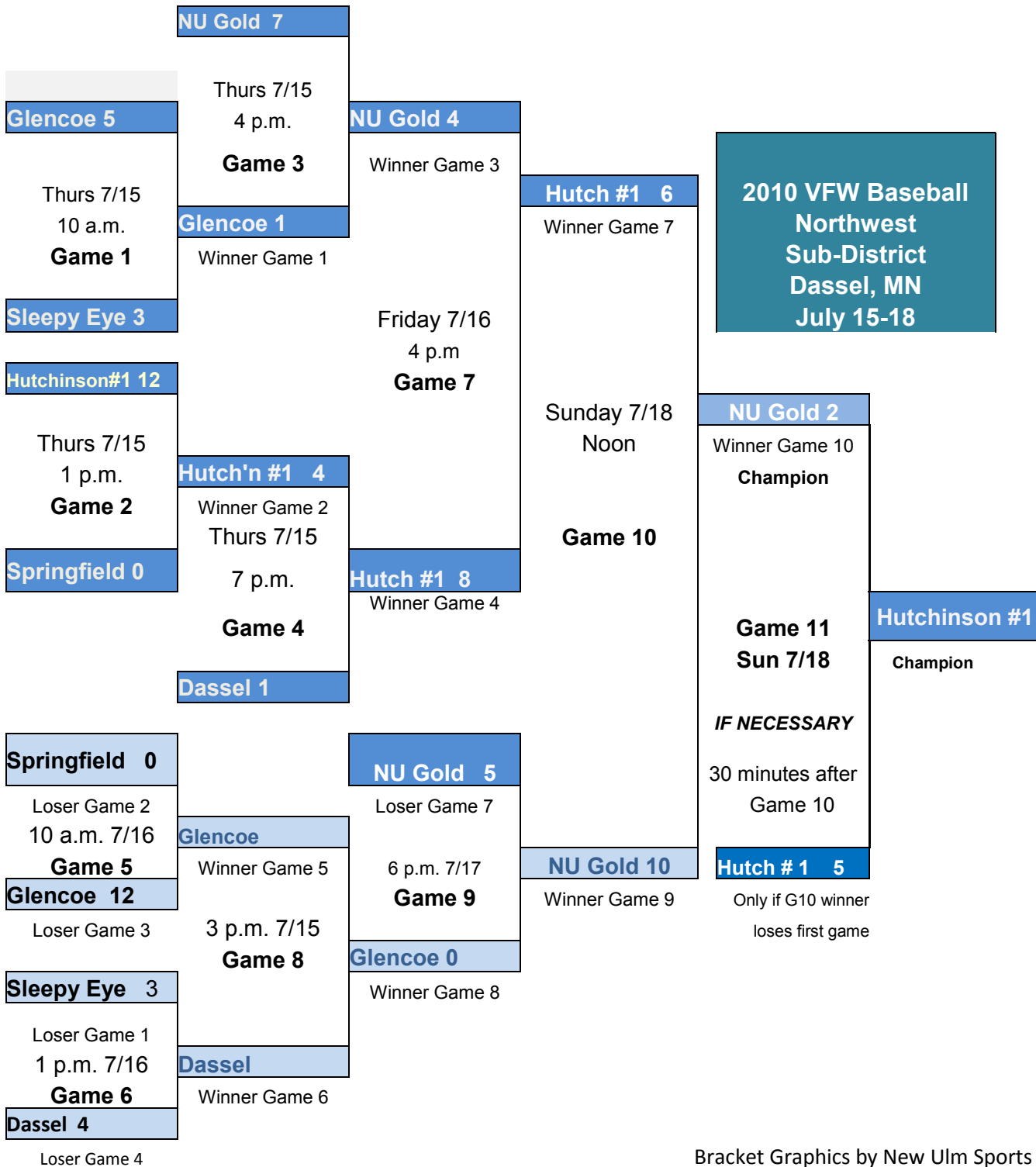
Hauser had two hits and two runs scored. Mulder, Holstein, Reinke and Schoenherr each had two hits. Schoenherr pitched the final three innings for the win.

"We thought it was really nice to be here for the kids to accomplish that," Weier said. "Every extra game they play, they get some more experience and that's what it's all about at this level."



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THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY CHAMPIONSHIP

NU Jr. Leg 3
Thurs July 22
Game 1 10 am
Johnson Park

Shakopee 1

Hutchinson 6
Thurs July 22
Game 2 1 pm
Johnson Park

Hastings 4

Mankato 3
Thurs July 22
Game 3 4 pm
Johnson Park

Fairmont 2

Rosemount 7
Thurs July 22
Game 4 7 pm
Johnson Park

NU Gold 3

NU Jr. Legion 13

Fri, July 23
Game 7
1 p.m.
Johnson Park

Hutchinson 1

Mankato 8

Fri, July 23
Game 8
4 p.m.
Johnson Park

Rosemount 7

NU Jr. Legion 8

Sat July 24
Game 11
1 p.m.
Mueller Park

Mankato 1



**2010 Second District VFW
Baseball tournament**
Hosted by New Ulm Post 1648

New Ulm Junior Legion 4
Winner Game 11

Mankato 0
Loser Game 11

Sun July 25
Noon
GAME 14
Johnson Park

Rosemount 5
Winner Game 13

Sat July 24
7 p.m.
GAME 13
Mueller Park

Rosemount 2

Sun July 24
Game 15
Johnson Park

NEW ULM
District Champ

ELIMINATION BRACKET

Shakopee 3
Fri July 23
Game 5 1 pm
Mueller Park

Hastings 2
Eliminated

Fairmont 5
Fri July 23
Game 6 4 pm
Mueller Park

NU Gold 6

Shakopee 8
Eliminated

Fri July 23
Game 10 7 pm
Johnson Park

Rosemount 10
Loser Game 8

NU Gold 8
Eliminated

Fri July 12
Game 9 7 pm
Mueller Park

Hutchinson 7
Eliminated
Loser Game 7

Rosemount

Sat July 24
Game 12
4 p.m.
Mueller Park

(8 innings)

New Ulm Gold

Rosemount 7



SPORTS
NU
Bracket by GENERAL

NU Jr Legion 9
Loser Game 14