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*2010 District 2
VFW Baseball
Tournament
July 22-25, 2010*

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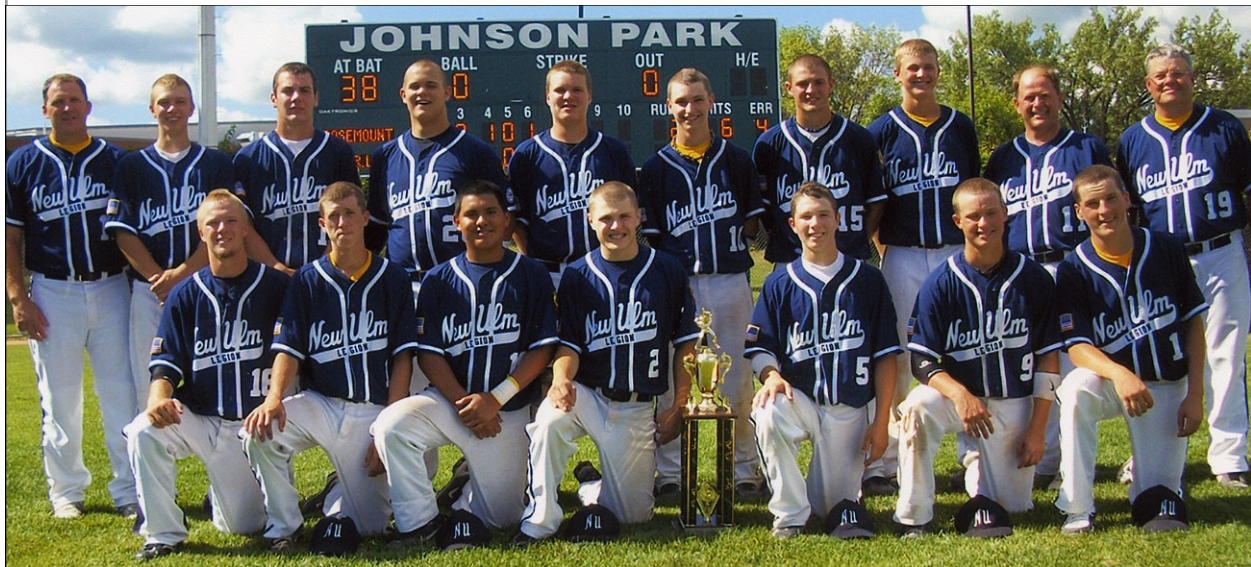
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VFW Baseball Tournament July 22-25 New Ulm, MN



District 2's VFW Baseball champions of 2010 is the New Ulm Junior Legion team. Members include, L-R, front row: Matt Linscheid, Jordan Guggisberg, Jory Dove, Ted Skillings, Brody Peterson, Dylan Schreckenber, Nate Roeder. Standing: Assistant coach Mark Bergmann, Ben Wolf, Erich Prokosch, Patrick Bock, Connor Stark, Collin Clyne, Matt Bergmann, Tim Kehren, assistant coach Mike Dove, Head coach Bob Skillings.

No.	Name	Pos	B/T	School
1	Jordan Gubbisberg	P-2B	R/R	Cathedral , New Ulm
2	Ted Skillings	OF	R/R	Cathedral, New Ulm
5	Brody Peterson	P-OF	R/L	New Ulm High School
7	Ben Wolf	P-SS	R/R	Cathedral, New Ulm
8	Tim Kehren	P-SS	L/R	New Ulm High School
9	Dylan Schreckenber	3B	R/R	New Ulm High School
10	Collin Clyne	P-OF	R/R	New Ulm High School
11	Nate Roeder	2B-P	R/R	New Ulm High School
13	Erich Prokosch	P-1B	L/R	Cathedral, New Ulm
14	Jory Dove	P-3B	R/R	Cathedral, New Ulm
15	Matt Bergmann	P-1B-OF	R/R	New Ulm High School
16	Matt Linscheid	P-OF	R/R	New Ulm High School
18	Connor Stark	C	R/R	New Ulm High School
20	PatrickBock	P-C-3B	R/R	Cathedral, New Ulm
19	Bob Skillings	Coach		
17	Mike Dove	Asst Coach		
12	Mark Bergmann	Asst Coach		



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

NU Jr. Legion 13

Fri, July 23

Game 7

1 p.m.

Johnson Park

Hutchinson 6
 Thurs July 22
 Game 2 1 pm
 Johnson Park

Hutchinson 1

Hastings 4

NU Jr. Legion 8

Sat July 24

Game 11

1 p.m.

Mueller Park

Mankato 3
 Thurs July 22
 Game 3 4 pm
 Johnson Park

Mankato 8

Fri, July 23

Game 8

4 p.m.

Johnson Park

Fairmont 2

Mankato 1

Rosemount 7
 Thurs July 22
 Game 4 7 pm
 Johnson Park

Rosemount 7

NU Gold 3

New Ulm Junior Legion 4

Winner Game 11

Mankato 0

Loser Game 11

Sun July 25

Noon

GAME 14

Johnson Park



Rosemount 2

Sun July 24

Game 15

Johnson Park

Rosemount 5

Winner Game 13

NEW ULM

District Champ

ELIMINATION BRACKET

Shakopee 3
 Fri July 23
 Game 5 1 pm
 Mueller Park

Shakopee 8

Eliminated

Fri July 23

Game 10 7 pm

Johnson Park

Hastings 2
Eliminated

Rosemount 10

Loser Game 8

Sat July 24

Game 12

4 p.m.

Mueller Park

Fairmont 5
 Fri July 23
 Game 6 4 pm
 Mueller Park

NU Gold 8

(8 innings)

Fri July 12

Game 9 7 pm

Mueller Park

NU Gold 6

New Ulm Gold

Hutchinson 7

Eliminated

**NU Jr. Legion 9 Jr
 Legion 9**

Loser Game 14



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

NU GOES TO STATE WITH 2ND GAME 9-2 WIN

POSTED July 25, 2010 New Ulm Sports Central



(The following material is the end result of continuing day-to-day coverage of the New Ulm Junior Legion's run through the District 2 tournament. Initial posting was updated with the results of new events as additions to the previous articles as they were posted. This article and all others in the current website will later be archived in the records of New Ulm Sports Central and be searchable by the search box in the left-hand column. Other material will be added to the historical records and then also found through the history search box also at the left.)

Scoring all its' nine runs in the first four innings, New Ulm Junior Legion disposed of Rosemount 9-2 in the second championship game of the District 2 American Legion Baseball Tournament.

New Ulm now advances to the state tournament. In the first game Sunday, Rosemount manufactured a 6-4 win to hand Junior Legion its first loss of the playoffs and set up the deciding second game of the final series. For snapshot of each game for the whole tournament, click on [Game Tracker](#).

Ben Wolf held Rosemount to three hits in the first four innings before giving up three in the sixth when Rosemount scored its second. Both runs came on extra-base hits. In the fourth Trevor Kolden tripled and scored on an errant throw. Mathew Wells doubled in that inning. Morris Valenzuela had a double in the sixth after a couple of singles got the second run.

New Ulm scored a pair in the first with hits by Collin Clyne and Erich Prokosch and a sacrifice fly by Tim Kehren figuring in the scoring.

After a walk, stolen base, walk and fielder's choice scored a run in the fourth, New Ulm ripped four hits and with a walk, hit batsman, two stolen bases and Rosemount error scored six runs.

Clyne and Prokosch had two hits each. Prokosch doubled in the sixth, then came on as the closer for start Ben Wolf and pitched a perfect seventh with two strike-outs.

Rosemount led all the way after taking a 2-1 first inning lead and then scoring three more in the second.

Rosemount's two in the first scored on a couple of walks and Matt Wells' double. The three in the second were helped by an error, two walks and Morris Valenzuela' single. A walk, single by Wells and another hit by Zachary Zaboi plated a run in the seventh.

A Collin Clyne double and Matt Bergmann's sac fly got one for New Ulm in the first. Two scored in the third with singles by Matrt Lindscheid and Clyne the big blows. New Ulm came within one in the fifth on a single by Dylan Schreckenber, stolen base and Lindscheid's single.

First Game Line Score

Rosemount 2 3 0 - 0 0 0 - 1 --- 6 8 2 R-H-E

New Ulm Jr. Legion ... 1 0 2 - 0 1 0 - 0 --- 4 8 1

Mitchell Olson and Reese Richards; Jordan Guggisberg, Patrick Bock and Connor Stark

Second Game Line Score

Rosemount 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 -- 2 6 4 6 LOB

New Ulm Jr. Legion 2 0 1 6 0 0 x -- 9 7 1 4 LOB

Chris Leske (L), Mathew Wells (4) and Reese Richards; Ben Wolf (W), Erich Prokosch (7) and Connor Stark.

Rosemount (2-1) Saturday survived the elimination bracket by beating Mankato 7-0 and advancing to the VFW 2nd District championship game(s) against New Ulm Jr. Legion Sunday. Pairings bracket and tournament scrapbook (under construction) are attached

Morris Valenzuela threw five innings of shut-out ball and got 13-hit support from his team. Two pitchers held Mankato to six hits, four from two batters.

Earlier Saturday afternoon, Calvin Lehn, a left-hander, scattered five hits and struck out seven in the first four innings to lead the Rosemount 40 a 4-3 over New Ulm Gold in an elimination survival game. That game settled in the first inning when Rosemount's first three players scored runs.

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New Ulm Jr. Legion scored in all but one inning in moving past Mankato 8-1 in the semi-finals. (Pairings bracket and Thurs-Fri. scrap-book attached) Jr. Legion moved into the finals where it needs to win one of two games to go to the state. After three, Rosemount was leading New Ulm Gold 4-2 in the second game of the day.

Mankato will have to battle back through the elimination bracket by facing the winner of Saturday's 4 p.m. game between Rosemount and New Ulm Gold. Both have 2-1 records in the double elimination tournament.

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NUJRL111 302 x -- 8 10 1 6 LOB

NUGLD 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 3 5 1 5 LOB

ROSEM 3 0 1 0 0 0 X - 4 8 0 3 LOB

The eight-team field was pared to four, three of them undefeated, in the District 2 VFW baseball tournament Friday.

Friday night's 7 p.m. games were some hummers, especially for New Ulm Gold which is the only district second place team still in the running. Gold Friday twice scored the winning run with a suicide squeeze play.

Friday night it came in the last of the ninth with the bases loaded with the bunt laid down by a hitter who missed the play moments earlier. Line scores and details will be found in the [Game-by-Game Tracker](#) which is directly linked.

New Ulm Junior Legion (2-0) chalked up the first 10-run shortened game with a 13-1 win over Hutchinson while Shakopee (1-1) edged Hastings (0-2) 3-2 in the first elimination game. Mankato held on to squeak by Rosemount 8-7, sending Rosemount to the elimination bracket. New Ulm Gold squeezed in the winning run last inning to eliminate Fairmont 6-5. Two more 7 p.m. contests will close out Friday's tournament action at New Ulm's two baseball parks. All games got completed before lightning started in advance of advertised threatening weather for Friday evening. Forecast showers didn't materialize during the day.

New Ulm Jr. Legion's 3-1 win over Shakopee had opened District 2 VFW tournament baseball play on a dreary day at Johnson Park in New Ulm in Thursday morning's opening contest. Although well drained, the grass was still wet from an early morning rain. Tournament bracket is attached below

As the skies lightened up, Hutchinson jumped off to a 5-2 lead and ended up with a 6-4 win. Hastings scored twice with a seventh inning rally. And as the temps hit the low 80's and the sky was blue and sunny, Mankato also scored two runs in the seventh inning, with two out, and edged Fairmont 3-2.

Rosemount completed the day with a beautiful evening win over New Ulm Gold 7-3 as all sub-district champions triumphed in the first round of District play against runner-ups from other districts.

Rosemount had a 5-0 lead after two and 7-0 after four before New Ulm got its runs one at a time in the last three innings.



It is a work in progress but the Second District VFW Tournament is being scrapbooked with photos, write-ups and brackets. Click on the attachment to get to the scrapbook which will include Friday games in the updated Saturday version. More details on the Game Tracker above in bold face type.

PDF Attachments which were available on the website included the following

[VFW D2 Scrap Book](#) (This is represented by this scrapbook but was posted on-line during the tournament as an attachment.)
[VFW 2010 Dist 2 Bracket](#) (See page 3)

2010 2nd District VFW Tournament Game Tracker

Scroll down for Game-by-Game Line Scores

Day/Date	G	Time	Field	Team	SC	vs	Team	SC	Inn	Recap	
	Thurs. July 22	1	10 a.m.	Johnson	NU Jr. Legion	3		Shakopee	1	7	Scrapbook
	2	1 p.m.	Johnson	Hutchinson	6		Hastings	4	7	Tracker	
	3	4 p.m.	Johnson	Mankato	3		Fairmont	2	7	Scrapbook	
	4	7 p.m.	Johnson	Rosemount	7		NU Gold	3	7	Scrapbook	
	Friday, July 23	5	1 p.m.	Mueller	Shakopee	3		Hastings	2	7	Tracker
	6	4 p.m.	Mueller	Fairmont	5		NU Gold	6	7	Scrapbook	
	7	1 p.m.	Johnson	NU Jr. Legion	13		Hutchinson	1	5	Scrapbook	
	8	4 p.m.	Johnson	Mankato	8		Rosemount	7	7	Tracker	
	9	7 p.m.	Mueller	New Ulm Gold	8		Hutchinson	7	9	Scrapbook	
	10	7 p.m.	Johnson	Rosemount	10		Shakopee	0	5	Tracker	
Sat. July 24	11	1 p.m.	Mueller	NU Jr. Legion	8		Mankato	1	7	Scrapbook	
	12	4 p.m.	Mueller	Rosemount	4		NU Gold	3	7	Scrapbook	
	13	7 p.m.	Mueller	Mankato	0		Rosemount	7	7	Tracker	
Sun. July 25	14	1 p.m.	Johnson	NU Jr. Legion	4		Rosemount	5	7	Scrapbook	
	15		Johnson	NU Jr. Legion	9		Rosemount	2	7	Scrapbook	

TOURNAMENT HISTORY IN LINE SCORES

<p>Sun., July 25 Game 15</p> <p>Johnson Park <i>And the afternoon ended on the bright side for New Ulm and a little gloomy for a poised and talented Red Roses bunch from Roseville...seems they came from the longest distance and always played the last game.</i></p>	15	<p>Rosemount 0 0 1 1 0 0 -- 2 6 4 6 LOB NU Jr Legion 2 0 1 6 0 0 x -- 9 7 1 4 LOB</p> <p>Chris Leske (L), Mathew Wells (6) and Reese Richards; Ben Wolf, Erich Prokosch (7) and Connor Stark.</p> <p>This time New Ulm jumped out early and got super starting pitching from Ben Wolf who shut Rosemount down for four innings, retiring 10 of 11 batters during that stretch. Three errors and a couple of stolen bases with hits by Collin Clyne and Erich Prokosch scored a pair. Two walks, stolen base and wild pitch set up a score in the third on a ground out and opened the flood gates in the fourth. Then New Ulm had three stolen bases, a walk and a hit batsman plus singles by Clyne, Tim Kehren, Connor Stark and Dylan Schreckenber for the scores. Rosemount's first run came in the fourth when Trevor Kolden went deep to centerfield and raced around to score on a throwing area from the cut-off. One more came in the sixth on three straight hits: singles by Mathew Wells, Zachary Zabo and a double by Morris Valenzuela. Clyne and designated hitter Prokosch had a pair of hits. Prokosch got on base four straight times and scored twice; also doubling in the sixth. Wells had a double and single for Rosemount.</p>
<p>Sun., July 25 Game 14</p> <p>Johnson Park White clouds scattered against a bright blue sky. Temps in the mid 80's.</p>	14	<p>Rosemount 2 3 0 0 0 1 -- 6 8 2 New Ulm Jr Legion - 4 8 1</p> <p>Mitchel, I Olson, (W) Chris Leske (6)(S) and Reese Richards; Jordan Guggisberg (L), Patrick Bock and Connor Stark.</p> <p>Rosemount jumped off to 5-1 lead and Mitch Olson made it stand up in a 5-4 win and forced a second and deciding game. New Ulm rallied for two in the third and one more in the fifth to get with in one in their first tournament loss. Chris Leske relieved starter Mitch Olson in the sixth for the save. Roseville scored twice in the first with two out on two walks and a Matt Wells double. In the second a couple of walks and an error plus Morris Valenzuela's single brought in three. New Ulm got a Collin Clyne double and Matt Bergmann Sac Fly for one in the first and in a two-run third it was a couple of errors and singles by Matt Lindscheid and Clyne doing the damage. Dylan Schreckenber's single, stolen base and another single from Lindscheid brought in New Ulm's final run. Rosemount added an insurance run in the seventh on a walk and singles by Wells and Zach Zabo.</p>

Scoring per tournament officials. Contact nusc@newulmfe.net for comments or questions.

Sat July 24 Game 13 Mueller Park <i>Fans went for their jackets 'cause by end of game, weather turned cool like it was football time.</i>	13	Rosemount Mankato	0 0 0 0 5 2 0 -- 7 13 0 13 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 -- 0 6 1 7	Morris Valenzuela (W), Mitchell Olson (6) and Reese Richards; Tyler Fitzpatrick (L), Jackson McDonough (6) and Thomas Williams Limiting Mankato to six hits and flashing its strong offense, Rosemount moved back into contention for the District 2 VFW crown. Mankato matched goose-eggs until the fifth when it surrendered five runs. The Rosemount offense was led by Chris Leske with three singles and walk, Reese Richards with a double and single and Trevor Kolden, Matt Wells and Valenzuela who had two hits each. Zach Mullin and Ben Langemeier each had a pair for Mankato.
Sat. July 24 Game 12 Mueller Park More beautiful weather	12	New Ulm Gold Rosemount	2 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 3 5 1 5 LOB 3 0 1 0 0 0 x - 4 8 0 3 LOB	Jake Stadick and Dan Reinke; Calvin Lehn and Reese Richards. Left-hander Calvin Lehn scattered five hits as he protected a first inning one-run lead for a 4-3 triumph over Gold. He struck out seven batters in the first four innings. The first three batters for Rosemount all scored to erase Gold's early 2-0 lead. Nate Schoenherr singled in New Ulm's runs after Lehn started with three walks.
Sat. July 24 Game 11 Mueller Park Spotty Clouds with temps in 70's and low 80's early in game. No sign of heavy rains Thursday night.	11	Mankato New Ulm Jr. Legion	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 13 3 10 LOB 1 1 1 3 0 2 x - 8 10 1 6 LOB	Jason McDonough, Ryan Ohme (4), Nick Allen (6) and Thomas Williams; Matt Lindscheid and Connor Stark. New Ulm scored every inning but fifth. The Jr. Legion got singletons in the first three, then a three-spot in the fourth and two more in the sixth. Mankato reached Matt Lindscheid for 13 hits but New Ulm's better defense prevailed. Lindscheid was 3-3-2 as leadoff hitter. Matt Bergman had two doubles and a SAC Fly for three RBI in the first four innings. Tim Kehren doubled while Brody Peterson had two singles. Thomas Williams and Ben Langemeier each had two hits for Mankato.
Friday, July 23 Game 10 Johnson Park	10	Shakopee Rosemount	0 0 0 0 0 -- 0 4 2 4 LOB 6 0 1 2 1 -- 10 10 0 6 LOB	Jordon Gunhus, Justin Evans, Nick Larson and Scott Bode; Mitch Olson and Reese Richards. Rosemount scored six runs in first inning on three hits, one by Reese Richards to drive in two runs for early lead.
Friday, July 23 Game 9 Johnson Park <i>Great game in great night for baseball, finishing under lights and just before the bugs got serious.</i>	9	Hutchinson New Ulm Gold	2 0 0 4 0 0 1 0 0 -- 7 10 4 12 LOB 0 0 0 4 0 3 3 0 1 -- 8 12 1 11 LOB	Philip Kubal, Max Cowger (L) and Cowger, Jeremy Fleck; Colin Kral, Nate Schoenherr (7) (W) and Nick Larson. NU took one-run lead with 3-run sixth without base hit. Hutchinson tied in 7th on error, sacrifice and single by Jeremy Fleck. In odd eighth, got two base runners out of three at bats but failed to score on play at plate. Loaded the bases in ninth on two singles and intentional walk but failed to score. Gold won it suicide squeeze. Nick Larson singled into the hold but was erased when Drew Pfaff grounded into force. Pfaff stole second, advanced to third on a tough-play error. After Dan Reinke received intentional walk, Eric Hauser laid down winning bunt.
Friday, July 23 Game 8 Johnson Park	8	Rosemount Mankato	0 0 5 2 0 0 0 -- 7 6 0 4 0 0 3 0 1 x -- 8 11 3	Matt Wells, Chris Leske (5) (L) and Reese Richards; Colin Risting, Ryan Ohme (5) (W) and Thomas Williams. Single by Zach Mullin in last of sixth broke 7-7 tie. Ryan Ohme two innings of scoreless relief. Hitting - M: David Boswell 4-3-3, Zach Mullin 4-2.

Friday, July 23 Game 6 Mueller Park	6	Fairmont NU Gold	0 1 2 2 1 1 1 -- 7 5 0 8 LOB 3 0 0 2 0 0 1 -- 8 5 2 6 LOB	Collin Kral squeezed in Eric Hauser in last of seventh with winning run for New Ulm Gold. Hauser had led off ining with a triple. Javen Munce and Nick Larson each had two hits. Jimmy Holstein went five innings and Zach Schreiner two. Nick Larson caught. Bryce Holm pitched four and Alec Borchardt three with Andy Reiter catching for Fairmont.
Fri, July 23 Game 7 Johnson Park Clear and Sunny	7	Hutchinson NU Jr. Legion	1 0 0 0 0 - 1 3 1 7 0 6 0 x - 13 11 0	Jason Hodson, Jack Zieman (1), Thompson (3) and Max Cowger, Jory Dove and Connor Stark. New Ulm sent 11 to the plate in the first to score seven runs and 10 more in the third in it's 13-1 win over Hutchinson (shortened to 5 innings). Erick Prokosh (two doubles), Brody Peterson, Jordan Guggisberg and Matt Bergmann (triple and single) each had two hits. Tim Kehren also had a double.
Fri. July 23 Mueller Park	5	Hastings Shakopee	0 1 0 0 0 1 0 -- 2 2 1 5 LOB 0 1 0 1 1 0 x -- 3 7 2 4 LOB	Shakopee winner Gordon Gunhus. Hastings loser Mike Bullis. Catchers not named. For Shakopee Scott Bode 3 for 3; Nick Larson 3-for-3.
Thurs, July 22 Game 4 Johnson Park Clear skies and beautiful baseball night	4	New Ulm Gold Rosemount	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 - 3 5 4 6 1 4 0 2 0 0 x - 7 10 1 8	Drew Pfaff, Nate Schoenherr (3) and DanReinke; Morris Valenzuela, Chris Leske (7) and Reese Richards. Rosemount got five hits to score five I the first two innings and three more hits in the four for two more enroute to its first round win. Reese Richards tripled and singled, Luke Cassel had two singles and Leske three safeties. Chris Mulder 2B for NU.
Thurs. July 22 Game 3 Johnson Park Clear skies with temp in low 80's	3	Fairmont Mankato	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 - 2 2 0 2 LOB 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 - 3 6 1 7 LOB	Ben Kain and Andy Reiter; Zach Mullen and Thomas Williams. Fairmont got solo HR in 4th from Max Weleitich, then went ahead 2-1 in sixth when Alex Borchardt stole home with Waletich in a rundown between first/second after Mankato rallied with two out with single by Collin Ristine and walks to Konor Sevens and Brandon Kowalski before David Boswell singled into right.
Thurs. July 22 Game 2 Johnson Park Clearing skies	2	Hastings Hutchinson	1 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 4 9 1 4 LOB 3 0 2 1 0 0 x - 6 7 2 4 LOB	Jon Barber (L) , Mike Bullis (8) & Trey Pottinger: Ben Maiers & Jeremy Fleck. Maiers struck out seven, walked one. Hitting: H-Adam Fox had two singles; Mike Bollis double; HAST - Jason Hodson double and single, 2 RBI and Jake Zieman RBI double for Hastings.
Thurs, July 22 Game 1 Johnson Park Overcast skies. Wet grass, rain	1	Shakopee New Ulm Jr Legion	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 - 1 5 3 4 LOB 1 0 2 0 0 0 x - 3 4 0 6 LOB	Zach Hoffmann and Scott Bode; Ben Wolf and Connor Stark Winning pitcher Wolf 4K and 1W. Connor Stark (NU) 2-for-3. Zach Hoffmann (S) 2-1-2.





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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Shakopee third baseman Nick Larson catches the ball as New Ulm Junior Legion's Collin Clyne (10) slides safely into third during New Ulm's opening round win of the 2nd District VFW Tournament Thursday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com

Jr. Legion opens with win

POSTED July 23, 2010 *New Ulm Journal*

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - When you get into post-season baseball tournaments, quality pitching and solid defense become an even more important factor in a team's success.

Thursday morning, both the New Ulm Junior Legion and Shakopee got quality pitching performances from their starters Ben Wolf and Zach Hoffmann respectively.

But Hoffmann's four-hit effort that included five strikeouts was wasted as New Ulm took advantage of three Shakopee errors in the game to score three unearned runs for a 3-1 win in the first game of the Second District VFW Tournament at Johnson Park.

Wolf got the win for New Ulm Junior Legion (24-6). He scattered five hits and struck out five while issuing just one walk.

Hoffmann took the loss for Shakopee (18-4). He allowed just four hits and also fanned five.

Connor Stark had two of New Ulm's four hits in the game. Stark, Tim Kehren and Collin Clyne each drove in a run. Hoffmann had two hits for Shakopee.

New Ulm will play at 1 p.m. today against Hutchinson at Johnson Park while Shakopee plays an elimination game at 1 p.m. today at Mueller Park against Hastings.

For New Ulm and coach Bob Skillings, the difference in the game was the defense.

"We had an excellent defense," Skillings said about his team which played errorless. "But what I liked best about our defense was the play of our outfield defense. They really ran some balls down."

Both center fielder Brody Peterson and Clyne in left came up with some defensive gems with Clyne's diving catch off a two-out sinking line in the top of the sixth inning perhaps the best.

Shakopee had runners on second and third with two outs and down by two runs when Clyne made a diving catch off of the bat of Nick Larson to end the inning and keep momentum on New Ulm' side.

"Earlier in the season, we were not making those catches," Skillings said. "They really have come around."

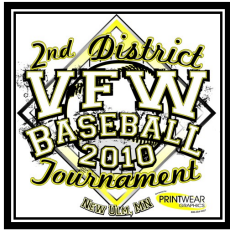
While defense was the key for New Ulm, the lack of it led to Shakopee's downfall.

New Ulm scored the first of its three unearned runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Clyne reached on a one-out error by Shakopee shortstop Nick Mendez before Hoffmann issued a walk to Erich Prokosch. A passed ball moved both runners up a base before a Kehren infield single with two outs scored Clyne for that 1-0 lead.

New Ulm added two more unearned runs in the bottom of the third.





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Clyne singled before errors by second baseman Josh Leonard and Hoffmann loaded the bases. A Patrick Bock groundout and a Stark single to center field lifted New Ulm to a 3-0 lead.

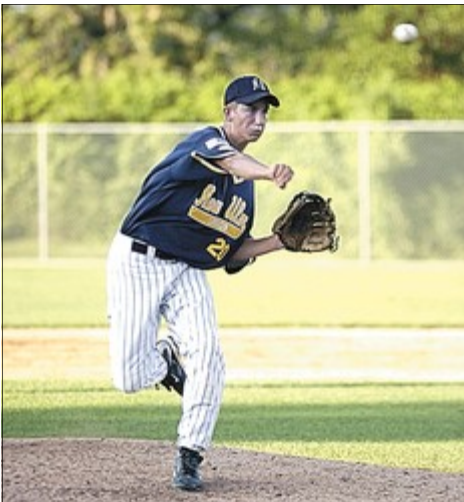
"You have to take advantage of the chances you get," Skillings said. "We had some timely hits when we needed them. Connor Stark is hitting the ball very well.

"You give Ben (Wolf) a couple of runs on the mound and he is tough," added Skillings.

And Wolf allowed just one run to Shakopee, that coming in the fourth inning on a Larson sacrifice fly.

Skillings was also happy with the job of Bock behind the plate.

"He called a good game and nothing got by him."



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

POSTED July 23, 2010 New Ulm Journal

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 Valenzuela 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.

The Rosemount offense was ignited by the top of the order. Its first three hitters scored six of the seven runs. Including three runs scored by Trevor Kolden. Reese Richards went 2-for-3, with a triple and two runs batted in.

For New Ulm, Louis Shellum scored two runs. Nate Schoenherr scored a run and drove in a run. Schoenherr also pitched in relief, going four innings, allowing two runs.

"We started out really tentative. We had some stage fright, made some mistakes early that gave them a nice 5-0 lead on us." coach Bob Weier said. "Their pitcher was very dominating through the first four innings. Then we started to get the bat on the ball, but they had too big of a lead on us to chip away and come back."

In hope to spark a comeback, New Ulm loaded the bases with just one out in the seventh, but only pushed one run across.



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Mankato VFW Post 950 edges Fairmont

Royals advance in 2nd District play

POSTED July 23, 2010 Mankato Free Press

By Tyler Buckentine Free Press Staff Writer

NEW ULM — Neither Zach Mullin or his coach Ethan Anderson thought Mullin had his best stuff on the mound Friday. Evidently, the lefty has some pretty high standards for himself.

“I really didn’t have my best stuff today,” Mullin said. “I was kind of wild and outside but I got big pitches when I needed them.”

Mullin allowed just two hits with three walks (one intentional) through seven innings as Mankato VFW Post 950 Royals nipped Fairmont 3-2 at Johnson Park. The Royals advance to play Rosemount at 4 p.m. today.

“He struggled a little bit with his control and he pitched to a lot of hitters 2-0,” Anderson said. “The main thing is he made sure to compete even when he didn’t have his A stuff.”

One of those walks almost cost Mullin in the end when Alek Borchardt led off the sixth inning with a walk and stood at third two batters later. With runners on the corners and two outs, Max Waletich got himself caught in a rundown between first and second.

Mullin went after Waletich and Borchardt broke for home and second baseman Ben Langemeier’s throw home was off the mark as Fairmont grabbed a 2-1 lead.

“We worked on that play in practice the other day but we didn’t execute it,” Mullin said.

Down a run going into the bottom of the seventh, Mankato had sent its bottom part of the lineup to hit, which gave Anderson confidence.

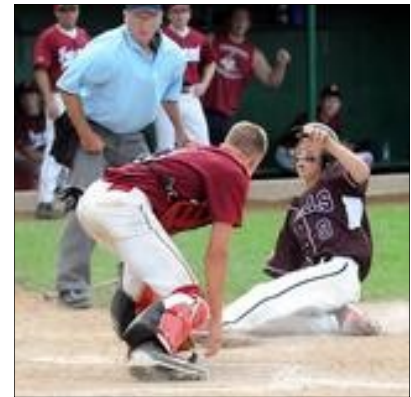
“I thought we were in the right spot to score two runs,” Anderson said. “When you’re at the bottom of the lineup and you get one or two runners on, then you’re at the top of the lineup with runners on base.”

No. 8 hitter Collin Ristine got the rally going with a one-out single to left field followed by a pair of walks to load the bases for David Boswell, whose grounder found its way through the infield and into right field. Ristine scored from third to tie the game and Konor Severns came around for the winning run. The throw home was on time and on target but went through catcher Andy Reiter’s legs.

“I think we can win it all, the way we’re playing right now,” said Mullin, who will be a junior at Loyola High School this fall. The Royals (12-14) won the subdistrict without a loss and beat previously undefeated Shakopee twice.

Mullin held the first 11 Fairmont batters hitless but gave up a solo home run to Waletich in the fourth inning. It would have been a two-run home run but Mullin picked Bryce Holm off first base two batters earlier, his second pickoff of the game.

“Coach has been working with me on that,” Mullin said. “He had me and the other two lefties on the team work on our pickoff move. He helped us get our balance and it’s been working really good for me ever since.”



- Konor Severns (right) slides in safely to score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning as Mankato VFW Post 950 beat Fairmont in a VFW 2nd District Tournament game at Johnson Park in New Ulm. John Cross



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Mullin acknowledged that he had plenty of help from the defense behind him. Mankato center fielder Brandon Kowalski saved a run when he had to run back to chase down a line drive to the left-center gap to end the top of the sixth inning.

“That was huge,” Mullin said. “That was a great play. (Kowalski) has great range.”

Thomas Williams and Mullin hit back-to-back doubles to score Mankato’s first run in the fourth inning.

In other first round action New Ulm Jr. Legion topped Shakopee 3-1, Hutchinson beat Hastings 6-4 and Rosemount defeated New Ulm Gold 7-3.

Mankato trips up Fairmont

POSTED July 23, Fairmont Sentinel

Charlie Sorrells - Sentinel Sports Editor

NEW ULM - Fairmont literally stole the lead in the top of the sixth inning during its Second District VFW baseball tournament opener on Thursday.

Unfortunately for Post 1222, David Boswell's two-run single with one out in the bottom of the seventh salvaged a 3-2 comeback victory for Mankato Post 950 at Johnson Park in New Ulm.

Fairmont (15-8) faces New Ulm Gold at 4 p.m. today at Mueller Park in New Ulm in an elimination-bracket game.

Rosemount, who defeated New Ulm Gold by a 7-3 opening decision, faces Mankato at 4 p.m. today at Johnson Park in New Ulm.

"I thought Ben (Kain) pitched a good game for us today," said Post 1222 mentor Todd Sukalski. "He kept us close for the entire game."

Kain, a right-hander, and Mankato left-hander Zach Mullin - who fired a two-hitter - locked up in a pitchers' duel, with each starter on the mound receiving stellar defensive support to keep the game scoreless through three complete.

Mullin delivered the first defensive gem in the top of the second by recording the first of his two pickoffs at first base to work around Mankato's only error of the game.

Fairmont right fielder Ben Gratz countered by spearing Mankato No. 7 batter Ben Langemeier's sinking liner to the right-center gap. Gratz then threw to first baseman Michael Forster to nab Ryan Ohme for an inning-ending double play. Ohme had led off the last of the second with a single.

Mullin's second pickoff proved timely as Post 1222 slugger Max Waletich followed one out later with a sky-scraping blast in the top of the fourth.

Waletich, who had jackhammered a first-inning offering into the confines of Mueller Park - but foul, cranked Mullin fastball over the right-field ivy-covered fence for a solo home run and 1-0 lead.



FACING THE TAG — Fairmont VFW Post 1222 shortstop Max Waletich scoops a low throw from the outfield as Mankato Post 950 runner Thomas Williams slides face first into second base during Second District baseball tournament action Thursday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. Williams beat the tag for a double on the play. (Photo by Chip Pearson) View additional photos at <http://cu.fairmontsentinel.com>





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Collin Ristine triggered Post 950's seventh-inning comeback by lining a one-out single to left.

Kain issued back-to-back walks to Konor Severns and Brandon Kowalski to load the bases before Boswell lined a two-run single into right to win the game.

Ross Wilken collected Fairmont's other hit on the game.

Mullin gave up two runs on two hits, struck out four and walked three in seven innings to earn the complete-game victory.

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Winning run scored with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Ben Kain (LP) and Andy Reiter. Zach Mullin (WP) and Thomas Williams.

LOB-Fairmont 2; Mankato 7. 2B-Williams (M), Mullin (M) and Konor Severns (M). HR-Max Waletich (F). SAC-Bryce Holm (F).

Note: No article relating to this game and the Shakopee vs Hastings game was published in New Ulm Journal or on the Journal's Internet site. See the Game-by-Game Tracker for line scores and highlights.

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.

Nick Larson drew a walk before Fairmont first baseman Michael Forster - with the infield playing in - snagged a hard one-hopper for the first out.



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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Chris Mulder legged out a dribbler that hugged the third base chalk before Kral dropped down the perfect game-winning bunt.

New Ulm Gold jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind one of three walks issued to Nate Schoenherr, back-to-back singles by Javen Munce and Nick Larson, back-to-back Post 1222 errors and Kral's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first.

Fairmont answered with a two-out rally in the top of the second when Jovan Ramos doubled down the third base line and scored on Guetter's RBI single to left-center.

Wilken then produced the key two-out hit during the third to knot the game at 3-all. Bryce Holm, who reached on an error, and Levi Becker, who had singled, circled the bases when Wilken hammered a two-run double over the right fielder's head.

Post 1222 then grabbed a one-run edge on the heels of Holm's fourth-inning single. Jordan Voss, who was courtesy-running for Andy Reiter, scored on the backside of Holm wheeling to second base. Reiter had reached on an error.

New Ulm Gold, however, regained the lead when Nick Larson delivered a two-run single into right field with two out during the home half of the fourth. Jake Stadick and Schoenherr, who had each walked, scored on Larson's pivotal hit.

New Ulm Gold reliever Zach Schreiner worked two hitless and scoreless innings to earn the victory. Schreiner struck out two and walked one.

New Ulm Gold starting pitcher Jimmy Holstein allowed five runs on six hits, fanned three and walked one in five frames.

Fairmont reliever Alek Borchardt received the loss by giving up one run on two hits in 2 1/3 innings of work. Borchardt struck out one and issued three bases-on-balls.

Bryce Holm, who started on the mound for Post 1222, gave up five runs - two earned - on four hits, struck out two and walked five in four innings.

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Winning run scored with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Bryce Holm, Alek Borchardt (5, LP) and Andy Reiter. Jimmy Holstein, Zach Schreiner (6, WP) and Nick Larson.

LOB-Fairmont 6; New Ulm Gold 9. 2B-Ross Wilken (F), Jovan Ramos (F). 3B-Eric Hauser (NU Gold). SF-Colin Kral (NU Gold). SAC -Borchardt (F), Kral (NU Gold).

VFW Gold's season continues

POSTED July 24, 2010

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.





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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."

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.





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"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 Zieman'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."



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.

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.

"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 base. Zach Zaboj hit an RBI double off losing pitcher Colin Kral before getting out on a base running error to inning.

Despite struggling early, Johnson settled down and pitched great after the first 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.

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."

Safe At Home

POSTED July 24, 2010 *New Ulm Journal*

Jr. Legion takes home-field advantage into winner's bracket final

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - On June 25th in the Junior Upper Midwest Classic, Hutchinson handed the New Ulm Junior Legion and Jory Dove a 7-5 loss. Friday afternoon in the Second District VFW Tournament, Dove and the Junior Legion got some payback.

Dove scattered just three Hutchinson hits and New Ulm bats scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning as New Ulm rolled to a 13-1 win

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

New Ulm, now 25-6 will play today at 1 p.m. against Mankato with the winner advancing to Sunday's championship.

Erich Prokosch, Matt Bergmann and Brody Peterson each had two hits. Both of Prokosch's hits were doubles with Tim Kehren adding a double. Bergmann had a triple and drove in three runs with Prokosch and Peterson each driving in two runs.

And it was the hitting that got Dove relaxed on the mound after a shaky first inning when he threw 28 pitches and allowed Hutchinson's only run.

"The runs in the first inning really helped me," said the soft-spoken Dove who threw just 35 pitches the rest of the way. "I knew that I could just throw strikes and let my defense do the work."

After Hutchinson scored a run on an RBI single from Jason Hodson in the top of the first, New Ulm sent 11 men to the plate and scored seven runs. Matt Linscheid singled and Prokosch was hit by a pitch. Bergmann's single tied the game before Kehren was hit by a pitch and Connor Stark walked to force in the second run. Dylan Schreckenber drew a walk to make it a 3-1 New Ulm lead.

A wild pitch and a Peterson single upped the lead to 5-1. That ended Hodson's day after lasting just 1/3 of an inning and throwing 30 pitches. Jake Zieman took over on the mound and was fodder for New Ulm's bats as he allowed two more runs on a passed ball and a Jordan Guggisberg double. After that Dove took control on the mound for New Ulm, permitting just two base runners the rest of the way.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Junior Legion's Tim Kehren slides safely into home as Hutchinson pitcher Jason Hodson covers the plate during VFW District playoff action Friday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com





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Jr. Legion to play for title

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By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - Matt Bergmann had some productive at-bats for the New Ulm Junior Legion Saturday afternoon against Mankato.

In the first inning, his sacrifice fly scored Matt Linscheid to tie the game at 1-1.

Bergmann followed that with two doubles, a single and three more RBIs as the New Ulm Junior Legion downed Mankato 8-1 in the winner's bracket game of the District 2 VFW Tournament at Mueller Park.

Matt Linscheid got the complete game win for New Ulm. He struck out six.

Jake McDonough took the loss for Post 950. He went five innings and allowed six runs.

Bergmann led New Ulm's 10-hit attack with three hits with Linscheid and Brody Peterson each adding two hits.

Thomas Williams led Mankato with three hits.

New Ulm will now play for the District 2 title today at noon at Johnson Park against Rosemount and would have to lose twice to be denied a trip to the state tournament.

Rosemount beat Mankato 9-0 in the consolation bracket final Saturday night.

"We played good defense, had good pitching and got some good at-bats," Bergmann said. "That was the key for us."

And while getting the key hits was the driving force behind New Ulm's win, the failure to get a key hit by Mankato was just as big.

Post 950 out-hit New Ulm 13-10 but wasted a golden chance to do some damage in the top of the fourth inning.

New Ulm had scored single runs in the first three innings to take a 3-1 lead. A Patrick Bock sacrifice fly and consecutive doubles from Bergmann and Tim Kehren accounted for the other two runs.

But in the top of the fourth, Post 950 got four singles. However, it lost two baserunners - one at second and one at home - and come away with no runs.

Nick Allen started the potential rally with a single but was caught stealing. Ben Longemeier and Collin Risting followed with singles before Konor Severn collected the fourth single of the inning.

But Longemeier was thrown out at home before Linscheid struck out Brian Kowalski to end the inning.

"That was huge for us," New Ulm coach Bob Skillings said. "That gave us momentum - it gave Matt more confidence."

And it became even bigger when New Ulm scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to turn a close 3-1 game into an comfortable 7-1 New Ulm lead.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
New Ulm Junior Legion starting pitcher Matt Linscheid knocks down a line drive on the mound during New Ulm's Second District playoff win against Mankato Saturday at Mueller Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com





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Brody Peterson led off with bottom of the fourth with a single to right field. Ryan Ohme took over for McDonough and promptly tossed a wild pitch before Linscheid helped his own cause with an RBI single. Collin Clyne laced a base hit before Bergmann drove a two-run double to left field for a 6-1 lead.

"We got those hits at the right time," Bergmann said. "We work hard on our hitting, we take hitting very serious."

Skillings agreed that the team is always ready to hit.

"They are ready at the plate," he said. "If we get down a little bit, we know that we can hit and score runs."

He added that Bergmann who has hit in the four spot all season, is one player who has been consistent.

"He is hitting over .400 for us and is leading the team in hits and RBI," Skillings said. "The other day I had him bunt from that (four) spot."

New Ulm added two more insurance runs in the sixth inning on a Clyne groundout and a Bergmann base hit.

"It is big to be in the winner's bracket," Skillings said. "We are in the driver's seat."



New Ulm Junior Legion first baseman Matt Bergmann makes a running catch during the first game of the 2nd District Championship against Rosemount Sunday at Johnson Park in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to cu.nujournal.com.

Jr. Legion advances to VFW State Tournament

POSTED July 25, 2010 New Ulm Journal

New Ulm will now play at state tournament in Austin beginning 11 a.m. Thursday Aug. 5 (date added)

By Jim Bastian — Journal Sports Writer

NEW ULM - On Thursday, Ben Wolf started the Second District VFW Tournament by pitching a five-hit 3-1 win over Shakopee.

Sunday afternoon, Wolf appropriately ended the Second District VFW Tournament with his second win.

The right-handed Wolf went six innings and scattered six hits, and New Ulm scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning en route to a 9-2 win over Rosemount.

The win earns the Junior Legion, now 27-7, a berth in the Minnesota State VFW Tournament beginning Thursday in Austin.

New Ulm will play 11 a.m. on Thursday at Howie Strey Field against the champion of District 5.

The Junior Legion had lost the first game to Rosemount 6-4, forcing a second game.

Chris Leske took the loss for Rosemount, 23-7. He allowed nine runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Collin Clyne and Erich Prokosch each had two hits for New Ulm, with Tim Kehren driving in three runs.

Matt Wells had two hits for Rosemount.





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New Ulm gave Wolf all the run support that he needed with two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

For New Ulm coach Bob Skillings, seeing Wolf pitch another strong game in a clutch situation is nothing new.

"He has been our number one pitcher during the playoffs," Skillings said. "And he showed that today. He pitched on two days rest - he said he felt great. I gave him the ball, and he did the job

Matt Linscheid reached on an error to start the inning and promptly stole second. He came home on an RBI single off of the bat of left-handed Erich Prokosch.

A fielder's choice and a sacrifice fly from Tim Kehren gave Wolf a two-run bunker.

The runs made Wolf even more confident on the mound in a winner-take-all game.

"We set our goal early in the year to go to the state (tournament)," he said. "We knew that after that first game that we had to pick it up."

Linscheid was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Clyne who laced a seeing-eye single between third and shortstop that scored Peterson.

Prokosch followed with a groundball to second baseman Zach Zaboj who let the ball go under his glove. That permitted both Schreckenberg and Linscheid to score to up the lead to 7-1.

Kehren inflicted more damage with a two-run single and a comfortable 9-1 lead.

"Most of the year, we have had big innings," Skillings said. "And I am happy that we had that today."

Rosemount put a little hail damage in Wolf's armor in the sixth when it added its final run.

Wolf, who would be relieved by Prokosch to start the seventh inning, said that New Ulm has a strong pitching staff.

"I am just one of the pitchers on the team," he said. "I have been picking my spots well - everybody on this team is a good pitcher."

Skillings said that getting to the state tournament is something special.

Red Wing D-1

Game 3

1:20 p.m. Thur Aug 5
Howie Strey Field
St. Cloud East D-6

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Game 11

11:30 a.m. Fri Aug 6
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New Ulm Jr. Legion D-2

Game 1

11 a.m. Thur Aug 5
Howie Strey Field
Alexandria II, D-5

Game 5

4:30 pm Thur Aug 5
Howie Strey Field
Worthington

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Game 15

1:00 p.m. Sat Aug 7
Dick Seltz Stadium

W-15

Game 18

Proctor D-8

Game 2

11:30 a.m Thur Aug 5
Dick Seltz Stadium
Austin - Host

W-2

Game 6

5:00 pm Thur Aug 5
Dick Seltz Stadium

W-6

Game 12

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Dick Seltz Stadium

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Sun. Aug 8
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Game 4

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Game 14

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Game 9

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Game 16

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L-6

Game 10

1:30 p.m. Fri Aug. 6
Howie Strey Field

4:00 p.m. Sat. Aug 7
Dick Seltz Stadium

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Game 13

5:00 p.m. Fri Aug 6
Dick Seltz Stadium

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Game 8

7:30 pm Thur Aug 5
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L-4

L-11

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