

Baseball Spotlight



LEGION PLAYOFF TEAM - Back Row: Todd Piepho, Levi Whiteside, Memphis Schlaak, Mack Gilliland, Dakota Schlaak, Brock Holland, AJ Deen, Bodie Newgard, Brooks Gilliland and Aaron Gilliland. Front Row: Carter Martens, Calvin Nissen, Sean Lassahn, Owen Schlaak, Tyler Piepho, Shane Service and Justin Schlaak (not pictured Ryan Schlaak)



New Richland Red Raiders see milestone season

The 2026 season marked an exciting milestone for Red Raiders New Richland Post 75 Legion Baseball, as the program fielded both Senior and Junior Legion teams for the first time. The season showcased the continued growth of baseball in the community and highlighted a promising future for the program.

The Junior Legion team finished the summer with a 3-8-1 record while continuing to develop throughout the season. The team earned key victories over Hayfield and St. Charles and played in the Rochester and St. Charles tournaments.

The Senior Legion team finished with a 7-6 record, earning notable wins over Blooming Prairie, Adams, and Lewiston-Altura. The Senior Legion finished 2nd in the St. Charles tournament and played

in the Rochester tournament.

The Senior Legion team qualified for the league playoffs as the No. 6 seed out of 11 teams. In the opening round, Post 75 hosted Blooming Prairie and earned an impressive 8-2 victory to advance to the double-elimination bracket. The team's postseason run ended after a pair of hard-fought one-run losses, falling 6-5 to Caledonia and 5-4 to La Crescent.

With the successful launch of both Junior and Senior Legion teams, the 2026 season laid a strong foundation for the future of Red Raiders baseball. The growth of the program, along with the commitment of its players, coaches, families, and community supporters, points to a bright future for baseball in New Richland for years to come.



11A TEAM - The Quad Cities 11A baseball team competed in the MBT State Tournament in Chanhassen on July 17-19, finishing with a 2-2 record. The team placed second in its pool after earning wins over Prior Lake White (6-4) and Roseville Red (5-2), while falling to Chanhassen (3-1). Advancing to the 20-team championship bracket, Quad Cities battled Minnetonka Blue in a hard-fought game before ending its tournament run with an 18-10 loss. The players represented the Quad Cities program with great effort and sportsmanship throughout the weekend against some of the top teams in the state.

On the team is Axel Schlaak, Brantley Braaten, Ian Wilson, Chase Simon, Asa Bethke, Auen Greighten, Hugh Courtney, Rafe Kundson, Jack Van Hal, Gadiel Cazares, Griffin Pederson.



13AA TEAM - The Quad Cities 13AA baseball team competed in the MBT State Tournament in Lakeville on July 17-19, turning in an impressive performance to finish tied for fifth place in the tournament. Quad Cities placed second in its pool after earning victories over Apple Valley (14-12) and the Irondale Knights (11-5), while falling to Wayzata Gold (10-5). Advancing to the 20-team championship bracket, Quad Cities won its first two bracket games. The team opened bracket play with a 13-5 victory over Prior Lake Gold before edging league rival Chatfield 9-8 in a thrilling matchup to advance to the final eight.

In the quarterfinals, Quad Cities battled Rogers in another closely contested game but came up just short, falling 14-12. The strong tournament run earned the Quad Cities 13AA team a tie for fifth place in the state tournament, capping off an outstanding weekend of baseball against some of Minnesota's top competition.

Back row: Aaron Gilliland, Adler Bethke, Tate Michaels, Asa Wilson, Trevor Gilliland, Bo Holland, John Misgen. Front row: Brandon Thibodeau, Parker Simon, Blake Braaten, Reed Budach, John Thibodeau, Riffen Jacobson, Collin Misgen, Nick Budach. Photo by Joe Venny

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