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Softball Drops Pair to BLC in Home Opener

The softball team played its home opener Wednesday against Bethany Lutheran, losing both games of the double header by the scores of 4-1 and 2-0.

The Knights struggled at the plate against two strong pitching performances by the Vikings, but they did receive strong performances from their pitchers as well. First-year pitcher **Kathryn Marquardt** (*Shoreland*) allowed four runs in six innings in game one, while senior **Laura Miller** (*Evergreen*) went the distance and allowed only two runs in game two.

Emily Waldek (*Trumbull CN*) led MLC with three hits on the day, while **Amber Krause** (*LPS*) had a double in the second game. **Andrea Biedenbender** (*MVL*) scored the lone run for the Knights in game one after reaching base on a walk.



Biedenbender runs the bases

New Coach Greg Diersen Ready to Lead Track Teams



Loescher set to throw

The track teams have been taken over by new head coach Greg Diersen, who brings 16 years of coaching experience from Great Plains Lutheran High School to MLC.

Professor Diersen has a strong mix of athletes on both the men's and women's teams this season. The men are led by two field athletes: **Philip Loescher** (*KMLHS*) was top javelin thrower for much of last season and second place finisher at the UMAC Championships last May, and **John Wildauer** (*LPS*) won the javelin throw at the conference meet.

The top returner for the women is **Emilee Koltz** (*LPS*), who set a new school record in the 5000 meter run last season. Runners **Hannah Hackbarth** (*Lakeside*), **Julie Kent** (*WISCO*), and **Lauren Maertz** (*GPLHS*) also return after strong 2012 seasons.

Baseball Set to Begin Conference Season

The baseball team will return from a long layoff with a three-game series this weekend at home against North Central to start the UMAC portion of the schedule.

Upcoming Events at MLC

4/6 SB v. Minnesota-Morris
BB v. North Central
TN v. St. Scholastica
TK @ Buena Vista

Pitching has been the strength of the team so far, and the Knights hope that starters **Joe Janke** (*WISCO*), **Jake Ziel** (*LPS*), **Andrew Nemmers** (*LPS*), and **Matt Olson** (*SCLHS*) can continue to lead the way in April and May.



Nemmers fires it over the plate