## **Tennis Season Starts with Non-conference Matches**

The men's and women's tennis seasons started last weekend with losses to Macalester and Saint Mary's.

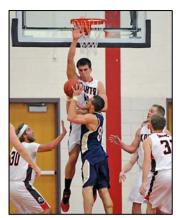
The women were picked to finish fifth in the UMAC preseason poll, but they return seven of the top eight performers from last season. **Carissa Kock** (*LPS*), **Charis Goelzer** (*LPS*), and **Rebekah Johnston** (*LPS*) lead the returners, while newcomers **Acacia Foss** (*Saint James MN*) and **Rachel Riediger** (*Luther High*) also figure into the line-up.

The men return four players from last season, led by a top three of **Kris Kuschel** (WISCO), **Justin Marshall** (LPS), and **Philip Schroeder** (LPS).



Goelzer with a forehand

## Men Win Overtime Thriller against NCU



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The men's basketball team kept its postseason hopes alive with a thrilling 69-68 overtime win against North Central on February 6.

The Knights had to fight off both an NCU three-pointer at the buzzer, which sent the game into overtime, and then a five-point deficit in the extra period.

Junior guard **Michael Paulsen** (*LPS*) made the game-winning basket on a floater from just inside the lane with three seconds to play in the game.

**Andrew Nemmers** (*LPS*) was big for MLC with 13 points and 13 rebounds, while **Luke Rothe** (*LPS*) and **Craig Wilke** (*Lakeside*) also had strong performances.

Nemmers goes for a block

## **Women Look to Bounce Back**

The women's basketball team is looking to bounce back after a disappointing 1-2 finish last week, dropping them into fourth place in the UMAC standings.

## **Upcoming Events at MLC**

2/13 BB @MN-Morris TN @Hamline

2/14 BB @Crown

The Knights suffered defeats against Bethany Lutheran and Northwestern, but were able to come through with a five-point win over North Central.

**Grace Schultz** (*FVL*) leads the Knights in points per game (11.6) this season, while **Leah Nass** (*Manitowoc LHS*) leads the team in rebounds per game (7.2).



Nass at the charity stripe