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Women End Season with Loss in UMAC Tournament

The women's basketball team saw its season come to a close with a seven-point loss in the semi-final round of the UMAC Tournament at Northwestern on Wednesday, February 25.

The Knights finished the regular season 8-6 in conference play, good for fourth in the final UMAC standings. That finish gave MLC the final spot in the conference tournament, marking the seventh consecutive season the Knights qualified for postseason play.

The MLC roster featured only four veterans, led by junior starters **Erin Schmeling** (*SCLHS*) and **Leah Nass** (*Manitowoc LHS*). First-year wing **Grace Schultz** (*FVL*) finished as the Knights' leading scorer with an average of 11.4 points per game.



Schultz drives the baseline

Softball Picked Sixth in Preseason Poll



Marquardt on the mound

The MLC softball team, which plays its first games on March 19, was picked to finish sixth in the UMAC in the conference preseason poll released last week.

The Knights will look very different this season, with first-year coach Matt Pearson taking over for Barb Leopold following a 37-year run as head coach of the softball program on campus.

Pearson's team returns First Team All-UMAC performer **Emily Waldek** (*Trumbull CN*) in centerfield, as well as **Sara Willems** (*Lakeside*), the school's single-season record-holder with eight home runs in 2014. **Kathryn Marquardt** (*Shoreland*) and **Kelli Doell** (*FVL*) also return to give the Knights experience on the mound.

Men Close Season with Weekend Split

The men's basketball team finished the season with a weekend split. MLC defeated Northland 65-54 on Friday before losing 63-59 at St. Scholastica on Saturday.

Upcoming Events at MLC

Baseball Trip to Fort Pierce, FL:

- 3/5 Immaculate
- 3/6 Misericordia
- 3/7 Bethany (PA)
- 3/8 Delaware Valley
- 3/9 Geneva
- 3/10 Penn State Behrend

Todd Brassow (*MLS*) and **Craig Wilke** (*Lakeside*) led the Knights to Friday's win with career high scoring efforts.

Brassow scored 31 points on 11-17 shooting in the win, while Wilke scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to set highs in both categories. The double-double was the first of Wilke's career.



Wilke shoots the jumper