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Football Opens Season With Win Over MBU

The football team opened the 2015 season with a 35-0 win over Maranatha Baptist University on Saturday, September 5.

The defense held the Sabercats to 141 yards and posted the first shutout by an MLC defense since the 2009 opener. **Ben Ewings** (*Lakeside*), **Dan Schmidt** (*LPS*), and **Paul Habermann** (*Manitowoc LHS*) led the defensive charge for the Knights.

On offense, **Matt Olson** (*SCLHS*) led the way with 104 yards passing, 102 yards rushing, and three touchdowns (two passing, one rushing). Wide receiver **Josh Rathje** (*Mount Pleasant MI*) was named UMAC Offensive Player of the Week after catching three passes for 99 yards and two touchdowns.



Olson celebrates a touchdown

Men's Soccer Tops Buena Vista 3-1



King makes the save

The men's soccer team scored three unanswered goals in the second half, including two in the final six minutes, to earn its first win of the season by the score of 3-1 over Buena Vista on September 5.

The Knights trailed 1-0 at the half, but **Elijah Kroll** (*Lake City MN*) scored the equalizer in the 55th minute off a pass from **Josh Koelpin** (*MVL*).

With the score still tied in the 84th minute, **Aaron Markgraf** (*WLA*) gave the Knights the lead with a header off a Koelpin pass. First-year striker **Aaron Swanson** (*SCLHS*) scored on an insurance goal in the 89th minute to put the game away.

Caleb King (*WLA*) was strong in goal for MLC, stopping seven of eight shots on goal.

Cross Country Opens Season at Viterbo

The cross country teams opened the season at Viterbo over the weekend. The men finished first at the event, while the women finished second.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 9/9 SO v. Finlandia
VB @Hamline
- 9/11 G @Northland
XC @Buena Vista
- 9/12 FB v. Eureka

Teams at the event were split into three pairs, and the duo of **Grey Davis** (*Lakeside*) and **Jacob Melso** (*LPS*) took second place to lead the way in the men's race.

The women were led by the team of **Sarah Hackbarth** (*Lakeside*) and **Tiffany Tellock** (*FVL*), which finished fifth.



Hackbarth pushes the pace