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Men Top Northland in Overtime

The men's basketball team earned its first win of the season in overtime on Saturday at Northland by the score of 72-67.

The Knights overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half to force overtime, and then outscored Northland 10-5 in the extra period to secure the win.

MLC finished the game shooting 51.9 percent from the field and also made nine of 17 three-point attempts. **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) led MLC with 17 points to go with team highs in rebounds (nine), assists (four), and blocks (three). **Richard Eckmann** (*Trimont MN*) joined him in double figures with 11 points.



Eckmann lays it in

Women Sweep Opening Week of UMAC Play



Schultz fights for two more

The women's basketball team opened the conference season with a pair of road wins at North Central (83-52) and Northland (54-47) last week.

MLC started UMAC play with a dominating win at North Central on December 6. The Knights built a lead as high as 46 points in the second half with the help of a game-high 24 points from senior guard **Grace Schultz** (*FVL*). Schultz also led the team in assists (three) and steals (two). **Jade St. Germaine** (*LPS*) and **Ruth Buchholz** (*ALA*) joined her in double figures with 10 points apiece.

The Knights completed the sweep with a strong defensive effort at Northland on December 9. Schultz once again led the way for MLC with 19 points and 11 rebounds. **Moriah Hackbarth** (*Lakeside*) added 11 points and four steals.

Paulsen Stuffs Stat Sheet

Sophomore forward **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) put his name atop the UMAC leaders in three statistical categories in the first month of the season.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 12/13 MBB v. Bethany Lutheran
WBB v. Bethany Lutheran
- 12/16 MBB @UW-Superior
WBB @UW-Superior
- 12/30 MBB @Luther

Paulsen currently leads the conference in rebounds per game (9.6), blocks per game (1.4), and steals per game (2.3). Paulsen also ranks seventh in the conference in assists per game (3.1), and falls just outside the top 10 in the conference in points per game (13.0).

Last season, Paulsen led the Knights in four of those five statistical categories.



Paulsen at the free throw line