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Women Look to Shake Off BLC Defeat

The women's basketball team hopes to return to its winning ways this weekend after a 65-52 loss at Bethany Lutheran College on January 21.

The Knights struggled in the first half as BLC built a 15-point lead heading into the break. MLC played better on the offensive end in the second half, but was unable to overcome the first half deficit.

BLC built its lead and held it in the second half thanks to 24 MLC turnovers. The Vikings took advantage by scoring 26 points off those miscues. **Grace Schultz** (*FVL*) led MLC in points (nine), rebounds (eight), assists (four), and steals (three) in the game.



Schultz shoots the jumper

Tennis Teams Set to Start 2017 Season



Schultz hits a forehand

The men's and women's tennis teams are set to open the 2017 season with a match at Saint Mary's on Friday, January 27.

The women finished last season 6-4 in conference play, good for third place in the final UMAC standings. The Knights must replace a host of key contributors from that team, however, as **Rachel Riediger** (*Luther*) and **Sophia Birner** (*LPS*) are the only two members of last year's regular singles line-up to return this season.

The men finished 3-7 in UMAC play and finished fourth in the final standings, but return all six players from last year's line-up. **Justin Marshall** (*LPS*), **Justin Steinke** (*LPS*), and **Josh Koelpin** (*MVL*) return at the top of the line-up, while **Phil Schroeder** (*LPS*), **Ethan Schultz** (*LPS*), and **Nicolas Gartner** (*MVL*) round out the top six.

Paulsen Continues Strong Debut Season

Following a strong campaign on the football field, first-year forward **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) has continued to showcase his talent on the basketball court.

Upcoming Events at MLC

1/27 WBB v. Minnesota Morris
WTN @Saint Mary's
MTN @Saint Mary's
MBB v. Minnesota Morris

1/28 WBB v. Crown
MBB v. Crown

Paulsen leads the Knights so far this season in points (11.6), rebounds (7.1), steals (1.8), and blocks (1.6) per game. He is also the only player in the UMAC to average at least one steal and block per game.

The versatile forward has scored a season-high 19 points twice, and grabbed at least ten rebounds in a game six times this season.



Paulsen on the break