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Softball Improves After Second Weekend in Rochester

The softball team finished its second consecutive weekend at the Rochester Dome to open the season. Although it was unable to come away with a win, it showed significant improvement after eight games against tough competition.

MLC was helped by the return of sophomore First Team All-UMAC catcher **Jessica Friebe** (*MLS*), who missed the opening weekend due to the end of the basketball season.

On Saturday the Knights lost to Saint Mary's 6-2 and then fell 4-2 against Macalester. Friebe scored three of the team's four runs and also added three hits and two stolen bases. **Megan Lemke** (*Shoreland*) added a pair of hits on Saturday.



Friebe ready to catch

Baseball Opens Season Thursday



Kretsch on the mound

The baseball season opens with a rare outdoor doubleheader in March against Crown College on Thursday, March 10.

The Knights will be looking to capitalize on the good weather in the area to get some game experience before the annual trip down to Florida during Spring Break. MLC heads down to Winter Haven, Florida, on March 18 and will play four straight days of doubleheaders before returning to New Ulm for the rest of the season.

The Knights were picked to finish eighth in the UMAC preseason poll released in February, and will be counting on veterans **James Hemmelman** (*Luther*), **Travis Kretsch** (*MVL*), **Jonathan Kock** (*LPS*), and **Jason Lindemann** (*LPS*) to lead the team.

Men's Tennis Ready for Conference Play

The men's tennis team lost a pair of matches against good competition over the weekend at an event hosted by Gustavus Adolphus College.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 3/10 BB v. Crown
- 3/18 SB v. Maranatha Baptist
- BB v. Knox
- SB v. North Central
- SB v. Maranatha Baptist

MLC started the day with an 8-1 defeat to Central and finished the event with a loss against GAC.

Ethan Schultz (*LPS*) accounted for the only MLC point, thanks to a three-set win in his number six singles match against Central.

The Knights will return to action on March 31 for the start of conference play at North Central.



Schultz hits the forehand