



Men Continue Strong Start at St. Olaf

The cross country teams raced at St. Olaf on September 17. The men put together a strong performance that finished second among the eight UMAC teams in attendance, and ninth out of more than 20 teams from all conferences at the event.

Four MLC runners placed inside the top 55 finishers out of 290 runners at the event. First-year **Ryan Gurgel** (*KMLHS*) led the way in 43rd place, with a personal-best time of 27:17. He was followed shortly after by **Justin Wilkens** (*Haymarket VA*), **Ben Bitter** (*WISCO*), and **Darian Schnose** (*MLS*).

The women finished in 21st place, and were led by **Rachel Winter** (*Manitowoc LHS*).



Gurgel finishes the race

Football Gains Experience



Wong takes the handoff

The football team is still looking for its first win three weeks into the season, but the young Knights (nearly 30 first-year players on the roster) have gained experience they hope will pay off later this season, and beyond.

The offense, led by quarterback **T.J. Babinec** (*Luther*) and first-year backs **Josh Wong** (*MVL*) and **Nate Stein** (*LPS*), is still searching for consistency, but has moved the ball on the ground. The key will be finding a way to involve receivers **Josh Arndt** (*SCLHS*) and **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) in the passing game more frequently.

Defensively, seniors **Chris Dean** (*Edna TX*) and **Dan Schmidt** (*LPS*) have led the charge and helped the Knights stay in games. First-year defensive backs **Joseph Herrewig** (*WLA*) and **Jared Witkowiak** (*WISCO*) have also had strong starts.

Women Defeat Crown 4-0

The women's soccer team evened its UMAC record at 1-1, thanks to a 4-0 win at Crown on Saturday, September 17.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 9/22 G @Minnesota Morris
- 9/23 VB v. St. Catherine
- 9/24 FB @Northwestern
VB v. UW-Superior
WS @Northwestern
MS @Northwestern

The Knights were led by a pair of first-half goals by **Jenna Maurer** (*LPS*), who now has six this season and moves into third place all by herself in the MLC record books, with 42 career goals.

In the second half, first-year midfielder **Morgan Hill** (*LPS*) scored her first collegiate goal, while **Hailey Johnson** (*FVL*) scored her first of the season to close the scoring.



Hill passes up the field