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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Men Open UMAC Play With Win Over NCU

The men's basketball team opened the conference season with a 67-59 win over North Central University on Wednesday, December 5.

The Knights trailed by nine points late in the first half, but closed the half with a 12-2 run to take the lead. In the second half, MLC built a lead as high as 12 points on the way to the eight-point win.

The frontcourt duo of **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) and **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) led the charge with a combined 32 points on 14-21 shooting from the field. **Austin DeNoyer** (*Lakeside*) added 14 points and three assists for the Knights. **Ethan Eisenmann** (*FVL*) grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.



Heichelbech lays it in

Women Top Northland 69-68



Witkowski hits the three

The women's basketball team scored its first win of the season on Saturday, December 8, by the score of 69-68 against Northland College.

The Knights started strong and built a 10-point lead after the third quarter, but the Lumberjills came back to tie the game in the final minute. With the game tied in the final seconds, sophomore forward **Kati Aguilar** (*CLHS*) was fouled following an offensive rebound with 1.8 seconds to play. Aguilar made the first free throw to give the Knights the one-point lead, and one final defensive stand allowed the Knights to escape with the win.

Emily Witkowski (*Michigan LHS*) led MLC with a career-high 23 points. **Faith Otte** (*Nebraska LHS*) added 17 points and three assists.

Knights Go Cold in Loss to Northland

The men's basketball team struggled to shoot from the outside in a 64-56 loss to Northland College on Saturday, December 8.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 12/12 WBB @Bethany Lutheran
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- 12/15 WBB v. UW-Superior
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- 12/16 MBB @Marian

The Knights started strong, but missed their final 19 attempts from beyond the three-point arc as the Lumberjacks took control of the game. MLC hung within striking distance throughout the second half, but was never able to get over the hump.

Ian Paulsen (*LPS*) and **Richard Eckmann** (*Trimont MN*) each scored 12 points to lead the Knights.



Eckmann hits the jumper