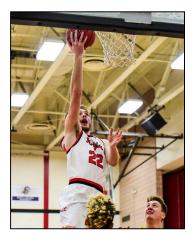
Men Open UMAC Play With Win Over NCU

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

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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.

Witkowski hits the three

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 MBB @Bethany Lutheran

12/15 WBB v. UW-Superior MBB v. UW-Superior

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