



Barb Leopold Wins Special Merit Award

Former Martin Luther College coach and professor Barb Leopold was given the Special Merit Award at the 33rd Annual Minnesota Girls and Women in Sports Day held at the Minnesota History Center on February 6. The award is the highest honor given at the event organized by the Minnesota Coalition of Women in Athletic Leadership, and honors those who specifically worked to break barriers for girls and women in sport.

Leopold served 40 years as a teacher and coach at DMLC and MLC. During her tenure, she coached softball for 37 years, while also coaching cross country, basketball, and volleyball at different times. As the softball coach, she won 419 career games and was named UMAC Coach of the Year on three separate occasions.



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Men Score Win Over UMM



DeNoyer drives for two

The men's basketball team put everything together on both ends of the floor in a 73-54 win over Minnesota Morris on February 6.

The Knights raced out to a 38-19 halftime lead and then held off every UMM rally in the second half to earn their seventh win of the season. The win was the first over the Cougars since the 2014 season, breaking a losing streak of nine games.

MLC shot 50.9 percent from the field, and held the Cougars to 30.8 percent overall and 13.0 percent (3-22) from beyond the three-point arc.

Austin DeNoyer (*Lakeside*) led the way for MLC with 19 points off the bench. **Richard Eckmann** (*Trimont MN*) added 15 points in the win.

Heichelbech Scores Career High at MBU

First-year forward **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) scored a career-high 27 points in the men's basketball team's 82-76 loss at Maranatha Baptist on February 9.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 2/13 WBB @Crown
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- 2/16 WBB v. Northwestern
MBB v. Northwestern
WTN v. Morningside
MTN v. Morningside
SB v. Carleton

Heichelbech shot 10-12 from the field and made three of his four attempts from beyond the three-point arc in the loss, and also added five rebounds and one block.

The Knights led the Sabercats by 18 points in the second half, but MBU finished the game with a 26-10 spurt to come all the way back and secure the win.



Heichelbech scores two more