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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Men Defeat Maranatha 80-72

The men's basketball team scored an 80-72 win over Maranatha Baptist in non-conference play on Saturday, December 14.

MLC built an 11-point halftime lead and never trailed in the second half, but had to fight until the final minutes to hold off a scrappy effort by the Sabercats.

The Knights' depth was a big factor in the win with **Austin DeNoyer** (*Lakeside*), **Caleb Westra** (*LPS*), and **Jonathan Riebe** (*LPS*) each scoring in double figures off the bench as the MLC reserves outscored the MBU bench 41-13. **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) led MLC with 15 points, while **Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*) added 12 points.



Heichelbech goes for two

Multi-Sport Athletes Transition to Basketball



Hackbarth scans the field

The MLC tradition of multi-sport athletes continues this winter as nine basketball players (six male, three female) moved from fall to winter sports.

Seniors **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) and **Austin DeNoyer** (*Lakeside*) are in their final seasons on the basketball court and earned First Team All-UMAC honors on the gridiron this season, while **Clay Hirsch** (*LPS*) and **Seth Hackbarth** (*Lakeside*) each played important roles on the soccer pitch before trying to earn minutes on the court.

Emily Witkowski (*Michigan LHS*) leads the MLC women's basketball team in scoring (13.9 points per game) after scoring three goals on the soccer field this season, while **Kati Aguilar** (*CLHS*) starts at forward after leading the volleyball team in kills each of the last two seasons.

Women Fall at NCU 74-60

The women's basketball team was unable to overcome a poor shooting night in a 74-60 loss at North Central on December 11.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 12/17 MBB v. Wisconsin Lutheran
- 12/19 MBB @Saint Mary's
- 12/20 WBB v. Luther
- 1/8 MBB v. St. Scholastica
WBB v. St. Scholastica

The Knights shot 27.2 percent from the field, but hung tough until the Rams pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Junior **Emily Witkowski** (*Michigan LHS*) led the Knights with 16 points. **Ally Platzer** (*Olivet MI*) added nine points, while **Cassandra Rose** (*KMLHS*) grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.



Witkowski drives the baseline