

# MLC SportsPage



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## Men Hold Off Cobbers for 73-72 Win

The men's basketball team ended a frustrating stretch of close calls with a 73-72 win over Concordia-Moorhead on Monday, January 13.

The Knights built a four-point halftime lead, but found themselves trailing 52-48 early in the second half. **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) and **Austin DeNoyer** (*Lakeside*) combined to score 18 second-half points to wrestle the lead back, and **Josh Tomlin** (*LPS*) made all six of his free throw attempts in the final minute to secure the win.

Heichelbech and DeNoyer tied for the team lead with 14 points apiece. **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) scored 11 points to go with six assists and four blocks.



Paulsen goes up for two

## Softball Team Starts Practice for 2020 Season



Hoffman at the plate

The softball team started the 2020 season with its first official practice on Sunday, January 12.

The Knights will spend the next six weeks preparing for the season, which opens with a doubleheader against Carleton College at the Dundas Dome on February 26, and is followed by a six-day trip to Fort Myers FL.

Seven starters return from last season's team, which finished 10-18 with a 6-10 UMAC record. Infielders **Brittany Denn** (*New Ulm MN*) and **Elena Hoffman** (*GPLHS*) will lead the offense after strong debut seasons at shortstop and first base, respectively. Seniors **Rebecca Pruss** (*WLA*) and **Morgan Palubicki** (*Winona MN*) return to lead the pitching staff for the fourth straight season.

## Women Open 2020 With Two Defeats

The women's basketball team opened the new year with a pair of defeats in UMAC competition against St. Scholastica (70-45) and UW-Superior (78-48) last week.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

- 1/15 MBB @Crown  
WBB @Crown
- 1/18 MBB @Northland  
WBB @Northland
- 1/22 MBB v. Minn. Morris  
WBB v. Minn. Morris

**Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) led the Knights with 12 points off the bench against St. Scholastica, while **Emily Witkowski** (*Michigan LHS*) scored 15 points against UW-Superior.

Witkowski has continued her strong junior campaign into 2020 and leads the Knights in points (13.2) and rebounds (6.5) per game, as well as three-point field goals (17) and free throws (43).



Gosch at the free throw line