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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Women Come Back to Top Crown 63-55

The women's basketball team came back from a slow start to notch its first win of the UMAC season by the score of 63-55 at Crown College on January 15.

The Knights fell behind 17-6 to start the game, but erased that deficit with a 12-0 run to start the second quarter. The MLC defense held the Storm to 27.9 percent shooting for the game on the way to the win.

Emily Witkowski (*Michigan LHS*) led the way with 19 points and five assists, while **Kortney Behnke** (*FVL*) and **Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) each scored 11 points. **Emily Rothfuss** (*MLS*) and **Kati Aguilar** (*CLHS*) recorded two blocks apiece.



Witkowski at the line

Tennis Teams Ready to Start Season



Koelpin returns the serve

The men's and women's tennis teams open the 2020 season on Friday, January 24, when they play at Saint Mary's.

The men were picked to finish fourth in the UMAC in the league's Preseason Coaches Poll released on Tuesday, January 21. The Knights finished fourth in the conference in 2019 and return four players who were consistent contributors from that team, led by seniors **Joshua Schroeder** (*LPS*) and **Caleb Koelpin** (*LPS*).

The women were picked sixth in the preseason poll after finishing with a 2-5 conference record last season. Three-time All-UMAC honoree **Anna Hemmelman** (*Luther*) returns at the top of the lineup after going 13-1 against UMAC competition over the last two seasons.

Men Race Past Northland

The men's basketball team used a 17-0 run early in the second half to defeat Northland College 70-58 on Sunday, January 19.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 1/22 MBB v. Minn. Morris
WBB v. Minn. Morris
- 1/24 WTN @Saint Mary's
MTN @Saint Mary's
- 1/25 MBB @St. Scholastica
WBB @St. Scholastica

The Knights trailed by two at the half, but held the Lumberjacks scoreless for more than six minutes during their big run to take the lead.

Austin DeNoyer (*Lakeside*) led the charge on offense with 18 points, while **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) added 10 points and three steals off the bench. **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) led the team with four steals to go with nine points and seven rebounds.



DeNoyer on defense