

# MLC SportsPage



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## Paulsen Scores Season High in Loss at CSS

Senior **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) scored a season-high 24 points in an 88-70 loss at St. Scholastica on Saturday, January 25.

The Knights got off to a strong start and trailed by only three points with 8:19 to play in the game, but were held to three field goals the rest of the way as the Saints pulled away down the stretch.

Paulsen's 24 points pushed his career total to 947, putting him within reach of becoming the 12th player in MLC men's basketball program history to score at least 1,000 career points. Paulsen is also nine blocks away from the all-time MLC record in that statistic.



Paulsen lays it in

## Baseball Starts Practice with High Hopes for 2020



Behm at the plate

After several weeks of the players working out on their own, the MLC baseball team officially started practice for the 2020 season on Monday, January 27.

The Knights enter the season with hopes of contending in the UMAC thanks to the return of upperclassmen **Caleb Christopher** (*MLS*), **Tyler Roecker** (*WISCO*), **Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*), and **Adam Westra** (*LPS*) to the line-up. Christopher was named First Team All-UMAC as an outfielder in 2019, while Behm received honorable mention at shortstop.

Seniors **Andrew Mantz** (*KMLHS*) and **Adam Kock** (*LPS*) return to lead a pitching staff that will also feature sophomores **Michael Fromm** (*WISCO*) and **Andrew Deisinger** (*LPS*).

## Tennis Opens Season with Defeat at SMU

The men's and women's tennis teams opened the season with 9-0 defeats at Saint Mary's at the Winona Tennis Center on Friday, January 24.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

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| 1/29 | MBB @Bethany Lutheran<br>WBB @Bethany Lutheran                                       |
| 2/1  | WTK @Minnesota State<br>MTK @Minnesota State<br>MBB v. Northland<br>WBB v. Northland |

Sophomore **Jonah Schulz** (*LPS*) led the effort on the men's side, taking his number-two singles match to a third set before losing a tie-breaker.

Senior **Anna Hemmelman** (*Luther*) fell in straight sets in her number-one singles match, but battled to a 6-1, 6-4 defeat against a strong opponent.

Both teams will return to action in February.



Hemmelman serves an ace