



Men Close Season with Comeback Win

The men's basketball team closed the season on a high note with a 98-88 overtime win at Maranatha Baptist on February 22.

MLC trailed by 20 points early in the second half, but came back to tie the game in the final minute of regulation before outscoring the Sabercats 17-7 in the extra period.

Austin DeNoyer (*Lakeside*) led six MLC players in double figures with 19 points, while **Ian Paulsen** (*LPS*) added 16 points, 10 rebounds, and five steals. **Jared Witkowiak** (*WISCO*), **Caleb Westra** (*LPS*), and **Jacob Price** (*Northland Lutheran*) led the effort off the bench as the MLC reserves outscored the Sabercats' bench 50-8.



Witkowiak shoots the three

Softball Ready to Start 2020 Season



Pruss fires it home

The softball team will open the 2020 season with a doubleheader against Carleton on Wednesday, February 26, at the Dundas Dome.

The Knights tied for sixth place in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll released earlier this year. MLC finished the 2019 season in a tie for fifth place in the final league standings, with a 6-10 conference record (10-18 overall).

Senior pitchers **Rebecca Pruss** (*WLA*) and **Morgan Palubicki** (*Winona MN*) return for their fourth season on the mound, while the Knights also return seven position players with starting experience from last season. **Brittany Denn** (*New Ulm MN*) and **Elena Hoffman** (*GPLHS*) each earned All-UMAC honors in 2019 in the infield, while **Jodi Halvorson** (*LPS*) and **Rebecca Doering** (*Lakeside*) return in the outfield.

Baseball Picked Ninth in UMAC Preseason Poll

The baseball team was picked to finish ninth in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll released by the conference on February 13.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 2/26 SB @Carleton
- 2/28 WTN v. UW-Stout
- 3/6 BB v. Wartburg (DH)
SB v. Albion
SB v. SUNY Delhi

Seniors **Andrew Mantz** (*KMLHS*) and **Adam Kock** (*LPS*) return to lead the pitching rotation, while **Caleb Christopher** (*MLS*), **Tyler Roecker** (*WISCO*), and **Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*) lead an experience group of position players.

The Knights will open the 2020 season with a doubleheader against Wartburg on Friday, March 6, in Auburndale, Florida.



Christopher at the plate