



## Women Drop Season Opener at UNW

The women's basketball team suffered a 90-62 defeat at Northwestern-St. Paul in its long-awaited season opener on Saturday, January 23.

The Knights showed signs of rust early as they could not buy a basket in the first quarter (3-23 shooting from the field), but warmed up as the game went along and finished with 11 three-point field goals, its most in a single game since December 12, 2018.

**Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) led the Knights with 14 points, while **Meghan Blaine** (*MLS*) finished with 11. **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*), **Anna Treder** (*CLHS*), and **Emma Nelson** (*MVL*) joined Blaine in scoring their first career collegiate points in their debuts.



Gosch at the line

## Men Picked to Finish Ninth



Heichelbech makes his move

The men's basketball team was picked to finish ninth in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll released on Monday, January 25.

The Knights, who finished the 2019-20 season with a 6-19 record, must replace four senior starters from last year's line-up, including Ian Paulsen ('20), who led the team in points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks per game each of the last three seasons.

Junior **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) started 24 games last season and is the team's returning scoring leader at 8.5 points per game as a sophomore. **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) returns with him in the front court, while **Jonathan Riebe** (*LPS*), **Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*), **Jared Witkowiak** (*WISCO*), and **Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*) will lead the charge on the perimeter.

## Witkowski Set to Lead Knights in Senior Season

Senior women's basketball player **Emily Witkowski** (*Michigan LHS*) enters her final season with the Knights with several milestones in reach, despite a shortened season.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

- 1/27 WBB @North Central
- 1/30 WBB @UW-Superior  
MBB v. Northwestern
- 2/1 WBB v. Crown
- 2/3 MBB @Minnesota Morris  
WBB v. Minnesota Morris

Witkowski ranks seventh in program history with 846 career points, leaving her just 154 points away from becoming the fourth player in program history to score 1,000 career points.

Witkowski also has 95 career three-point field goals, putting her only five away from becoming the sixth player in program history to hit at least 100 three-pointers.



Witkowski shoots from three