

# MLC SportsPage



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## Men Defeat Lions for First Win

The men's basketball team defeated Finlandia 92-83 for its first win of the season in Saturday's home opener.

After a slow start, the Knights took control and never trailed over the final 36 minutes of the game. MLC shot 46.7 percent from the field and finished with five scorers in double figures, led by **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) and **Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*) with 16 points apiece. Behm also added seven rebounds.

**Ezra Blumer** (*SCLHS*) and **Caleb Westra** (*LPS*) combined for 26 points off the bench, while **Jared Witkowiak** (*WISCO*) added 11 points and two blocks.



Witkowiak guards his man

## Women Fall to Finlandia



Heckendorf shoots for two

The women's basketball team lost to Finlandia 79-61 in non-conference action at home on Saturday.

The Knights held the lead for much of the first half, but the Lions finished the second quarter with a run to take the halftime lead, and then built that advantage into double digits in the second half to secure the win.

**Emily Witkowski** (*Michigan LHS*) overcame a tough shooting night to lead MLC with 14 points, thanks to 10-11 shooting from the free throw line. **Cassandra Rose** (*KMLHS*) joined her in double figures with 10 points off the bench, thanks to a pair of three-point field goals. First-year guard **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) finished with a team-high four assists to go with six points.

## Blumer Continues Strong Start to MLC Career

First-year guard **Ezra Blumer** (*SCLA*) continued his strong start to the season with a 14-point, eight-rebound effort in the Knights' win over Finlandia on February 6.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

- 2/11 MBB v. Crown
- 2/13 WBB v. Northwestern  
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- 2/15 WBB v. Minnesota Morris

Blumer has been a consistent source of offense for the Knights off the bench in his debut season, averaging 13.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game while playing 24.3 minutes per game.

Blumer has done much of his damage from the outside with a team-best 11 three-point field goals on 39.3 percent shooting. Overall, Blumer is shooting 45.0 percent from the field.



Blumer from the corner