



## Slow Start Hurts Knights in UNW Defeat

The women's basketball team could not overcome a slow start in a 73-55 defeat to Northwestern-St. Paul on Saturday, February 13.

After scoring only 17 points in the first half, the Knights out-scored the Eagles in each of the third and fourth quarters, but the first-half deficit was too much to overcome.

**Emily Witkowski** (*Michigan LHS*) led the way for MLC with 21 points, and also jumped into third place in program history with 233 career made free throws. **Emma Nelson** (*MVL*) added 11 points and five rebounds, while **Anna Treder** (*CLHS*) finished with eight points and eight rebounds.



Witkowski shoots from three

## Softball Picked Seventh in Preseason Poll



Hoffman at the plate

The softball team was picked to finish seventh in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll released last week.

The Knights went 4-6 last season during its annual Florida trip before the season was canceled due to COVID-19, and leading hitter **Elena Hoffman** (*GPLHS*) leads a group of returners from that team. Hoffman smashed six home runs in those 10 games, and enters the season only one shy of the program's all-time home run record with 14 during her first two seasons.

**Brett Burger** (*Lakeside*), **Sam Schoch** (*MLS*), and **Kylie Wolf** (*FVL*) return with Hoffman in the infield, while newcomers figure to play key roles in the outfield and on the mound this season.

## Turnovers Costly in Loss to Crown

The men's basketball team struggled on the offensive end of the floor in a 74-61 loss to Crown College on Thursday, February 11.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

- 2/18 MBB v. North Central  
WBB @Minnesota Morris
- 2/20 WBB v. St. Scholastica  
MBB @St. Scholastica
- 2/21 MTN @UW-Superior  
WTN @UW-Superior

The Knights committed 21 turnovers and 34.4 percent from the field in the loss. Crown countered on the other end with 40.9 percent shooting and scored 21 points off MLC miscues.

**Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*) and **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) each scored 11 points for the Knights. **Jonathan Riebe** (*LPS*) added seven rebounds and five assists.



Riebe scans the defense