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Knights Top Storm 86-56

The women's basketball team scored its first win of the season by the final of 86-56 over Crown College in non-conference action on Monday, February 1.

The Knights jumped out to a big lead early and never looked back as they held the Storm to 28.3 percent shooting from the field and forced 15 turnovers.

Erika Gosch (*GPLHS*) and **Emily Witkowski** (*Michigan LHS*) each finished with 15 points, while **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) stuffed the stat sheet with 12 points, seven rebounds, and a team-high six assists. **Anna Treder** (*CLHS*) grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds to go with her six points.



Witkowski at the line

Men Drop Opener at NCU



Behm shoots from downtown

The men's basketball team's season opener at North Central ended in heartbreaking fashion following a three-point buzzer-beater in a 93-92 defeat on January 26.

The Knights erased an 18-point deficit in the first half and came all the way back to finally take the lead in the final minutes, but were unable to hold a four-point lead in the final seconds before the Rams stole the inbounds pass and made a 30-footer as the final buzzer sounded to score the win.

MLC followed that game with a pair of defeats to Northwestern-St. Paul and Bethany Lutheran. First-year wing **Ezra Blumer** (*SCLHS*) leads the Knights in scoring so far at 16.3 points per game. **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) and **Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*) are also scoring in double figures at 14.0 and 10.5 points per game, respectively.

Tennis Preseason Polls Released

The men's tennis team was picked to finish fourth in the UMAC, while the women were predicted to take fifth place in the league's Preseason Coaches' Polls released last week.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 2/4 MBB @Minnesota Morris
WBB v. Minnesota Morris
- 2/6 WBB v. Finlandia
MBB v. Finlandia
- 2/8 MBB v. UW-Superior

After combining to play just seven matches last season before the COVID-19 pandemic cut the season short, both teams will feature a new cast of performers since their last full season in 2019.

Tatum Bollmeier (*LPS*) and **Dana Pietrzyk** (*LPS*) return to lead the women, while **Jonah Schulz** (*LPS*) and **Seth Koelpin** (*LPS*) will lead the men.



Bollmeier ready to return