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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Andrew Owczarzak Named All-American

Senior football player **Andrew Owczarzak** (*MLS*) was named Second Team All-America by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) on December 14.

Owczarzak, a five-year starter at offensive tackle, is the first MLC player to ever receive All-America honors from the AFCA.

Prior to winning the AFCA honor, Owczarzak was named First Team All-UMAC for the second time in his career. He was also named All-Region by the website D3football.com after helping the Knights average 242.4 rushing yards per game. During his five seasons as the Knights' starting right tackle, MLC rushed for more than 12,000 yards and averaged more than 300 rushing yards per game in both 2019 and 2020.



Owczarzak fires off the ball

Women Win UMAC Opener



Paulsen drives to the basket

The women's basketball team opened the conference season with a 55-51 win at Northland College on December 10.

The Knights led 31-28 at halftime and built an eight-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, but Northland came back to make a game of it in the final minute before **Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) and **Kortney Behnke** (*FVL*) made free throws in the final seconds to secure the win.

Gosch led the Knights with 13 points in the win. **Lauren Paulsen** (*LPS*) added nine points off the bench, while **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) recorded six steals to go with seven rebounds and six points. **Anna Treder** (*CLHS*) grabbed nine rebounds and anchored a defensive effort that held Northland to 35.1 percent shooting and forced 21 turnovers, which led to 14 MLC points on the other end.

Men Unable to Hold Second-Half Lead at Northland

The men's basketball team started strong, but could not hold onto a second-half lead in a 71-68 loss at Northland in the UMAC opener on December 10.

Upcoming Events at MLC

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| 12/19 | WBB v. Finlandia
MBB v. Finlandia |
| 1/6 | WBB v. Mount Mary |
| 1/8 | WBB v. Bethany Lutheran
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The Knights built a 12-point lead early in the second half, but Northland came back and held them off down the stretch to steal the win.

Jack Heichelbech (*LPS*) led MLC with a season-high 20 points to go with eight rebounds. **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) and **Seth Veers** (*Lakeside*) joined him in double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.



Veers lays it in