

# MLC SportsPage



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## Men's Basketball Looks to Start Strong in League Play

The men's basketball team is looking to turn a competitive non-conference schedule into wins when the UMAC season starts this weekend.

The Knights opened the season 0-7, but were competitive in almost every game. The Knights held late leads in close defeats to Lakeland, Concordia-MN, and Hamline, and also battled late into the second half against Beloit, Macalester, and MSOE.

**Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*) leads the Knights with an average of 13.4 points and 3.3 assists per game, while **Ezra Blumer** (*SCLA*) averages 11.9 points and a team-best 5.9 rebounds per game. **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) and **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) are two other returning starters averaging 9.1 and 8.7 points per game, respectively.



Blumer fires for three

## Emma Holzhueter Named Head Volleyball Coach



Holzhueter on the sideline

The MLC volleyball program has seen a change in leadership as Emma Holzhueter takes over for Rebecca Cox as the team's new head coach.

Cox finished her 13th season as the head coach of the program this fall, leading the Knights to a 9-5 record in conference play and a fourth-place finish in the final UMAC standings. Cox twice won UMAC Coach of the Year and helped lead the Knights to the UMAC Postseason Tournament nine times.

Holzhueter spent the last five seasons as an assistant coach on the MLC volleyball staff, and also held that role for two years at Bethany Lutheran College before coming to MLC. In five seasons with the Knights, Holzhueter has helped MLC to two UMAC Postseason Tournament appearances. She also serves as a track and field assistant coach and the Fitness Center manager.

## Women Open UMAC Play at Northland

The women's basketball team returns to action this weekend for the start on conference play with games at Northland (December 10) and UW-Superior (December 11).

### Upcoming Events at MLC

12/10 WBB @Northland  
MBB @Northland

12/11 WBB @UW-Superior  
MBB @UW-Superior

The Knights won their opener 64-51 against Macalester, but have been unable to add any other wins to their resume in six games.

**Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) leads the Knights in points (14.4) and assists (2.9) per game, while **Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) is averaging 10.6 points and 2.0 steals per game.



Gosch pulls up for two