



Men's Tennis Ties for Fourth in UMAC Preseason Poll

The men's tennis team tied for fourth place in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll released by the conference on Tuesday, January 25.

The Knights finished the 2021 season in fourth place with an overall record of 4-6, which included a conference record of 3-3.

This season, the Knights return five of their top six players from the 2021 lineup, led by junior **Jonah Schulz (LPS)**, who played atop the singles order last season while also finishing with a 5-5 record in doubles. Joining Schulz among the returners are **Josiah Koelpin (LPS)**, **Seth Koelpin (LPS)**, **Marcus Sims (LPS)**, and **Elijah Schulz (LPS)**, all of whom saw significant action last season in the Knights' top six.



Seth Koelpin hits a backhand winner

Defense Leads Knights to 50-48 Win at Crown



Treder goes up for the block

The women's basketball team held Crown College scoreless over the last five minutes on the way to a 50-48 comeback win on Friday, January 21.

The Knights fell behind 12-0 in the early going, but worked their way back into the game by outscoring the Storm in each of the next three quarters. MLC struggled offensively throughout the game to convert good looks from inside and outside, but the defense held Crown to 30.2 percent shooting (including 13.2 percent in the fourth quarter) while forcing 19 turnovers.

Anna Treder (CLHS) played a key role down low on both ends of the court for MLC and finished with eight points to go with a game-high 12 rebounds. **Emma Nelson (MVL)** added nine points and eight rebounds, while **Ally Platzer (Olivet MI)** and **Maya Price (Northland LHS)** combined to score 13 points off the bench.

Women's Tennis Ready for Season Opener at SMU

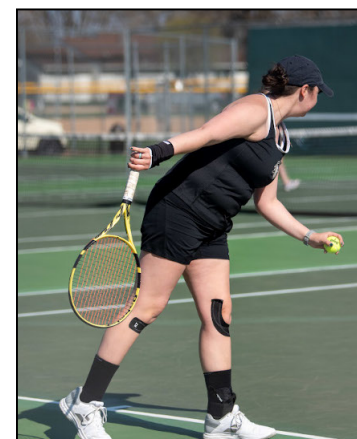
The women's tennis team was picked to finish fifth in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll released by the conference on Tuesday, January 25.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 1/28 WBB @Bethany Lutheran
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- 1/29 WTN @Saint Mary's
MTN @Saint Mary's
WBB @Maranatha Baptist
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The Knights are looking to improve on last season's sixth-place finish with the help of five returning players from the 2021 lineup. Sophomore **McKenzy Crowley (Rapid City SD)** leads the returners, along with **Josephine Bieberitz (LPS)** and **Charis Glende (LPS)**.

The men's and women's tennis teams open the season this weekend at Saint Mary's.



Crowley ready to serve