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Heichelbech Leads Knights to Win over Finlandia

The men's basketball team ended the 2021 portion of its schedule on a high note with a 69-67 win over Finlandia on December 19.

The two teams went back and forth throughout the game, which featured 16 ties and 15 lead changes, but the Knights were able to seal the win late, thanks to a great stretch from senior forward **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*). With the score tied 67-67 in the final 15 seconds, Heichelbech blocked a Finlandia lay-up attempt, and then raced down the court to score the game-winning lay-up with three seconds on the clock.

Seth Veers (*Lakeside*) was the Knights' leading scorer with 15 points. **Ezra Blumer** (*SCLA*) joined him in double figures with 14 points.



Heichelbech lays it in

Women Open New Year with 74-41 Win



Price scans the court

The women's basketball team opened 2022 with a 74-41 win over Mount Mary on January 6.

The Knights took the lead on an **Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) three-pointer on the first possession of the game and never looked back, winning each of the four quarters en route to their third win of the season.

Gosch finished the day with team highs in points (18), assists (five), and steals (three), but the biggest difference for the Knights came from a 31-0 advantage in points off the bench. First-year forward **Maya Price** (*Northland Lutheran*) set new career highs for points (10) and rebounds (14) in only 18 minutes of action off the bench. All 16 players for the Knights played in the game, with 13 of them scoring at least one point.

Knights Set Season High for Points in BLC Defeat

The women's basketball team battled first-place Bethany Lutheran for three quarters before running out of gas late in a 97-75 defeat on January 8.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 1/14 WBB v. Northwestern
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- 1/15 WBB v. North Central
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- 1/21 WBB @Crown
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The Knights trailed by only five points (64-59) after three quarters, but the Vikings outscored them 33-16 in the final period to earn the win.

MLC set new season highs for points (75) and three-point field goals (12) in the game. **Kortney Behnke** (*FVL*) led MLC with a career-high 18 points, while **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) added 12 points and six assists.



Behnke locks in on defense