

# MLC SportsPage



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## Hirsch Scores Career High in MBU Win

The men's basketball team led wire-to-wire on the way to a 79-59 win over Maranatha Baptist University on January 11.

The Knights started strong, and then built a 52-21 halftime lead over the Sabercats with the help of a 21-2 run that lasted more than seven minutes.

Senior guard **Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*) led the charge for MLC, scoring 18 of his career-high 27 points in the opening half. Hirsch finished the game 11-19 from the field, and also led the Knights with six assists and three steals. **Seth Veers** (*Lakeside*) and **Caleb Westra** (*LPS*) joined him in double figures with 10 points apiece, while the MLC defense forced 22 MBU turnovers.



Hirsch fires for three

## Knights Show Off Depth in 80-55 Win



Gosch looks for a steal

The women's basketball team showcased its depth in an 80-55 win over Maranatha Baptist University on January 11.

The Knights scored the first basket of the game and never looked back, winning all four quarters and pushing the lead to the final 25-point margin. MLC finished with four scorers in double figures, and the bench unit out-scored the Sabercats reserves by a 37-10 margin for the game.

**Erika Gosch** (*GPLHS*) was the leading scorer for the Knights with 14 points, while **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) battled foul trouble to score 11 points on 5-7 shooting. **Emily Rothfuss** (*MLS*) and **Sadie Schultz** (*LPS*) led the bench effort with 11 and 10 points, respectively. **Emma Nelson** (*MVL*) grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds and also finished with three steals and eight points.

## NCU Pulls Away Late in 79-68 Defeat

The men's basketball team played North Central University tough, but could not come up with critical plays down the stretch in a 79-68 loss on January 15.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

- 1/21 WBB @Crown  
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- 1/22 WBB @Minnesota Morris  
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- 1/26 WBB v. North Central

The Knights trailed by only four points (66-62) with under four minutes to play, but the Rams put the game away with an 8-0 run over the next three minutes.

**Jacob Price** (*Northland Lutheran*) led MLC with 13 points on 6-10 shooting off the bench. **Jack Heichelbech** (*LPS*) and **Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*) each scored 11 points



Price drives to the rim