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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Offensive Explosion Leads Men to 87-70 Win Over UMM

The men's basketball team overcame an eight-point halftime deficit by outscoring Minnesota Morris 54-29 in the second half of an 87-70 win on Friday, February 11.

After shooting 34.1 percent in the first half, the Knights shot 67.7 percent from the field and made six of 10 attempts from beyond the three-point arc in the second half. **Ezra Blumer** (*SCLA*) led the charge for MLC with 22 points, including 15 in the second half. Blumer also led the team with 10 rebounds to secure his first career double-double.

Jack Heichelbech (*LPS*), **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*), and **Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*) all joined Blumer in double figures. **Joey Behm** (*KMLHS*) and **Jacob Price** (*Northland Lutheran*) combined for 15 points, five assists, and five rebounds off the bench.



Blumer fires away from deep

Softball Set to Open Season This Weekend



Hoffman at the plate

The softball team opens the 2022 season with a doubleheader on Saturday, February 19, against Carleton College in the Dundas Dome.

The Knights are coming off a strong 2021 campaign in which they finished sixth in the UMAC with an 8-8 conference record. While the Knights must replace their top two pitchers from last year, they return a number of key contributors at the plate to help lead the charge this season.

Among the returners is **Lisa Hoffer** (*West Lutheran*), who was named First Team All-UMAC and First Team All-Region last season after batting .462 with four home runs and 32 runs batted in. Senior **Elena Hoffman** (*GPLHS*) returns after breaking the MLC program record last season with 17 career home runs, while **Kylie Wolf** (*FVL*) and **Jordyn Heckendorf** (*KMLHS*) also return as starters in the outfield.

Women Lose Home Finale 64-62

The women's basketball team was unable to hold a late lead in a 64-62 defeat to Crown College in the home finale on Saturday, February 12.

Upcoming Events at MLC

- 2/18 WBB @North Central
WTN @St. Catherine
MBB @North Central
- 2/19 WBB @Northwestern
MBB @Northwestern
SB v. Carleton

The Knights led 62-60 heading into the final minute, but Crown tied the game and then took the lead down the stretch with four free throws.

Emma Nelson (*MVL*) led five MLC players in double figures with 14 points. **Lauren Paulsen** (*LPS*) added 13 points, while **Anna Treder** (*CLHS*) recorded her third double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.



Nelson shoots for two