Hirsch's Career Night Not Enough at NCU

The men's basketball team could not take advantage of a career night from senior **Joseph Hirsch** (*LPS*) in a 78-75 loss at North Central on Friday, February 18.

The Knights trailed by six at halftime and fell behind by as many as 17 points early in the second half, but came back to cut the deficit to as low as two down the stretch.

Hirsch led the way for MLC with a career-high 30 points on 13-20 shooting from the field. He also made three of his five attempts from beyond the three-point arc in the game. **Jacob Price** (Northland Lutheran) and **Ezra Blumer** (SCLA) added 12 points apiece, with 19 of those combined 24 points coming in the second half. Price also grabbed 12 rebounds to record his first career double-double.



Hirsch hits a fadeaway

Hoffer Homers in Softball Season Opener



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The softball team started the 2022 season with a pair of losses to Carleton College by the scores of 21-5 and 12-10 on Saturday, February 19, at the Dundas Dome.

After a tough start in game one, the Knights jumped in front 5-0 in game two, and then took a 10-7 lead in the fifth inning following a solo home run from **Lisa Hoffer** (West Lutheran). Carleton tied the game with a three-run fifth frame, and then took the lead for good with two more runs in the sixth to secure the win.

Hoffer finished the two games 4-7 at the plate with five runs, one home run, and one double. **Emma Berg** (*Lakeside*), **Kylie Wolf** (*FVL*), and **Elena Hoffman** (*GPLHS*) each recorded three hits in the game. First-year pitchers **Jessica Horn** (*North Richland Hills TX*) and **Madison Uhlenbrauck** (*FVL*) started the two games on the rubber and took the two losses in their first collegiate action.

Hoffer gets another hit

Women Lose Lead Late in UNW Defeat

The women's basketball team could not hold on to a fourth-quarter lead at first-place Northwestern in a 62-56 loss on Saturday, February 19.

Upcoming Events at MLC

2/23 WBB @North Central MBB @Northwestern

3/4-8 BB @Florida Trip SB @Florida Trip MLC led 54-49 in the final period and looked ready to pull off the upset, but the Eagles finished the game on a 13-2 run to steal the win.

Jordyn Heckendorf (*KMLHS*) was the top offensive player for either team with career highs in both points (26) and rebounds (14). She finished the game 8-16 from the field and 4-8 from beyond the three-point arc.



Heckendorf lays it in