

## MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

## **Knights Show Improvement in Close Loss to Northland**

The Knights gave the Lumberjacks all they could handle at Northland's gym on Saturday, February 4. They even took the lead in the middle of the second half from an **Ethan Kjenstad** (*GPLHS*, *pictured*) 3-pointer. But the Lumberjacks made crucial baskets near the paint and hit free throws in the final minutes to defeat MLC 78-75.

Despite another loss in conference play, the Knights remained competitive through the entire game, and **Thomas Balge** (*LPS*) and Kjenstad picked up season highs in points scored. Balge finished with 20 points and eight rebounds, while Kjenstad had 17 points.

Senior **Micah Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) contributed another 20-point performance and made critical baskets to keep the Knights in the game throughout the second half.



## **MLC Track to Start 2023 Season**

The 2023 indoor track and field season opens this Saturday, February 11, when the Knights travel to Carleton.

The men return an All-UMAC performer from the 2022 outdoor season in **Carson Oestreich** (*Pierce NE*). The women return three All-UMAC runners in **Margaret Gabb** (*LPS*), **Maya Habben** (*LPS*), and **Claire Tomhave** (*LPS*, *pictured*).

This will be the first season that MLC will participate in indoor track and field.

## **Upcoming Events**

2/10 MTN/WTN @ Morningside 2/10 MBB/WBB @ U of M-Morris 2/11 ITK @ Carleton 2/11 MBB/WBB @ Crown Interim head coach **Breanna Olson** shared her enthusiasm for the upcoming team, saying, "I'm very excited to see how this indoor season will



prepare us for the rest of the outdoor track season. I think it'll keep our athletes in shape, and it will benefit our program moving forward."