



Balge Leads Men's Basketball to Three Wins this Week

The men's basketball team picked up three wins this past week and point guard **Thomas Balge** (*LPS, pictured*) played a vital role in doing so. The sophomore had 26 points, eight rebounds, and five assists in a 78-65 win over Northland on Friday, January 19.

Balge then recorded a career-high 32 points on 12-of-16 shooting against Maranatha Baptist on Monday, January 22, at Luther Prep. The Knights defeated the Sabercats 89-62 that evening.

The sophomore then led MLC to its best offensive performance of the season in another matchup with Maranatha Baptist on Tuesday, January 23. The Knights came out victorious once again on the road, beating the Sabercats 105-65. Balge finished with 17 points, six boards, and three steals.

As a team, the Knights had season highs in points scored (105), field goals made (38), assists (19), and steals (17) in Tuesday's game at Maranatha.



Women's Basketball Has Strong Showing in Wisconsin

The women's basketball team had similar success this past week, winning three games by double digits.



On Friday, January 19, the women defeated Northland 81-20, with the defense giving up a season low in points. **Lauren Paulsen** (*LPS*) and **Grace Kieselhorst** (*LPS*) led the Knights on the defensive end of the court, with five and six steals respectively.

On Monday, January 22, the Knights took advantage of the support from a packed Luther Prep gymnasium and defeated Maranatha Baptist 75-36. **Emma Nelson** (*MVL, pictured*) finished with a double-double (15 points, 10 rebounds).

The women replicated that performance with relentless full-court pressure on Tuesday, January 23, beating the Sabercats 76-33. Kieselhorst led all scorers in that contest with 18 points.

Upcoming Events

- 1/25 MBB vs. Spurgeon
- 1/27 ITK @ St. Olaf
- WBB vs. Bethany
- MBB vs. Bethany
- MTN @ St. Mary's
- WTN @ St. Mary's
- 2/2 WBB vs. UM-Morris
- MBB vs. UM-Morris