

Balanced Scoring Leads Women to Win Over Bethany

Lydia Feidt (*FVL, pictured*) scored 17 points, the MLC starting five all reached double figures, and the Knights were able to avenge their earlier loss to rival Bethany with a 72-59 win at home on Saturday, January 27.

In their first meeting, the Vikings shot nearly 46 percent from the field and bottled up most of the Knights' starters. On Saturday, the MLC defense came ready to play, and their pressure forced the Vikings into 29 turnovers, holding them to just 32.8 percent shooting this time around.

The Knights played solid help defense, which sparked a 10-2 run to go up 43-32 with 6:25 left in the third period. The Vikings cut that lead to 45-40. At this point, Nelson picked up her fourth foul, and it appeared that Bethany would make a push late in the third, but **Ella Walz** (*KML*) hit a crucial 3-pointer to keep the momentum on the MLC side.

The final quarter saw the Knights get into the paint and move past the Vikings with help from each member of the starting five.



Grace Kieselhorst (*LPS*) had 14 points and six steals, which contributed to MLC's 21 points off of turnovers. The trio of **Emma Nelson** (*MVL*),

Lauren Paulsen (LPS), and Jordyn Heckendorf (KML) finished with 12 points each, and Nelson also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Plocher Breaks Own Record



Plocher topped off his day with a first-place finish in the High Jump, with marks of 2.00 meters in the preliminaries and 1.95 in the finals.

At the St. Olaf Invite on Saturday, January 27, **Samuel Plocher** *(Evergreen, pictured)* broke the MLC record in the 60m Hurdles, a record he'd set himself just last week.

He shaved off a few tenths of a second from his previous

record of 8.52 with a time of 8.48 in the preliminaries.

Plocher went on to earn fourth place in the finals with a time of 8.62.

Upcoming Events

- 2/2 WBB vs. Minnesota Morris MBB vs. Minnesota Morris
- 2/3 ITK @ Minnesota State WBB vs. Crown (Parents' Day) MBB vs. Crown (Parents' Day)
- 2/9 ITK @ Minnesota State WBB @ North Central MBB @ North Central