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Women's Basketball Earns Three All-Conference Honors



Jordyn Heckendorf (*KML, pictured*) earned a First Team selection after leading the conference in assists per game (3.4). The senior also led MLC in scoring (12.4 points per game) and was a threat on the perimeter, recording 2.1 steals per game, second for the Knights.

Emma Nelson (*MVL, pictured*) and **Lauren Paulsen** (*LPS, pictured*) received Honorable Mention recognition. Nelson finished fourth in the UMAC in rebounds per game (7.6) and picked up seven double-doubles this season. The senior averaged 10.5 points per game in just 19 games played.

Paulsen was also one of five players in the conference named to the Defensive All-Conference team. The junior led MLC in overall rebounds (178), blocks (21), and steals (58), showcasing her versatile skills as a defender.

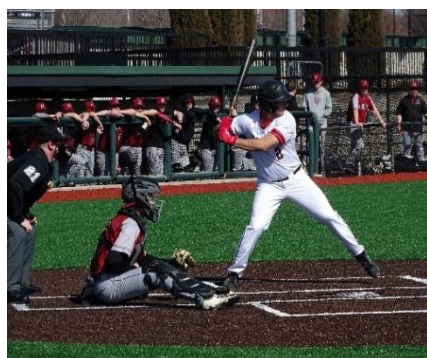
Balge Voted All-UMAC Honorable Mention

Thomas Balge (*LPS, pictured*) was named Honorable Mention All-UMAC after his sophomore season with the men's basketball team.

Balge led the Knights and was sixth in the UMAC in scoring (15.8 points per game) and overall assists (53) in 24 games. The guard was efficient all season long, shooting 43.4 percent from the floor and leading the team in free throw percentage (77.2) with 122-of-158.



Knights Offense Starts Season Strong



The baseball team opened their season with an impressive start from the plate in its series against Hamline on February 23-24. The top of the lineup produced solid numbers, especially in the final game where they scored 15 runs against the Pipers.

Spencer Lilienthal (*Glencoe-Silver Lake MN, pictured*) led the Knights in BA (.429) and RBI (5), while **Parker Winghart** (*LPS*) had a nice start to his collegiate career, knocking in three runs and hitting .417 throughout the series.

Mason Cox (*MVL*) recorded four RBI, including a home run in the final game, to get off to a quick start in his senior season.

Upcoming Events

- 3/1 SB vs. UW-River Falls (DH)*
- 3/2 SB vs. Augsburg (DH)*
- 3/4-9 BB @ Florida Trip
- 3/5-9 SB @ South Carolina Trip

*Played at Augsburg Dome