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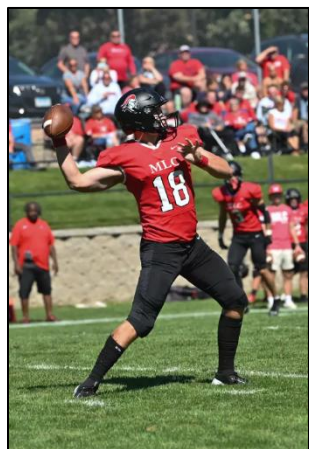
Three MLC Fall Athletes – In Their Own Words

Johannes Bourman - Soccer, Tennis (*Luther Prep / Mt. Lebanon-Milwaukee*)

We're playing NCAA ball now: It truly is a joy to take the jump to the next level. In high school you enjoy and grow in your sport, and you find such a high and joy that it pushes you to want more. Here at MLC, I have achieved that and more.

The competition: Every team we play is solely set on playing soccer. These guys eat and breathe the sport they play, and have done that since birth. We may not win every match or game, but there's never a doubt that we leave it all out on the field.

It's an honor: Being a part of the soccer and tennis teams has been such an honor. Thankfully, I get to play in almost every match and game, and in those moments, I get to show everyone the gifts God has given me. I've learned more and more what it means to play for the glory of God.



Brady Turriff - Football (*Sun Valley HS-NC / Grace-Charlotte NC*)

It's a football family: What I love about sports at MLC is that they're a way to do something you love while studying for the public ministry. You form many bonds and relationships. They create a family that will last through college.

Learning football, learning life: In football, I'm learning how to read coverages better and see things more so the game will become easier for me. I'm also becoming a better leader—on the field and off the field as well.

Finding balance: The biggest challenge in sports is the balance between school and sports, but overall, it hasn't been bad at all.

Great coaching: Coach Huebner wants us to truly succeed in not just football, but also school and life. He serves as a great role model for all of us.

Ella Walz - Volleyball, Basketball (*Kettle Moraine LHS / David's Star-Jackson WI*)

Support in every season: I love having a close connection to my teammates and having so much support in athletics, academics, and my faith from coaches, professors, and teammates, no matter what season I'm in.

Beyond the game: You're not only learning sport-specific skills, you're learning time management skills, accountability, and teamwork. I've also grown in communication and relationship building. Working together with so many new and different people—who depend on you—requires you to be open, to gain trust, and to communicate in many ways.

Sports as ministry prep: Athletics teach you how to deal with new challenges being thrown at you and overcome them with a team at your back. In ministry, you collaborate with your colleagues and face new challenges every day with an open and ambitious mindset.

