

# MLC SportsPage



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## Women Start Conference Schedule with Two Wins

The women's basketball team went 2-1 in the first week of conference play, winning at Bethany Lutheran (69-55) and North Central (65-42), but losing at Northwestern (61-51).

In the Knights' win at Bethany on January 8, **Leah Nass** (*Manitowoc LHS*) led the team with 14 points and seven rebounds, while **Rebecca Engelbrecht** (*Shoreland*) and **Brittney Gossen** (*Manitowoc LHS*) scored 13 and 11 points, respectively.

**Hannah Rothe** (*LPS*) led the way in the team's win at North Central on January 12, scoring a career-best 18 points and grabbing ten rebounds on the way to her second career double-double. **Hannah Hackbarth** (*Lakeside*) added 11 points.



Rothe shoots for two

## Men Look for First UMAC Win after Tough Opening Week



Eternick scans the court

The men's basketball team started the UMAC portion of the schedule 0-3, but hopes to carry over the positives from that three-game road trip through the remainder of the conference schedule.

The Knights started conference play with an 85-49 loss at Bethany Lutheran, but came back in Friday's game at Northwestern with a strong performance, leading by double digits at the half before falling down the stretch 82-70. **Galen Holzhueter** (*MVL*) led MLC with 20 points in the game.

MLC traveled to North Central the following day and held the lead the entire game until a pair of free throws with 1.3 seconds remaining pushed NCU to a 74-73 win. **Justin Eternick** (*Lakeside*) was the Knights' top scorer with 15 points.

## Nass Comes Up Big off the Bench

First-year forward **Leah Nass** (*Manitowoc LHS*) had a breakout week for the women's basketball team to start conference play, helping MLC to a pair of wins and averaging 11 points and six rebounds per game.

### Upcoming Events at MLC

1/18 BB v. St. Scholastica

1/19 BB v. Northland

Nass scored in double figures in two of the three games during the week, breaking her previous career-high of nine points set twice during the non-conference season. Nass figures to be an important player the rest of the season, as she provides a rebounding punch off the bench.



Nass at the free throw line