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Willems Sets New Single-Season Home Run Record

Junior outfielder **Sara Willems** (*Lakeside*) hit three home runs last week to set a new MLC softball single-season record with eight home runs so far this season.

Willems broke the previous record of six set in 2010 by **Brittany Jensen** '10 with a pair of home runs in a doubleheader against Bethany Lutheran on Tuesday, April 15. She then hit her eighth of the season on Saturday against North Central.

Willems was also named UMAC Player of the Week. She finished the week with a batting average of .455 to go with seven extra-base hits, 11 runs batted in, and seven runs scored. This season, Willems leads the UMAC in home runs and slugging percentage.



Willems swings for the fences

Ziel Named Pitcher of the Week



Ziel on the mound

Senior **Jake Ziel** (*LPS*) was named UMAC Pitcher of the Week after helping the Knights to a pair of wins in two starts last week.

Ziel went 2-0 on the mound in starts against Crown and Northland. He struck out 17 batters in 12 innings, and allowed only two earned runs combined in those outings.

This season, Ziel has a record of 4-1 overall and 3-0 in UMAC games. He leads the conference in strikeouts per game at 10.69 and ranks second in the conference in total strikeouts (38).

Ziel has also helped at the plate, batting .321 with 12 runs scored at the top of the order.

Baseball Looks for Big Finish to UMAC Season

The baseball team lost two of three in a series against Northland last weekend, and then won two of three against North Central on Tuesday to move its UMAC record to 6-5.

Upcoming Events at MLC

4/24 **BB** @Bethany Lutheran
TK @Macalester
TN @North Central

4/25 **BB** @UM-Morris
SB @St. Scholastica

The Knights have ten UMAC games left on the schedule and will need a strong finish to return to the UMAC Postseason Tournament for the second consecutive season.

MLC will play a three-game series at UM-Morris this weekend, with the Cougars currently 1.5 games ahead of the Knights in the standings for the fourth and final spot in the UMAC tournament.



The baseball team huddles after a game