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Three Knights Honored by UMAC after Successful Season

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Three members of the MLC women's basketball team were honored for their play by coaches in the UMAC Tuesday after finishing fourth in the conference with a 12-15 record overall and 7-7 league mark.

"We had a very successful season this year," Head Coach Larry Czer said, "and it's great to see some of our girls rewarded for that. We set six team records this season for stats, and so it's not surprising that some of our girls were among the best in the conference."

Freshman **Erica Babinec** (*Onalaska, Wis./Luther HS*) was named First Team All-Conference after leading the Knights in points per game (13.2), rebounds per game (6.0) and steals (72). She was the only freshman to receive any postseason honors by the conference coaches, and ranked fifth in the UMAC in points per game.

"Erica had a great season," Czer said. "We asked her to do more than most freshmen are able to do, and she responded with a very productive season. We're looking forward to seeing her continue to improve in the future."

Erica's sister **Lissa Babinec** (*Onalaska, Wis./Luther HS*) joined **Hannah Bode** (*Saginaw, Mich./Michigan Lutheran Seminary*) as Honorable Mention All-UMAC selections. Lissa was also named to the UMAC All-Defensive Team.

Lissa Babinec led the Knights in assists (118), three-pointers (28) and broke her own school record for made free throws in a season (79). She also finished second on the team in steals (70) and third in points per game (8.5).

Bode was the Knights second leading scorer on the team, averaging 10.0 points per game. She played especially well at the end of the season, averaging a team-best 12.0 points per game in the month of February. Bode finished the season third on the Knights in steals (47) and assists (42).

"Lissa and Hanah have represented our school and program very well over the last four years," Czer said, "and I'm glad they were recognized for their play. They brought great leadership to our team that will be missed in the coming seasons."

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