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Summary: Malinda Berglund is only the 16th player in UMM women's basketball history to reach 1,000 points. The defining basket came with 13:57 left in regulation play. In the process she also set a new single-game record for points at 42.

(January 23, 2006)-Malinda Berglund played one of those basketball games on Saturday that an athlete's dreams are made of. Reaching a career total of 1,015, the University of Minnesota, Morris senior from Grand Marais became only the 16th player in women's basketball history at UMM to attain the 1,000-point mark. In the process she also set a new single-game record for points -- 42 -- to break the previous record set during the 1982-83 season by Cindy Lonneman '83.

"I can think of no better player to deserve something like this," said Randi Peterson, head coach of UMM women's basketball. "Malinda is great team player, and to score 42 points on a team effort is pretty phenomenal."

Needing 27 points to reach the 1,000-point mark as a Cougar, Berglund led UMM to a 90-54 win over Martin Luther College in Upper Midwest Athletic Conference action Saturday at the UMM P.E. Center. Ironically, Lonneman, now a coach in Holdingford, Minn., was listening to the game over a local radio station.

Berglund made her first two baskets and one of two at the line to give UMM a 6-3 lead early. After MLC took a 10-9 lead with 14:54 left in the half, Berglund again stepped up and hit a jumper and two free-throws to put UMM in front 13-10. She was nearly perfect in the first half, shooting six of seven from the field and nine of 10 at the line for 22 first-half points.

In the second half it was no longer a matter of whether Berglund would go over the 1,000-point mark, but rather a matter of when. The defining basket came with 13:57 left in regulation play, with Berglund scoring in the lane and then completing an old fashioned three-point play.

For the game, Berglund was 12 for 15 from the floor, three for three in three-pointers and 15 for 16 at the charity stripe.

Junior Annika Bergman added 10 points as the Cougars went over the 90-point mark for the second time this season.

With their eighth consecutive win, the most since the 1997-98 team won 17 and lost 12, UMM has an overall record of 12-5. The Cougar women's basketball team owns sole possession of first place in the UMAC.

The Cougar women's and men's teams will host Presentation College on Tuesday, Jan. 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the UMM P.E. Center gym.

For more details on this game and other Cougar athletics, visit [Cougar Athletics](#).

Photo: Berglund with her parents, Julie and Cliff.

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