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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

It was a successful week as the Mount Mercy Academy Varsity Basketball team won both of its games this week. The team defeated Springville and Emerson in non-league action, raising its record to 3-1 heading into league play.

The Magic utilized its pressure defense to establish a 15-8 advantage against Springville after one quarter. The game tightened up in the second quarter as the lead was cut to five points at the half. Springville knotted the score in the third but Coach John Glose said his team handled the adversity well and kept playing together, regaining the lead and never looking back. Glose singled out senior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) for her outstanding play at both ends of the floor. Hamm guarded Springville's top player and led the Magic in scoring with 18 points, including two three pointers. Sophomore Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) and junior Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) each chipped in with 11 points. Senior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) led the team with 13 rebounds and Glose mentioned that Strang exhibits toughness and leadership and makes plays for the team that do not show up on the stat sheet. The team's strong defense and hustle led Mount Mercy to a 55-41 victory.

Mount Mercy's offense started slowly against Emerson but with tenacious defense the team kept the game close until its unselfish offense kicked in. The Magic's conditioning and depth showed as the team outscored Emerson 34-16 in the second half on the way to a 64-36 victory. Strang had an excellent game for the Magic, totaling a career high of 20 points while grabbing a game high nine rebounds. Fredo added 15 points and seven boards. Hamm dished out six assists, working with Fredo and Strang to form a strong inside game that Emerson was unable to contain. Sophomore Cecelia Strang (Westfield) came off the bench to contribute eight points and four rebounds. Sophomore Emily Kessler (West Seneca) added seven points, four rebounds and two steals. Ferrentino also had six assists. Glose commented: "It was a great team win. The unselfishness of this team is outstanding. The way we move and share the ball on offense and the way we worked together and helped each other on defense, especially in this game, was amazing!"

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team moved into a tie for first place last week, defeating Cardinal O'Hara 4-0 and Mount Saint Mary, the defending champion, 3-1. Against O'Hara, senior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) led the team with a 493 series (170-164-159). Sophomore Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) had three strong games, 178, 167 and 162 and senior Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) had a 146, 144 and 142.

Coleman led the way against Mount Saint Mary, rolling a 185, 162 and 152. Batchev scored 167, 157 and 152. Mazurkiewicz added a 152, 146 and 145. Junior Allysyn Pajek (West Seneca) added a 151 and a 140. The team's record is 24-4.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team lost to Cardinal O'Hara 1-3 and to Mount Saint Mary. The team also fell to Mount Saint Mary 4-0 despite a 130 from junior Bella Morcelle (West Seneca), a 129 from freshman Annie Bernard (Orchard Park) and a 122 from senior Grace Willert (West Seneca).
JV Basketball

The young Mount Mercy JV Basketball team showed growth last week, winning both of its contests last week. After getting back to basics in practice, the team responded with a 44-31 victory against Springville. The team used a full-court press to harass Springville into bad passes and turnovers. Coach Peter Krug credits strong team defense for the win. “The team worked hard in practice and it showed. I am proud of the victory because the entire team contributed,” Krug stated. Freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) led the offense with 16 points and added five rebounds and three assists. Sophomore Megan Reilly (Buffalo) had ten points, three steals and three rebounds.

The JV continued its winning ways with a 39-29 victory over Emerson. Once again the team’s full court press created problems for its opponent and forced 20 turnovers. The team’s strong transition defense also caused Emerson to take poor percentage shots. Wood once again led the way with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. Reilly chipped in with twelve points, four steals and four rebounds. Krug commented that he was pleased with the play from the players off the bench, particularly when some of the starters got into foul trouble. The two victories evened the squad’s record at 2-2.

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team, led by Mount Mercy’s Grace Harrington (West Seneca), a junior goalie, tied Frontier-Lake Shore-Orchard Park (FLOP), the defending champions. The hard-fought contest ended deadlocked at one. Harrington stopped 28 of 29 shots, including several key saves in overtime. The team also defeated West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden by a score of 8-0.