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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Academy Varsity Basketball team ended 2019 in style, winning the Kenmore West Lady Blue Devil Tournament. The Magic defeated Nardin Academy 43-35 in the first round and bested tournament host Kenmore West 36-33 in the championship game.

Mount Mercy jumped out to an early lead 11-2 after the first quarter and held a 22-13 halftime advantage, using strong defense and timely shooting. Junior Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) led the scoring with 12 points and added six rebounds. Junior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) chipped in with 10 points and six rebounds.

The Magic continued to play the strong team defense that they are noted for against Kenmore West. The lead changed throughout the game, with both teams leading at various points. The game was hotly contested until the final seconds. Mount Mercy led 19-14 but the tournament hosts battled back to knot the game at 26 after three quarters. Fredo, who was named the tournament MVP, led the team with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Senior Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) ran the team’s offense in both games; dishing out eight assists and handling constant full-court pressure in the final. She was also selected to the All-Tournament team. The game ended with Kessler blocking Kenmore West’s three point attempt, preventing the game from being tied. The Magic are back in action at home Saturday, January 4 with a game against Springville at 11:00 a.m.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team split its two games in the Kenmore West Lady Blue Devils Tournament. The team struggled in its first contest, feeling the effects of a two week break in game action. Sophomore Amaya Milkowski (Lackawanna) led the team in rebounds. Freshmen Olivia Fuller (West Seneca) and Abby Mailloux (Buffalo) led the scoring with five and four points respectively.

The team played much better in the consolation game, defeating Kenmore East 44-29. The team utilized strong defense and created strong pressure in its press to earn the victory. Fuller and Mailloux again led the way with 16 and 13 points respectively. Fuller also added eight rebounds. Seven of the ten team members scored in the victory.

The Magic host Springville on Saturday January 4th at 9:30.

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