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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team ended its regular season with a 41-36 victory over Nichols. The Magic trailed by a basket after the first quarter but outscored its hosts 12-6 to claim a 20-16 lead at the half. Nichols pulled within two points after three quarters, but the Magic outscored them 13-10 in the final quarter.

Juniors Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) and Cecilia Strang (Westfield) led the offense with 16 and 11 points, respectively. Junior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) added six points. Mount Mercy ended its league slate with a 6-6 record.

The Magic faced Nardin in the semi-finals of the Class A playoffs and found the sports adage that it is hard to beat the same team three times to be true. Mount Mercy won both regular season contests but came out on the short end of a 46-42 score. The Magic opened the game’s scoring with a three pointer from Strang at the 6:44 mark. Mount Mercy was unable to score again until three minutes later and then Nardin ran off the next nine points to build a 13-5 first quarter lead. The second quarter opened better for the Magic as they cut the lead down, but Nardin kept hitting their outside shots and built up a 12 point lead with 3 minutes left in the half. However the determined Mount Mercy team scored the next eight points and went in trailing 23-19 at the half. Kessler’s two foul shots and a basket after the half cut the lead to two but Nardin went on a run, outscoring Mount Mercy eleven to three to build a 26-36 lead after three quarters. However the Magic never quit and led by Fredo’s ten points, senior Tierney Ashe’s (Buffalo) second three pointer of the game and a Kessler basket closed the gap to 43-41 with just over two minutes left in the game. Unfortunately Mount Mercy’s foul shooting went cold and the Magic fell just short.

Fredo ended up with 19 points and Kessler added 11, along with a strong performance on the boards. Ashe ended her career with six points.

With seven of the top eight players returning, the Magic should be a strong team next season.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team ended its season with a win, defeating Nichols for the second time. The Magic won 41-19, jumping out to an 18-4 halftime lead. Freshman Maggie Bell (Buffalo) led the team with 17 points, her personal best. She hit three three-point baskets. Freshman Olivia Fuller (West Seneca) added 14 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore Amaya Milkowski (Lackawanna) had a season high 12 rebounds. The entire team contributed to the win. Coaches Mary Colby and Emily Benes were pleased with their team’s growth this season. The Magic JV ended up with a 5-12 record.