Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Soccer

The young Mount Mercy Varsity Soccer team advanced to the championship game of the B Division playoffs. The team defeated Buffalo Seminary in the semi-finals, winning 3-2 in overtime. The team trailed 2-0 but never gave up and eventually tied the game in regulation before scoring in overtime to win the game. Sophomore Mya Wood (Blasdell) tallied the Magic’s first goal of the game, and junior Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) tied the game. Junior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) notched the winning goal five minutes into overtime.


Despite the loss, hopes are high for the future as the team will return its entire team in 2020 except for one player.

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team completed its season, placing sixth at the All-Catholic Championships. The meet was held at Knox Farm and the conditions were far from ideal as the course was muddy, had snow and there was standing water in many places. The temperature was in the 30’s with a strong wind.

Senior Grace Harrington (West Seneca) paced the team with a time of 23:29. Freshman Ellie Godsoe (Buffalo) was the Magic’s second finisher, crossing the line in a time of 23:57. Junior Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) was next, completing the race in 24:41. Freshman Jillian Schneck (Buffalo) finished fourth for Mount Mercy with a time of 27:36, followed closely by seniors Katie Hughes and Megan Jobson of Orchard Park, who had times of 27:44 and 27:44 respectively. Junior Angelina Larivey (West Seneca) completed the course in 29:02.

For the first time in many years, Mount Mercy also had runners in the JV race. Freshman Alexa Krauss (Cheektowaga) ran a 30:33 and classmate Paige Lapadat (Orchard Park) finished in 32:11.

Coach Bob Walsh noted that the team will miss the leadership of the three seniors, but is excited about the future with his returning runners.