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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team won two of three matches last week. The team won its non-league contest and split two league matches.

The Magic defeated Cleveland Hill in straight sets 25-13, 25-17 and 25-16. Leading the total team victory was junior Kate Ryan (Buffalo). Ryan had seven kills, three aces and a block. Senior Brianna Starzynski (Buffalo) had 13 assists and an ace. Junior Ryllie Padilla (Buffalo) added six aces and senior Sara Geiser (West Seneca) had a kill and three aces.

Mount Saint Mary topped Mount Mercy 25-12, 25-19 and 25-19. Olivia Jarosz (West Seneca), according to Coach Brittany Sanscrainte, had a solid all-around match, with two kills and six digs. Senior Brigid Burke (Buffalo) had eight digs.

The Magic ruined Nichols’ homecoming, defeating the host school in four games, 16-25, 25-22, 25-17 and 25-22. Ryan led the way with ten kills and five aces. Junior Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) had four kills, three blocks and two aces. Starzynski added three aces and strong setting. Burke had eight digs and three aces.

“It was an awesome feeling to beat Nichols during their homecoming game,” Sanscrainte commented. “I was proud that the girls were not distracted by the loud atmosphere. This was the best we have played.”

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team won one of three matches last week. The team won its non-league match and dropped both league games in two hard fought matches.

The Magic bested Cleveland Hill in all three games, 25-9, 25-18 and 15-11. Sophomore Mara Santana (Buffalo) led a strong serving attack with 7 aces. Sophomore Mary Vattes (Buffalo) had six aces. Grace Spero (Buffalo) notched her first ace and added three assists. “All of the girls have been working very hard on their serves since the beginning of the season and it finally paid off today – we won this game mostly because of excellent serving,” Coach Shannon Feind remarked.

Mount Saint Mary edged the Magic 26-24, 25-22 and 15-11. Santana’s serving once again led the way. She connected successfully on twenty serves, collecting five aces. Sofia Milosevski (Lakeview) had an ace, assist and kill.

Nichols defeated the Magic 25-17 and 25-22 with the Magic winning the third game 15-9. Sophomore Kyra Soto (Buffalo) had three kills and Spero added two kills, a block and two assists. “Despite the loss, we outplayed Nichols,” Feind said. “Unfortunately our serving was off today.”
Golf

Mount Mercy’s golf team ended its season with a close loss to Buffalo Seminary. Senior Madelyn DiGiore paced the team with a 54. Coach Kate Lynch commented that the team showed great improvement, particularly junior Katie Bednarz (Buffalo).

DiGiore earned All-Catholic honors at the Monsignor Martin League Championships, finishing in a tie for sixth with a 54 at Elma Meadows. She will be an alternate for the State Championships in May.

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team opened its season this past week. The team lost to Nardin and Saint Mary’s of Lancaster in a tri-meet. The team lost by one point to Saint Mary’s 28-29. Senior Grace Harrington (West Seneca) paced the team with a time of 23:17. Junior Rheanna Welsh was second for the Magic with a time of 24:22. Freshman Ellie Godsoe (Buffalo) ran strong in her first race with a time of 25:00. Senior Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) had a time of 25:50 and freshman Jillian Schneck (Buffalo) rounded out the top five with a time of 27:11.

Soccer

The young Mount Mercy Soccer team lost their only league game last week, as well as two non-league games. The Magic struggled against league foe Cardinal O’Hara, falling 6-2. Freshman Abby Mailloux (Buffalo) and junior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) scored for Mount Mercy. The Magic lost to a strong Our Lady of Mercy team 5-1. Junior Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) scored for Mount Mercy on a breakaway. Sophomore Lily Janik (Angola) had 20 saves in goal. Coach Brittany Myers complimented Lauciello and junior Anna Schieber (Buffalo) for their defensive efforts. The team also lost to Nichols in a non-league contest.

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