Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team closed its regular season with two losses. The team lost to Nardin in three games and lost a heartbreaking five game set to Nichols.

The Magic dropped the games to Nardin 13-25, 26-28 and 14-25. Junior Kate Ryan (Buffalo) continued her dominating play, collecting eight kills and seven digs. Fellow junior Olivia Jarosz (West Seneca) added two kills, five digs and an ace.

Mount Mercy lost to Nichols by scores of 24-26, 25-18, 18-25, 25-9 and 18-25, spoiling the Magic’s Senior Night. Ryan and Jarosz once again led the team. Ryan collected 14 kills, seven aces, nine digs and a block. Jarosz had seven kills, six digs, a block and an ace. Closing out their home careers were seniors Brianna Starzynski (Buffalo) with 27 assists, Sara Geiser (West Seneca) with two kills and eleven digs, Brigid Burke (Buffalo) with 11 digs and a perfect 20 out of 20 serving and Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) with four assists, nine digs and two aces.

The Magic will advance into the playoffs as the fifth seed.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team split its last two matches, losing to Nardin in two games and defeating Nichols in three games. The team started fast against Nardin, but was unable to sustain its strong play. The Magic avenged an earlier loss to Nichols, winning 25-20, 12-25 and 25-22. Sophomore Grace Spero (Buffalo) had three kills, a block, five assists and three aces. Kyra Soto (Buffalo), also a sophomore, had three kills and three aces. Freshman Bella Maloney (Lakeview) had two aces. Maggie Bell, (Buffalo), also a freshman, had three aces and classmate Sofia Milosevski (Lakeview) had two kills, three assists and an ace.

The team ended its season with a 7-8 record, despite only having three returning players from last year. “I am so proud of how far this team has come,” Coach Shannon Feind remarked.

Soccer

The young Mount Mercy Soccer team struggled last week, dropping two non-league contests and a league game. Injuries continue to hamper the team’s play as the team lost its starting goalie in its first game of the week. The Magic lost its league game to Cardinal O’Hara 6-2. The team trailed just 2-1 at the half, but with all the injuries, there were not many substitutes available and the team wore down in the second half. Goals were scored by sophomore Mya Wood (Blasdell) and junior Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park). The Magic continue to work hard in preparation for the playoffs.