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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Academy Varsity Volleyball team had a successful week, winning two of three matches. The team currently holds a 5-7 overall record.

The Magic opened its week with an impressive victory over Olmstead, 25-7, 25-6 and 25-9. The entire team played and contributed to the win. Leading the way was senior Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) who served for 14 straight points in game one and ended up with 30 successful serves in the match. Junior Kate Ryan also served well, accumulating 23 positive serves, serving for 10 straight points in game three.

Next, the Magic battled hard against Mount Saint Mary but lost 19-25, 25-27 and 13-25. Junior Olivia Jarosz (West Seneca) had a strong match, with 10 digs, two kills and impressive passing. Senior Sara Geiser (West Seneca) had six digs and two kills. Coach Brittany Sanscrainte thanks everyone for supporting the team’s “Dig Pink” game which raised money for breast cancer research.

Mount Mercy closed outs it week with a sweep of Cardinal O’Hara, 25-14, 25-21 and 25-22. Ryan led the way with 12 kills, six digs and two aces. Junior Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) contributed six blocks. “I am proud of the win. The team played tough and didn’t get down, even when we were losing in the second game,” Sanscrainte remarked. “We are consistent in our hustle and serving.”

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Academy Cross Country team lost its meet against Sacred Heart last week. The meet was held at Ellicott Creek Park. Senior Grace Harrington paced the team with a time of 23:56. Freshman Ellie Godsoe (Buffalo) was next for the Magic with a time of 25:39. Junior Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) was right behind her with at time of 25:50. Seniors Katie Hughes and Megan Jobson of Orchard Park rounded out the top five finishers for Mount Mercy with times of 26:47 and 27:31 respectively. Coach Bob Walsh is pleased with the improvements that the runners are making and the valuable experience that the runners are gaining.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team split its two games last week. The team defeated Christian Central 5-0 in a game that was called after the first half due to a storm. Senior Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) led the offense with two goals. Junior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) scored on junior Gianna Lauciello’s (Orchard Park) corner kick. Sophomore Mya Wood (Blasdell) scored on a penalty kick and freshman Abby Mailloux (Buffalo) added a goal.
The Magic fought hard against Cardinal O’Hara but lost 2-1. Kessler scored on another corner kick from Lauciello.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team continued to improve its play, sweeping all three of its matches last week. The team defeated Olmstead, Mount Saint Mary and Cardinal O’Hara.

The week opened with a victory over Olmstead, 25-8, 25-17 and 15-12. Freshman Isabella Maloney (Lakeview) had a strong match, serving successfully 11 times, with an ace and also added a kill. Sophomore Mara Santana (Buffalo) had 15 successful serves, including three aces. Coach Shannon Feind felt this match was a confidence booster for her team.

Next for the Magic was a highly anticipated rematch with Mount Saint Mary. Mount Mercy reversed the results of the earlier meeting, defeating its rival, 18-25, 25-19 and 25-19. Maloney was a perfect 18 of 18 serving with an ace. Santana connected on all 19 of her serve attempts, collecting five aces. Sophomore Kyra Soto (Buffalo) had an ace, two kills and five digs and freshman Sofia Milosevski (Lakeview) had three kills, two aces and two digs. “The girls played the best volleyball they have played thus far this year and won a very close, exciting match against MSM,” Feind remarked.

Despite losing the first game 25-22, the Magic battled back to defeat O’Hara in the next two games, 25-22 and 25-9. “After a very slow start, the girls came together and played like they are capable of playing,” Feind stated. Soto led the way with 11 aces and two kills. Milosevski added two kills and five aces. Sophomores Mary Vattes and Grace Spero of Buffalo also played well.

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