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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Track

The Mount Mercy Academy track team's season got off to a promising start last week. The team lost to a deep Sacred Heart team but scored more points than they did last year against the Sharks. The team had three first place, eight second place and three third place finishes. Senior Grace Willert (West Seneca) won the discus with a toss of 78'11" and placed second in the shot put with a heave of 29'4". Sophomore Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) placed first in the 400 meter run with a time of 1.05.00. Rounding out the individual winners was freshman Cassidy Reid (Gowanda) who captured the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.06 and also placed third in the 200 meter with a time of 29.01. Sophomore Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) finished second in the long jump with a jump of 14'0" and took third in the 400 with a time of 1:06.65. Classmate Megan Reilly (Buffalo) was second in the triple jump with a leap of 29'1.5". Juniors Katie Hughes (Orchard Park), Erin Jackson (Buffalo) and Grace Harrington (West Seneca) all placed second in individual events. Hughes had a time of 5:55.85 in the 1500 meter run, Jackson finished the 800 meter run in 2:40.56 and Harrington had a time of 12:39.47 in the 3000 meter run. Sophomore Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) finished third in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.25. Welsh, Hughes, Harrington, and Larivey placed second in the 4 by 400 meter relay and Lauciello, Reilly, Welsh and Reid combined to finish second in the 4 by 100 meter relay. "This was a strong performance by the whole team," Coach Bob Walsh stated. "They scored more points against Sacred Heart than last year. This was a good effort for the first meet of the season."

Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy lacrosse team, despite three losses, continued to show improvement last week. The team lost to Mount Saint Mary, Nardin and Buffalo Seminary.

Senior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) scored two goals and junior Sara Geiser (West Seneca) added one against Mount Saint Mary. Coach Jodie Galluzzi felt her team played well against a strong opponent.

The Magic lost a heartbreaker to Nardin, 14-13 in overtime. Geiser led the offense with seven goals. Rullan added two goals. Junior Brigid Burke (Buffalo) also had two goals. Junior Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) and sophomore Megan Quinn (Hamburg) each added a goal.

In its third game of the week, Mount Mercy fell to Buffalo Seminary 13-7. Geiser and Rullan continued to pace the offense with two goals each. Burke, Quinn and freshman Lily Janik (Angola) each tallied once.

Softball

The struggles continued for the young Mount Mercy softball team as the team lost two games last week. The Magic were defeated by Tapestry and lost a heartbreaker to JFK 16-15.

Junior Tina Zambron (Lackawanna) struck out four during the loss and sophomore Natalia Weltjen had two hits in two at bats and had an RBI.

The Magic rallied in the top of the seventh against JFK, scoring five runs, but fell one run short of tying the game. Freshmen Darian Boyer (West Seneca) and Maddie Edwards and Zambron each had four hits in five at bats. Boyer added five stolen bases, four runs scored and had a double. Edwards had an RBI and scored three runs. Zambron had four RBI's, stole six bases and scored four runs. Sophomores Ryllie Padilla had two hits, including a triple and drove in four runs and Katie Bednarz (Buffalo) had three hits, including a double and an RBI.

"While we continue to struggle with too many walks and errors in the field, our offense really came alive today and everyone is beginning to hit well and run smarter. We hope to continue this in our next game," Coach Shannon Feind commented.

Tennis

The Mount Mercy tennis team had both of its matches postponed last week due to the cold weather.

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