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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Tennis

The Mount Mercy tennis team opened its 2019 season last week against a strong Nardin Academy squad. The Magic dropped the match 5-0, but despite the loss Coach Matt Ondesko was pleased with his team's efforts. "Opening up against Nardin is never easy, but I thought the young ladies competed really hard. Despite the score, the girls were in a lot of games," Ondesko remarked. The coach had special praise for his singles players. Junior Lily Kasperek (Forestville) was commended for efforts at third singles. He felt a few bad breaks kept her from winning the second set. He also felt that senior Breanna Sikora (Buffalo) competed hard at first singles and that junior Evelyn Nowak (Orchard Park) did extremely well at second singles, especially since it was her first match ever. "Our doubles teams earned a lot of experience as well and this can only bode well for our matches against Nardin and Mt. St. Mary this week. Despite the result, I am extremely happy with the effort that they young ladies put in," Ondesko concluded.

### Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy lacrosse team opened its 2019 season with a hard fought game against Saint Mary's of Lancaster, losing 13-12. The Magic led 7-6 at the half but were unable to maintain the lead. Junior Sara Geiser (West Seneca) led the offense with five goals. Junior Brigid Burke (Buffalo) added two goals. Senior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo), junior Tierney Ashe (Buffalo), sophomores Anna Schieber (Buffalo) and Megan Quinn (Hamburg) and freshman Lily Janik (Gowanda) each added a goal. Senior Sydney Condoyannis had eight saves in her first game in goal.

### Softball

The Mount Mercy softball team dropped its first two games of the season. The team is in a rebuilding year this season after eight of the nine starters from 2018 graduated. In the first game of the year, freshman Darian Boyer (West Seneca) and sophomore Ryllie Padilla (Buffalo) each had a hit. The team, according to Coach Shannon Feind, showed improvement in the second game of the year. Junior Tina Zambron (Lackawanna) pitched the first game of her varsity career and had two strike-outs. She also had a hit. Padilla had a double and an RBI. Sophomore Katie Bednarz (Buffalo) also added a hit and an RBI and freshman Madison Edwards (Buffalo) had a hit.

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