Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Academy Cross Country team opened its season Tuesday with a meet against Nardin and Buffalo Seminary. This year the team has 14 members, including seven experienced runners. Coach Bob Walsh returns for his sixth season as the cross-country coach.

Three seniors return to the squad for their third seasons. Rheanna Welsh and Angelina Larivey of Lackawanna and Megan Jozwiak (Springville) are expected to provide strong leadership for their teammates. Returning to the team for their second seasons are sophomores Ellie Godsoe and Jillian Schneck of Buffalo and Paige Lapadat (Orchard Park).

Sophomore Gemma McIlroy (Hamburg) and freshman Isabella Shea (Buffalo) are two of the top new runners. Walsh expects the newcomers to provide a strong backup for the experienced runners and the combination of new and experienced runners will help to improve the team’s record.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team opened its season with a non-league contest against Mount Saint Mary Academy, dropping a hard fought game 2-1. Due to the late start of the season, teams have had a limited number of practices and no scrimmages. Coach Brittany Myers felt her team struggled a bit in the first half due to it being the team’s first game action. She regrouped the team at halftime and the Magic came out strong and scored the game’s first goal. Senior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) sent the corner kick to sophomore Maddie Hart (Buffalo) who buried the ball into Mount Saint Mary’s goal for a 1-0 lead. Unfortunately Mount Saint Mary added two unanswered goals. Mount Mercy’s offense was working well together, but unfortunately could not get another goal past a strong Mount Saint Mary goalie.

“We will face them again later this season,” Myers commented. “We will be ready and have more eligible players.”

Golf

The Mount Mercy Golf team picked up its first victory of the year, defeating Buffalo Seminary. The team compiled its best score of the year, finishing with a 260. Freshman Addison Barth (Hamburg) led the team with a 48 and senior Katie Bednarz (Buffalo) finished with a 52. Rain cut short the team’s match with Sacred Heart after six holes. Barth was leading the team with a 34 and Bednarz had a 39. The Magic conclude their shortened season this week with three matches.