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Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

The weather last week played havoc with the Mount Mercy winter sports teams. Basketball had two contests rescheduled and bowling had one game rescheduled.

Monsignor Martin Hockey

The hockey team won its only contest of the week, easily defeating Lancaster/Iroquois 8-0. This win lifted the team’s record to 8-0. The team has a busy week this week with three games.

Varsity Bowling

The varsity bowlers lost a close match against first place Mount Saint Mary 3-1. Junior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) rolled a high game of 168. Sophomores Liz Acevedo (Cheektowaga) and Chloe Manikowski (Depew) had best games of 154 and 147, respectively. Senior Lauren Derwin (Lackawanna) added a 149.

JV Bowling

The JV team swept their match against the blind (a preset score) 4-0. Junior Emmaline Robinson (West Seneca) led the team with a high game of 138. Fellow junior Sheryl Little (Cheektowaga) rolled a 109.

Varsity Basketball

The varsity basketball team competed in the Pioneer tournament last weekend. The team lost to the eventual tournament champion Lake Shore 67-53. Lake Shore holds a record of 11-1. Hot outside shooting, particularly from the three point line, hurt the Magic. Lake Shore had nine threes, including five in the second quarter. Junior center Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) and senior guard Leah McQuiller (Lackawanna) paced the team with 12 points each. Senior guard Olivia Balys (Orchard Park) added 11 points and freshman Alesia Hamm in her first start (Buffalo) had 8. The team outscored Lake Shore in the second half but was unable to overcome the first half deficit.

The Magic faced Pioneer in the consolation game, falling in a hard fought close game44-40. Coach John Glose commented that his team worked really hard and never gave up, but was hampered by turnovers. Balys paced the team with ten points, McQuiller added nine, junior guard Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) chipped in with seven and Hamm scored six.

JV Basketball

The JV, after missing three days of practice due to the weather, was unable to overcome a slow first half, failing to overcome a seven point Lake Shore lead. The Magic fell 36-33. Sophomore Emma Fredo (Buffalo) was the leading scorer with 12 points. Paris Green (East Aurora), also a sophomore, added six points. Coach Molly Gasuik commented that the team’s poor foul shooting had a big impact on the game.
The team faced Pioneer in the consolation game and lost 36-28. The team struggled again but fought hard to overcome turnovers and an injury to starter Paris Green. Fredo once again was the leading scorer, netting 11 points. Naomi Parisi, a sophomore guard, added seven points and combined with fellow sophomore Abby Hillery (Hamburg) to play strong defense against Pioneer’s point guard. Gasuik also singled out strong play from sophomore Julia Khoury (Buffalo), and freshmen Taylor Stoklosa (Buffalo) and Megan Cycon (West Seneca).