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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team won its three games over the Holidays, defeating host Walsh 55-40 and winning two games in the Kenmore West Tournament. The Magic defeated Kenmore West 45-32 and Williamsville North 39-26.

The Magic broke open a close game against Walsh in the second half, outscoring their opponents 29-13 in the final half. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) and sophomore Josslynn Strang (Westfield) led the scoring for Mount Mercy. Ashe scored 12 points and Strang added ten points. Senior Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) had nine points, including two three pointers. Anne Bamrick (Buffalo), another senior added seven points with one trey. Coach John Glose felt all 13 players contributed to the victory.

Mount Mercy opened up a 12-8 lead in the first quarter and never looked back against Kenmore West. Glose credits outstanding team defense and hustle for the victory. Ashe once again led the Magic in scoring with 17 points and added 10 rebounds and six blocks. Sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) added eight points and five steals. Bamrick and junior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) chipped in with five points each and Hughes and Strang both scored four points. Bamrick also had five steals. "It was the first time we put together great play for all four quarters," Glose remarked.

Once again in the game against Williamsville North the Magic jumped out to a first quarter lead, establishing a 12-7 advantage in the opening quarter and defeated the defending Section 6 Class A champion. Team defense and A well-balanced offensive attack with scoring from nine players were the keys to the win. Ashe and Hughes led the way offensively with nine points apiece. Fellow senior Claire McKeone (Hamburg) contributed eight points.

Mallory Ashe was named the Showcase MVP. The Magic is 6-1 heading into league play.

Monsignor Martin Girls Varsity Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Hockey team won one game and tied another last week. The team defeated Lancaster-Iroquois 2-0 and tied league leading Williamsville 1-1. Junior Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) had one of the team's two goals in the victory and senior all-star goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) had 44 saves in the team's tie.

Junior Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team split its two games in the Kenmore West Tournament, losing to Kenmore West 29-21 and narrowly edging Williamsville North 28-27.

The team had a decent first half against Kenmore West but struggled in the second half, scoring just one point in the fourth quarter. The team's shooting went cold in the final two quarters. Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) led the team in scoring with 11 points and freshman Lily Kasperek (Forestville) added six points. Coach Gasuik complimented Pacholczak, Kasperek, and freshmen Erin Jackson (Buffalo), Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) and Brigid Burke (Buffalo) for their effort and tough play.

The Magic battled back throughout its game with Williamsville North, trailing at the end of all of the first three quarters before outscoring their opponent in the final quarter. The team was playing a bit shorthanded due to illness and injury, but according to Gasuik everyone stepped up and gave it their all,

leading the team to victory. She was proud of the team for its effort and determination. Pacholczak once again led all scorers with 12 points.

Varsity Bowling

The varsity bowling team upped its record to 29-7 with a 3-1 victory over Buffalo Seminary.

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