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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team continued to work hard, competing against opponents and Mother Nature, as the course conditions were extremely wet and muddy. The team lost to a strong Sacred Heart team and battled Nichols in a close meet, losing 34-21.

Sophomore Addison Barth (Hamburg) led the Magic, finishing fourth against Nichols with a time of 25:00.51. Freshman Bella Scarcello (Buffalo) – see picture, continues to run well, finishing fifth against Nichols with a time of 26:00. Junior Gemma McIlroy (Hamburg) placed sixth with a time of 26:18.88.

The team closes its regular season this week with a meet against Mount Saint Mary.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team opened its week with a victory and also added a tie. The team had its Senior Game against Buffalo Seminary and dominated the game from beginning to end. The Magic took a 1-0 lead on a goal by sophomore Rosie Bandura (West Seneca) - see picture, with an assist from junior Olivia Fuller (West Seneca). After a halftime ceremony that honored seniors Mary Bea Lalley and Madison Edwards of Buffalo, Mya Wood of Blasdell, and Amaya Milkowski of Lackawanna. Abby Mailloux (Buffalo), a junior, scored the team’s second goal, with an assist from junior Jenna Brown (Buffalo). Sophomore goalie Amelia Lalley had five saves, earning the shutout.

The Magic had a defensive struggle with Mount Saint Mary, ending the contest in a scoreless tie. Milkowski got the start in goal and earned the shutout. Coach Maddie Higgins commented that Milkowski stepped up big in net and had a critical save with ten seconds left to preserve the tie.

Mount Mercy closes its regular season with games against Sacred Heart and Cardinal O’Hara.
Swim

The Mount Mercy/Nardin Swim team lost its final regular season meet 57-36. Freshman Sarah Cook (Hamburg) continued to improve and lower her times. Cook placed second in the 200-yard individual medley with a personal best of 2:31.32 and also had a person best in the 500-yard clocking in with a 5:57.20, good for fourth place. She was also a member of the 400-yard free relay that placed 4th. Junior Paige Lapadat (Orchard Park) competed in the 50-yard freestyle and finished sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:47:00. The swim season concludes with the All-Catholic Championship meet this week.

Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team continued to improve but fell short against Mount Saint Mary’s, losing 14-25, 19-25 and 16-25. Coach Rachel Kaufman felt that the team’s offense was effective but had difficulty on defense moving to recover tips and having quick footwork. Freshman Mia Freedenberg (Lakeview) was the player of the game for the Magic, serving eight critical points to keep Mount Mercy in the game. She also added strong hits. Junior libero Madison Serafini (Buffalo) had some strong digs and inspired her teammates with her positive attitude.