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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team dropped two contests last week. The team lost to Sacred Heart and Nichols. Inconsistency continues to be an issue for the Magic as the team is young and still trying to put a complete match together. The team struggled against a strong Sacred Heart squad.

The Magic had more success against Nichols, but lost in three games, 11-25, 8-25 and 20-25. Coach Molly Gasuik had praise for her team, despite the loss. The match was Senior Night and the team's five seniors were ready to play. Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) had her hits and jump serves working during the match. Tina Arroyo (Buffalo) had blocks and strong serves. Paige Seibold (West Seneca) set the team's attack and made good saves off the net. Taylor Hoch, (East Aurora) the team's back row specialist had numerous strong digs and Alexis Sandor (Buffalo) did well at the net.

"I don't think that the scores reflect how well we played," Gasuik commented. "We did not win but I am proud of how the girls played."

### JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team split its two matches last week, losing in a hard fought match to Sacred Heart 15-25, 26-24 and 20-25 and defeating Nichols 25-23, 25-19 and 15-9.

The team was unable to overcome its serving errors in the first game against Sacred Heart, something that does not usually plague the Magic. Despite falling behind 16-10 in the second game, Mount Mercy worked extremely hard as a team and battled back to win on a service ace from freshman Emma Wilson (Buffalo). The third game went back and forth before Sacred Heart won the game. Despite the loss, Coach Molly Gasuik was pleased with her team's efforts. "I am very proud of my team. They worked hard and never gave up," Gasuik remarked.

Once again the Magic fell behind 17-8 in the first game against Nichols, but battled back to win. The second game was a back and forth contest with Mount Mercy building an early advantage before Nichols tied the game at 19. However freshman Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) served six strong serves to end the game. "I can't say enough about this team," Gasuik said. "They work hard every point, no matter what the score. Everyone played in the match and contribute to the victory."

### Golf

The Mount Mercy Golf team closed its season with a match against Buffalo Seminary. Although the team did not win a match this season, the team showed consistent improvement throughout the season. Senior Mary Barnes (Fredonia) qualified for the All-Catholic Championship, the Magic's first qualifier in three years. Although the team will lose four seniors, Coach Kate Lynch is encouraged by the improvement shown throughout the season and especially during the second half of the season of juniors Haley George (Elma), Chloe Diebold (West Seneca) and sophomore Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca).

### Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team won one of its three games last week. The team lost to Mount Saint Mary's 3-1, defeated Niagara Catholic 4-0 and lost to Saint Mary's of Lancaster 2-0.

Despite maintaining possession for most of the game and having many scoring opportunities, the Magic was unable to put the ball into the net against Mount Saint Mary's. Junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) tied the game in the second half on a direct kick, tallying the team's lone goal.

The entire team played well against Niagara Catholic, totally dominating its opponent. Freshman Sophia Bernadoni (Blasdell) scored twice, senior Abby Hillery (Hamburg) scored once and freshman Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) scored her first goal and freshman Megan Reilly (Hamburg) added her first assist. Junior goalie Megan Cycon (West Seneca) had the shut-out.

Senior goalie Emma Fredo (Buffalo) had 17 saves to keep the game against Saint Mary's of Lancaster close, but the Magic was unable to put the ball into the opponent's goal. The team battled hard and had scoring chances, but was unable to finish the play.

### Cross Country

The cross country team continued to battle the unseasonable fall weather as they ran in 91 degree heat last week. The team lost its first two meets of the season, falling to Sacred Heart and Nardin in a tri-meet. Sophomore Bella Morcelle (West Seneca) led the Magic with a time of 25:35. Grace Harrington, (West Seneca) also a sophomore, finished in 26.25. Also competing for the Magic were freshman Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna), sophomores Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) and Anna Maria Bock (Germany) and senior Chloe George (Buffalo).



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