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## Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

### Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team won both of its league games this week. They also competed in the Wilson Tournament and lost in the championship game. The team now has a record of 12-12.

In the first game of the week the Magic defeated Buffalo Seminary 55-34. The game started slowly with Mount Mercy leading 9-8 after the first quarter. In the second quarter the Magic's swarming and aggressive full-court pressure forced numerous turnovers. Combining the defense with a strong offensive passing attack, Mount Mercy built up a 25-10 halftime advantage. Sophomore Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) had her best game of the season, scoring 11 of the team's first 19 points, hitting three 3 point shots. She finished the game with a team high 20 points. Ashe also added three steals, three assists and five rebounds. The team cooled off a bit after halftime and Buffalo Seminary cashed in at the foul line scoring eight points and closed the gap to 27-20. After a time-out by the Magic, the offense came alive and built up a commanding lead. The entire team played and contributed to the win. Senior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) and junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) each scored nine points. Fredo led all rebounders with ten during her Senior Night game and fellow senior Abby Hillery (Hamburg) added five assists.

The Magic defeated Christian Central in the second league game of the week, 58-39. Mount Mercy built a 36-20 halftime advantage and the outscored Christian Central 16-9 in the third quarter to build a 52-29 advantage. The team used its gritty defense to apply pressure on the ball, forcing turnovers and making steals. The team also had its best shooting percentage of the season. Hamm led the team in scoring with 13 points and added seven rebounds and five steals. Sisters Emma and Hannah Fredo each had 11 points with Hannah leading the team in rebounds with 13 and Emma added ten rebounds and three assists. Ashe had eight points.

In the opening game of the Wilson tournament the Magic used a strong second half to defeat Cleveland Hill. The score was 19-14 at the half but Mount Mercy used its strong defense and offense to outscore Cleveland Hill 33-12 in the second half. Hamm and sophomore Xoie Ferrentino led the way with ten points each. The Magic faced Alleghany-Limestone in the finals and lost 30-38. The Magic trailed 16-12 at half and a rough offensive third quarter left the team behind 30-14 after three quarters. The Magic fought hard in the fourth quarter, outscoring its opponents 16-8 but were unable to make up for the third quarter. Emma Fredo led the team with 14 points.

### Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team opened the playoffs with a convincing 5-1 win against West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden. Sophomore Grace Harrington (West Seneca) was in the net for most of the game, picking up the victory and nine saves. The win in the quarterfinals advanced the team into the semi-finals for a game against Clarence-Amherst-Sweet Home.

The hockey team battled hard but lost in the semi-finals in overtime to Clarence-Amherst-Sweet Home 4-3. Despite the loss, goalie Harrington made many critical saves to keep her team in the game. The team finished with a 13-5-2 overall record.

## Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team ended its season in third place in the league and fourth place at the All-Catholic Championships. Junior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) was a First Team All-Catholic, finishing with a 158 average. Junior Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) had a 148 and freshman Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) finished with a 138.

## JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team ended its season with a convincing 34-8 win over Sacred Heart B. The entire team contributed to the win with eight different players registering points. Sophomore Lily Kasperek (Forestville) led a balanced attack with six points.

“There were a lot of emotions coming into this game since it was our last game. We came out strong, playing with confidence and having fun,” Coach Molly Gasuik stated.

“This was a team effort and we really worked the ball. Everyone contributed to this win. I cannot believe the season has come and gone. This team was full of hard work and determination. I could not have asked for a better group of athletes to coach this year on JV Basketball,” Gasuik concluded.

The team finished the year with a 7-11 overall record.

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