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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-UP

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team concluded its very successful season with second place in the league and placed third at the All-Catholic Championships. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) closed out her career with a 492 three game series, with games of 161, 162 and 169. Sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) was right behind Thomas with a 487 (146, 181 and 160). Chloe Manikowski (Depew), a junior, was consistent with a 144, 135 and a 140. Freshman Hanna Chmielowiec (Lackawanna) had a high game of 144.

Thomas and Batchev were also named First Team All-Catholics as both finished with one of the top four averages in the league. Thomas finished with a 152 and Batchev had a 153.

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy basketball team split two tournament games and lost one league game last week. The team lost a close contest to Nichols in its final home game of the season 54-48. The visitors jumped out to a 16-6 first quarter advantage that the Magic just could not overcome. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) ended her home career in style, scoring 23 points. Classmate Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) also scored in double figures, hitting three treys on her way to eleven points.

Mount Mercy also participated in the Wilson tournament. The Magic lost the opener to the tournament hosts 49-42. A difficult second quarter proved to be the difference as Wilson outscored Mount Mercy 18-4 and jumped out to a 24-14 halftime advantage. Ashe led the way with 16 points and Hughes had seven. Tierney Ashe (Buffalo), a freshman, chipped in with six points.

In the consolation game of the tournament, Mount Mercy defeated Cheektowaga for the second time this season, topping the Warriors 57-48. As she has in virtually every game this season, Mallory Ashe led the scoring with 20 points, including three three-pointers. Senior Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) added nine points and Hughes had seven points, including two threes. Sophomore Josslynn Strang (Westfield) scored six points.

The Magic concluded the regular season with a 14-10 record. The team will participate in the Monsignor Martin League playoffs this week.

Monsignor Martin Varsity Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Hockey team defeated West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden 4-3 to advance to the semi-finals of the league playoffs. The Monsignor Martin team battled back from a 3-0 deficit to force overtime. Junior Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) scored the team's second goal, assisted by junior teammate Fiona Danahy (Buffalo).

Frontier-Lake Shore-Orchard Park defeated the Monsignor Martin team 2-0 in the semi-finals. The team finished its season with a record of 13-5-2.

JV Basketball

Mount Mercy's Junior Varsity Basketball team ended its season with a hard fought victory over Nichols, 30-29. The Magic held the lead for the entire game and held off a late challenge from the

Vikings to secure the win. Freshman Lily Kasperek (Forestville) was the top scorer with ten points. Sophomore Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) and freshman Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) each added five points and freshman Katie Hughes (Buffalo) scored four points.

It was an extremely physical game and the Magic cashed in when they were sent to the foul line. The team used the intensity of a large senior night crowd at the end of the game to earn the victory. Coach Molly Gasuik credits the team's defense for the win. "Our zone defense came up big and created a lot of turnovers for us. It was awesome to see all five girls on the court talking and forcing errors. This team improved tremendously and came a long way," Gasuik remarked. The Magic finished its season with an 8-11 overall record.

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