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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Varsity Basketball

It truly was a tale of two halves when the Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team competed in the Monsignor Martin League Playoffs last week. The Magic, seeded sixth, faced Mount Saint Mary who was seeded third. The Thunder of Mount Saint Mary won the contest 54-28.

The Magic was on fire in the first half, playing strong defense and employing an efficient offense. Mount Mercy scored the first two points on a basket from junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo). However the Thunder stormed back to score the next eight points and gain an 8-2 lead. Freshman Cecilia Strang (Westfield) added two baskets to make the score 8-6. Sophomore Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) scored the next five points, including a three pointer to put the Magic up 11-8 at the 1:48 mark of the first quarter. After the game was tied, Hamm scored again to close the scoring in the first quarter with the Magic ahead 13-11.

In the second quarter the Magic scored eight points from the foul line on its way to a 23-22 halftime lead. Junior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) was two for two and Hamm was six of six from the line. Hamm also added a basket. Unfortunately after making its first eight foul shots, Mount Mercy lost its magic from the line, converting only 3 of the last 12 attempts.

The Thunder was the team on fire in the second half, quickly jumping out to a 29-23 lead, forcing Mount Mercy to call a time out to regroup. Turnovers, poor shot selection and cold shooting plagued the Magic as the only point the team scored in the quarter came with 14 seconds left in the quarter when senior Abby Hillery (Hamburg) converted one of her foul shots. The quarter ended with the Magic outscored 22-1 and Mount Saint Mary on top 44-24. Things did not improve much offensively in the final quarter as Mount Mercy didn't score until almost half of the quarter was gone. Junior Megan Cycon (West Seneca) put back an offensive rebound to cut the lead to 47-26. Cecilia Strang added the final two points from the foul line with 25 seconds left.

Hamm was the top scorer for Mount Mercy, finishing with 12 points and Ferrentino added five points.

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