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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team had a poor shooting game at the worst possible time. The Magic, the number one seed in the B Playoffs, lost its opening game to a hot shooting Buffalo Seminary team, 36-31. Mount Mercy closed its season with an overall record of 14-11.

The Magic offense was slow to start, notching its first points at the 4:00 mark of the first quarter. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) got Mount Mercy on the board with a three pointer, cutting Buffalo Seminary's lead to 5-3. Forty-five seconds later, her sister, freshman Tierney Ashe tied the game at 5. Junior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) scored the next four points in the first quarter, which ended with Mount Mercy trailing 10-9.

Ashe hit a two point shot with just thirteen seconds gone in the second quarter to put Mount Mercy on top 11-9. Mount Mercy's three point shooting, which had been a strength most of the season, was off during this game. The two teams traded baskets in the last few minutes of the half. Mount Mercy was behind 15-14 at the half.

An aggressive and hustling defense kept the Magic in the game as the team gave an all-out effort to chase down every rebound and every loose ball. Fredo was particularly aggressive diving for balls and tying up the ball on rebounds.

Buffalo Seminary scored the first four points of the third quarter before senior Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) hit two free throws to cut the deficit to 19-16. Mallory Ashe added two free throws to close within two points, 20-18. Fredo tied the game with her third basket at the 1:40 mark of the third quarter. Freshman Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) came off the bench after a time out to hit a three with just eight seconds left in the third quarter, giving the Magic their first lead, 23-22, since the 5:00 mark of the second quarter.

Buffalo Seminary scored the first basket of the final quarter to lead 24-23. Beth Hughes (Orchard Park), a senior, hit a three pointer to reclaim the lead for the Magic 26-23 at the 5:42 mark. Buffalo Seminary answered back with a two pointer to tie the game again. Hughes then hit another three to put the Magic ahead by three, 29-26. M. Ashe hit a two pointer with 1:56 left to increase Mount Mercy's lead to 31-28. Buffalo Seminary tied the game with a three pointer at the 1:25 mark and then closed out the game with the last five points.

M. Ashe led the Magic with nine points. Hughes and Fredo each added six points.



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