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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team continued to roll over the competition, defeating Sacred Heart 3-1 and Saint Mary's of Lancaster 4-0. The Magic currently sit in 2nd place with a record of 57 wins and 15 losses.

Sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) paced the team against Sacred Heart with games of 208 and 159. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) rolled a 170 and 154. Senior Val Boeck (Buffalo) had a high game of 150 and junior Chloe Manikowski (Depew) had a 127.

Batchev had a strong three game set, rolling a 223, 180 and 160 for a 563 pin total. Thomas had a 154 and Manikowski rolled a 148 and a 146.

The team has two more matches this week and then the All-Catholic Championships February 14th.

Varsity Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team tuned up for the playoffs with a 7-1 trouncing of West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden. It was a total team effort as everyone played well and contributed to the win. The team will open its title defense on February 14th against an opponent to be determined and at a time to be announced.

Varsity Basketball

The Magic varsity basketball team had a busy week with five games, including two in the Frontier Tournament. The team won two games and lost one and then in the tournament, lost to Hamburg and Lancaster in the tournament

The team opened the week with a loss to defending Monsignor Martin Champion O'Hara. Mallory Ashe (Buffalo), a senior, led the team with 14 points.

The entire team contributed in a 75-11 victory over Walsh. Every player on the team scored at least two points. Ashe led all scorers with 13 points. Senior Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) totaled 11 points, including three treys. Freshman Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) had a career high ten points. Sophomores Josslynn Strang (Westfield) and Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) had eight and seven points, respectively.

The entire team contributed in the team's 39-10 victory against Niagara Catholic. Ten different players made it into the scorebook for the Magic. Strang led the balanced attack with eight points. Mallory Ashe added seven points and Hamm chipped in with six points.

The Magic lost a 39-35 game to Hamburg in the Frontier Tournament opener. The game was close throughout the entire contest. Mallory Ashe led Mount Mercy with 14 points. Hamm added six points and Hughes, seniors Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) and Clare McKeone (Hamburg) combined for 13 points

Lancaster defeated the Magic 43-27 in the consolation game of the tournament. The strain of five games in six days caught up with Mount Mercy as the team fell behind early and was never able to catch up. Mallory Ashe again led the Magic with 11 points and Hughes added eight.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team continued to show improvement. The team defeated Cardinal O'Hara in regular action and lost to Hamburg and Lancaster in the Frontier Tournament.

The Magic topped O'Hara 50-33 in a physical game. The first half was close until the end of the second quarter when Mount Mercy built a 22-14 halftime advantage. The Magic came out strong in the second half and added to its lead. Freshman Britney Meredith (Cheektowaga), played a strong game at both ends of the floor. She had numerous steals which she converted into fast break baskets. She led the team with 18 points. Sophomore Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) added 10 points. Freshman Katie Hughes added eight points and Taylor Stoklosa (Buffalo), another sophomore, had six points. Freshman Lily Kasperek (Forestville) converted both shots of a technical foul called against the O'Hara coach. Her points helped to break open a close game.

Mount Mercy competed in the Frontier Tournament and lost to Hamburg 48-28 in its opening game. The team struggled in the first half at both ends of the court and fell far behind. They continued to battle in the second half, actually outscoring Hamburg in the second half. Meredith once again led the team in scoring with nine points. Hughes had six points and freshman Caitlin Robertson (Depew) added four points. Coach Molly Gasuik was pleased with her team's determination and their strong play in the second half.

Poor shooting plagued the Magic against Lancaster as the team had trouble making baskets and fell behind early. Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) paced the team with 11 points. "Lizzy Lang was awesome," Gasuik stated. "She really crashed the boards and got offensive rebounds. She was our top player against Lancaster." Kasperek added six points. Gasuik noted that the team's foul shooting has really improved as the team made 12/18 shots.

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