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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

It wasn’t the season any of the players hoped it would be with only five weeks to practice and play 13 games, but the team and Coach John Glose were just happy that despite all the uncertainty and Covid worries that they had an opportunity to take the court at all.

Playing only in the strong Monsignor Martin League, including four games against the top two large school programs in Western New York, the Magic compiled a 4-9 record. “It was a challenging year,” Glose commented. “But I am just happy, especially for our seniors, that we are able to play at all.”

As Glose expected, the beginning of the season was rocky for the team since they had one week to select a team and install offenses and defenses before beginning to play. “The team worked hard each and every day and improved immensely as the season went along. After losing to Mount Saint Mary, Nichols and Nardin the first time we faced them, we defeated all three of them the second time we played them,” Glose stated.

Glose credits his four seniors for leading the team this season, both on and off the floor. Hannah Fredo (Buffalo), Emily Kessler (West Seneca), Cecilia Strang (Westfield) and Megan Reilly (Buffalo) were the team’s statistical leaders but more importantly to their coach, they were excellent leaders for the team, especially for the underclassmen as there were six sophomores and two freshmen on the 13-member squad. “Our seniors are high class and high character young women,” Glose praised. “They are all going to do great things in the future.”

Fredo and Kessler both average ten points and ten rebounds and were voted First Team All-Catholics.

Glose is counting on junior Mya Wood (Blasdell) and sophomores Cianna Tobia (Eden) and Abby Mailloux (Buffalo) to lead the team next season, along with several other young players who now have a year of varsity basketball experience.

“I’m very proud of how this team handled all the adversity of the season,” Glose concluded.