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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Basketball team continued to show improvement, winning two of three games this week. The team lost to Cardinal O’Hara and avenged earlier losses to Nichols and Nardin.

Mount Mercy started strong against Cardinal O’Hara, the league’s top team, but was unable to keep up with the high-powered visitors. Senior Emily Kessler (West Seneca) paced the Magic with 12 points and seven rebounds. Classmate Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) added eight points and six rebounds. Sophomore point guard Cianna Tobia (Eden) chipped in with six points.

The Magic used a strong third quarter against Nichols to overcome a five-point halftime deficit. Mount Mercy trailed by five in the second quarter but tied it up, only to see Nichols score the last five points before halftime to gain the lead 19-14. The team outscored the visitors 16-8 in the third quarter to take the lead 30-27. The Magic held onto the lead in the final quarter, winning 46-41. Fredo and Kessler led the team, accounting for 38 of the 46 points. Fredo had 21 points and 12 rebounds while Kessler posted 17 points and ten caroms. Junior Mya Wood (Blasdell) had five assists and senior Cecilia Strang (Westfield) added four assists.

Team defense was the key to Mount Mercy’s win against Nardin. The Magic prevailed 31-27. The team was led by Fredo’s 12 points, ten rebounds and five blocked shots. Kessler chipped in with six points and ten rebounds.

The Magic’s season concludes this week with the playoffs.