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## Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

### Track

The Mount Mercy Academy Track Team opened its season with a strong performance against Mount Saint Mary. The Magic lost the meet 52-34 but the team had many noteworthy performances. Senior Hellen Modi (Buffalo) won two events and placed second in another. Modi won the long jump with a jump of 14'4" and raced to first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 31.53. She placed second in the 100 meter dash. Senior Christina Billittier won the triple jump with a leap of 31'5", and in the first meet of the season finished just an inch from qualifying for the NYS Catholic Schools Championship meet. Freshmen Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) and Megan Reilly (Hamburg) placed second and third respectively in the 200 meter dash, giving Mount Mercy a sweep in the event. The 4 by 400 meter relay team won the event with Larivey, sophomores Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) and Isabella Morcelle (West Seneca) and freshman anchor Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna). In her first time running the event, Welsh placed second in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:12. Sophomore Grace Harrington (West Seneca) placed second in the 3000 meter run with a time of 13:37.

### Tennis

The Mount Mercy Academy tennis team dropped its first match of the season to Niagara Catholic by a score of 4-1. Senior Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) was the only winner for the Magic. She won her third singles match by scores of 6-1 and 6-1. Senior Paige Siebold (West Seneca) lost a hard fought match at second singles 4-6 and 5-7. Madelyn DiGiore (Lakeview), a sophomore, lost at first singles. Sophomores Lily Kasperek (Forestville) and Emily Howard (Buffalo) and seniors Kate Marabella (Cheektowaga) and Kayleigh Mighells (Lackawanna) lost their doubles matches in their first varsity action.

### Softball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Softball team opened its season with a non-league game at Olean. Due to the inclement spring weather, the game was the first time the team had been on a diamond this season. They battled Olean, a team that had been in South Carolina for spring break, dropping a 3-2 decision.

The team played well defensively with senior Laura Gregory (Buffalo) pitching well in the first four innings. She gave up three unearned runs in the four innings she pitched. Senior Allison Rogowski (West Seneca) pitched the last two innings and gave up no runs. Coach Molly Gasuik singled out senior Taylor Hoch (East Aurora) for catching a solid game.

The Magic did not manage much offense until the top of the seventh inning when senior Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) led off the inning with a single. Rogowski followed with another single and senior Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) drove both players in. However the team was unable to add any other runs.

"Overall I thought the team did well playing together for the first time outside. It was good to get this game out of the way before we start league play," Gasuik remarked.

### Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy Lacrosse team opened its season with two losses. The team lost its first game to Sacred Heart and then lost a hard fought non-league game to Springville 13-9. Senior Mary Barnes (Fredonia) led the way with four goals. Sophomore Sara Geiser (West Seneca) added three goals and senior Abby Hillery (Hamburg) and junior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) each added a goal.

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