Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

Softball

With one game remaining in the regular season, the Mount Mercy Softball team is in first place with a 7-0 record. The team played four games in four days and won all four.

The Magic started the week with an 8-1 victory over Sacred Heart Academy. Junior Laura Gregory (Buffalo) picked up the victory on the mound, striking out seven, while giving up three hits and one run in five innings of action. Junior Allison Rogowski (West Seneca) pitched the last two innings, giving up no hits and striking out two. Rogowski also had a strong offensive game, with two hits, including a double and three runs batted in. Junior Taylor Hoch (East Aurora) and Gregory each added three hits.

In their second game of the week, Mount Mercy downed Saint Mary’s of Lancaster 9-6. Rogowski and Gregory again split the pitching duties. Rogowski started the game and struck out five, while giving up four runs and seven hits. Gregory gave up seven hits and two runs, striking out three. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) led the offense with a double and three runs batted in. Juniors Chloe Manikowski (Depew), Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora), Rogowski, and Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) each had two hits. Manikowski and Danahy both had two runs batted in.

Nardin was the next victory for the Magic. Mount Mercy topped the defending playoff champions 8-3. The Magic jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning and never looked back. Gregory started on the mound and limited Nardin to three hits and one run, while striking out four. Rogowski gave up four hits and two runs. Manikowski powered the offensive attack, totaling four of the team’s 16 hits. Gregory and Hoch both were key parts of the offense with three hits each. Rogowski had three runs batted in and Lewandowski had two hits and two runs batted in.

In its final game of the week, the Magic shut out O’Hara in 4 1/2 innings, 16-0. Winning pitcher Rogowski struck out five and gave up no hits and no runs in four innings pitched. She also led the team at the plate, with two hits, including a grand slam. Senior Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) added three hits and three runs batted in. Gregory added two hits including a triple and three runs batted in. Freshman Molly Shanahan (West Seneca) had two hits, including a double.

Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy Lacrosse Team split its two games last week, defeating Sacred Heart 9-6 and falling in a hard-fought contest to Mount Saint Mary 8-5. The team currently has a league record of 5-2 with three games remaining.

The Magic took a 6-5 lead into halftime and came out to outscore Sacred Heart 3-1 for the final three goal advantage. Seniors Arielle Brown (Buffalo) and Brigid Lempko (West Seneca) paced the offense against Sacred Heart. Both players had three goals and Lempko also had an assist. Senior Clare McKeone (Hamburg), junior Mary Barnes (Fredonia) and sophomore Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) tallied a goal and an assist apiece. Senior Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) had an assist and freshman Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) contributed two assists. “The team did great transitioning the ball for a few quick goals. We had great communication on defense limiting them to 1 goal in the second half. Abby Krug did a good job in the face-off circle controlling half of the draws. Goalie Bri Gawronski had 11 saves on 17 shots,” commented Coach Beth Schroeder.

The Mount Saint Mary game was close throughout. The Magic trailed 4-3 at halftime before being outscored 4-2 in the second half. Senior goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) helped keep the
game close, stopping 19 of the 27 shots she faced, a .70 save percentage. Brown had two goals to lead the Magic scorers. Lempko and Barnes each had a goal and an assist. Bamrick added a goal and McKeone had an assist.

Tennis

The tennis team had three matches last week, defeating Park School 4-1 and losing to Nardin and Mount Saint Mary’s.

Senior Emily Gall (Buffalo) won her match at second singles against Park, winning in two sets, both of which ended in tie breakers. Paige Siebold (West Seneca) played singles for the first time during her junior season and won easily 2 sets to none. The 1st Doubles team of juniors Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) and Emma Fredo (Buffalo) won 2-1. Coach Kate Lynch commented, “Emma and Sophie play well together and their aggressive play at the net has great results.” Senior Marisa May lost a hard fought match at first singles 2 sets to 1, losing the last set in the tie breaker. The second doubles team won by forfeit.

Sophomore Lily Kane (Buffalo) and Fredo combined at second doubles against Mount Saint Mary and lost a hard-fought match in three sets.

Track

Mount Mercy’s track team was idle last week but returns to action with a dual meet and the All-Catholic meet this coming week.
Junior Allison Rogowski is having a strong season on the mound for the Mount Mercy Magic.
Junior doubles partners Sophie Robinson (back) and Paige Siebold (front) work well together for the Mount Mercy Magic.

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