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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Lacrosse

The growing pains continued for the young Mount Mercy Lacrosse team. The team lost to Nardin for the second time this season, but Coach Haley Gaulton was pleased with the improvement that the team has shown since its first game. Sophomore Jenna Brown (Buffalo) was a stand-out in net, amassing an astonishing 26 saves. Senior Megan Quinn (Hamburg) and sophomore Abby Mailloux (Buffalo) each had a goal for the Magic.

The Magic had a close game against Saint Mary’s of Lancaster, losing 8-6 in its senior game. The team had its chances to score more, but were unable to find the net. Mailloux had three goals, Quinn had two and freshman Quinn D’Anthony (Buffalo) had one. Brown’s strong play in goal kept the game close.

Softball

The Mount Mercy Academy Softball team suffered two defeats this past week.

The softball team faced Sacred Heart in cold, wet and windy conditions and ended up on the short end of the score. Despite the loss, Coach Shannon Feind felt her young team continued to show improvement. Sophomore Trinity Kehoe (Derby) continued to find a way to get on base, reaching base all three times that she was at bat.

The team finally had some decent softball weather but unfortunately lost to Nichols. Freshman pitcher Emma Caughel (Hamburg) struck out four and had a triple. Feind commented that the team’s outfielders continue to improve each and every game.

Tennis

The Mount Mercy tennis team continued to learn on the fly as the inexperienced team faces opponents that have been playing tennis for years. Coach Matt Ondesko feels that the team continues to improve collectively and individually.

He feels that Mary Bea Lalley and Mara Santana of Buffalo both continue to play well, and gel together at doubles. Freshman Addison
Barth (Hamburg) continues to improve at singles and Ondesko feels that the Buffalo Seminary match was one of her better matches on the season.

**Track**

The Mount Mercy Academy Track team, small in number but big in heart and effort, opened its season with two meets this week. The team competed against Mount Saint Mary and Nardin.

On Wednesday senior Megan Reilly (Buffalo) and freshman Rosie Bandura (West Seneca) both placed first in an event against Sacred Heart. Reilly won the triple jump and Bandura took first in the 1500 meter run. Freshman Meghan Balen (Cheektowaga) placed second in the 100-meter dash and senior Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) placed second in the 400-meter dash. Junior Aubrey Monaco (Buffalo) took third in the shot put, sophomore Gemma McIlroy finished third in the 1500 meter run and Riley took third in the long jump.

Although no one won any events against Nardin on Saturday, all distances and times improved. Riley place second in the triple jump with a leap of 30’4” and finished third in the long jump with a jump of 13’8”. Monaco improved her distance in the shot and placed second in the discus with a throw of 62’11”. Welsh placed second in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:06/78. McIlroy finished third in the 1500 meter with a time of 6:05.48. Senior Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) jumped for the first time this season and had a best of 13’5 ½” and Balen improved her time the 100 meter run and also competed in the 200 meter run.

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