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Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

Lacrosse

The young Mount Mercy Academy lacrosse team lost its final game of the season to Buffalo Seminary 11-9. Three seniors closed out their lacrosse careers during this game. Seniors Mary Barnes (Fredonia) and Abby Hillery (Hamburg) scored three and two goals, respectively in their last game. Freshman Gracee Donovan (Orchard Park) and junior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) each added a pair of goals and junior Julia Orcutt (West Seneca) had 15 saves. “We would have loved to win the game,” Coach Kristi Reed commented. “But the girls gave it their best effort in our final game.”

Tennis

The Mount Mercy tennis team closed its season with a 4-1 loss to Mount Saint Mary. Sophomore Maddie DiGiore (Lakeview) won her first singles match 6-4 and 6-4. Seniors Sophie Robinson (Buffalo), Kate Marabella (Cheektowaga), Kayleigh Mighells (Lackawanna) and Paige Siebold (West Seneca) closed out their high school tennis careers.

Softball

The Mount Mercy softball team closed its regular season with a loss to league champion Saint Mary’s of Lancaster. The Magic scored three runs in the top of the first inning and then were unable to score any other runs. Senior Chloe Manikowski (Depew) opened the first inning with a single but that was the only hit of the game. She scored the team’s first run on a wild pitch.

The Magic opened the playoffs with a game against Nichols and won 7-0. Senior Laura Gregory (Buffalo) earned the victory on the mound, striking out seven and giving up just three hits. She helped her cause, earning three hits in four at bats, including a triple. Senior Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) also had three hits in four at bats, including a double and a homerrun. Allison Rogowski (West Seneca), also a senior, had two hits and two runs batted in. Senior Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) added a hit and two runs batted in.

Mount Mercy faced Nardin in the semi-finals and lost 6-1. The team managed only four hits through seven innings. Gregory paced the team with two hits in three at bats. Senior Mary Bala (West Seneca) reached base on a single and advanced on sophomore Tina Zambron’s (Lakeview) single and scored on Manikowski’s force out. Rogowski took the loss on the mound.
Track

The Mount Mercy Track team concluded its season with a fifth place finish at the All-Catholic Meet, the team’s highest finish in many years. The team had 31 points with one second, two third, one fourth, three fifth and one sixth place finishes.

Grace Willert (West Seneca) placed second in the shot put with a throw of 30’ 7 1/4” and third in the discus with a throw of 85’2”, a personal best. The 4 by 400 relay team comprised of three freshmen and one sophomore placed third. They dropped thirty seconds from their time this season and were the youngest relay team. Sophomore Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) and freshmen Megan Reilly (Hamburg), Angelina Larivey (Hamburg) and Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) finished third with a time of 4:37.51.

Senior Hellen Modi (Buffalo) closed out her track career and jumped a personal best of 15 feet to finish fourth in the long jump. Larivey placed fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.52 and fifth in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:05.44.

The 4 X100 relay team of Welsh, Modi, senior Christina Billittier (Angola) and freshman Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) placed fifth with a time of 56.70. Billittier placed sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 31’6 ½”.

Two team members, Billittier) and Willert will compete this weekend at the CHSAA Intersectional Championships for a second year in a row. Billittier will compete in the triple jump and Willert will compete in the shot put.

The team improved tremendously throughout the year and the coaches were quite pleased and proud of their team's progress.