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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Mother Nature wreaked havoc on last week’s schedule, cancelling all of the softball games and tennis matches. Lacrosse was the only sport that was able to compete.

Lacrosse

After no spring sports last year due to the Pandemic, the Mount Mercy Lacrosse team only had two players who had played high school lacrosse. Seniors Megan Quinn (Hamburg) and Anna Schieber (Buffalo) are the only two members of the team who had played before. Nine sophomores and four freshmen are the new members of the squad.

Also new are the team’s coaches, the husband and wife team of Tyler and Haley Gaulton. Haley Gaulton is a graduate of Mount Mercy and played lacrosse in both high school and also was a four-year starter in college for Buffalo State. She was the team captain as a senior and was also the Defender of the Year in 2018. Tyler Gaulton played for Division II Limestone University, starting all four years. He was Conference Carolina defensive player of the year sophomore year. He was first team All-Conference all four years. He was second team All American freshman year, first team All American sophomore year, third team All American junior year, and honorable mention All American his senior year. He was drafted by three different professional teams after his graduation.

The team struggled in its first game, with its inexperience showing in a loss to a veteran Nardin squad. Freshman Quinn D’Anthony (Buffalo) scored the team’s lone goal in her first game. Sophomore goalie Olivia Fuller (Buffalo) was credited with 12 saves.

The team played with just eleven players in its second game and lost a thriller by one goal, 10-11 to Buffalo Seminary. “We fought hard from the beginning until the end,” Coach Haley Gaulton commented. “We showed so much improvement from our first game. The heart that was shown by every player is something to be proud of.”

Quinn led the offense with five goals and also won ten draws. D’Anthony continued to find a way to put the ball in the net, scoring five goals, making four interceptions and winning two draws. Sophomores Jenna Brown (Buffalo) and Maddie Hart (Buffalo) split the goal-tending responsibilities and had seven and five saves respectively.

The coaches are excited for the next game and to see the continued improvement from their young team.

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