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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team won all three of its games last week defeating Nardin, Buffalo Seminary and Park. The three wins pushed the team's overall record to 6-1 and 1-0 in league play. The Magic used a total team effort in each game, beating Nardin 41-26, Buffalo Seminary 49-17 and Park 48-26.

Mount Mercy utilized its strong team defense against Nardin which helped the team to overcome cold shooting. The team also received strong contributions from its bench when some starters got into foul trouble. The team hung together and kept battling to earn the victory. "It was a total team victory," Coach John Glose commented. "Our strong team defense kept us in the game until we could get our offense untracked. Everyone played and contributed." The game was close at the half, but the Magic outscored Nardin 28-14 in the second half. Senior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) led the balanced scoring with 8 points and added seven rebounds. Senior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and sophomore Catherine Zak (Hamburg) each chipped in seven points. Sophomores Cecilia Strang (Westfield) and Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) each had five points and Fredo led the team in rebounding with 11. Glose was especially pleased with the contributions of C. Strang, Zak, Emily Kessler (West Seneca) and Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) for their outstanding play in their reserve roles.

Josslynn Strang led the scoring against Buffalo Seminary with 15 points. Junior Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) chipped in with ten points. The Magic again displayed the dominating defense that they are becoming noted for. Zak and Kessler continued to show rapid improvement as each ripped down six rebounds.

The Park game was close after one quarter as the Magic led just 7-6; however Josslynn Strang scored nine of her game high 19 points in the second quarter. Her sister Cecilia scored nine points with the sisters combining for enough points to beat Park's total. Fredo had ten rebounds and combined with Hamm to limit Park's leading scorer while the game was close.

Mount Mercy plays Williamsville North in the first game of the Kenmore West tournament on the 27th.

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Hockey team raised its record to 4-1-1 with a 3-1 win against Kenmore/Grand Island. Mount Mercy's Grace Harrington (West Seneca), a junior, was in goal for the victory, stopping 21 of 22 shots.

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team defeated both Nardin and Sacred Heart this week. The team defeated Nardin 3-1 and swept Sacred Heart 4-0. Senior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) led the way against Nardin with a 175, 172 and 165. Sophomore Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) had a 173, 160 and 151. Senior Samantha Batchev(Lackawanna) contributed a 155 and Allysyn Pajek (West Seneca) rolled a 148.

Coleman led the way against Sacred Heart with a personal best of 213 and two games of 153. Batchev added a 191, 156 and 145 and Mazurkiewicz had a 158 and 153.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team defeated Park School and Buffalo Seminary last week. The team topped Park 3 -1, aided by freshman Dominique Khoury's (Buffalo) 136 and 131 and junior Bella Morcelle's (West Seneca) 122. The team swept Buffalo Seminary 4-0, led by Morcelle's 143 and 134.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team lost its only contest of the week, falling to Nardin 37-27. Freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) led the team with 13 points, five blocked shots and five rebounds. Desiree Diaz Torres (Lackawanna), also a freshman, scored four points and added four rebounds. Sophomore Zoe Gray (West Seneca) had four points and handed out three assists. Coach Peter Krug was pleased with his team's efforts, particularly on team defense but remarked that the Magic's shooting was off during the contest. The team will participate in the Kenmore West Tournament this week, opening with Williamsville North.

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