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MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY SPORTS WRAP-UP

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Girls hockey team, aided by five Mount Mercy athletes, opened its defense of its league title with a resounding 9-1 victory over Amherst-Sweet Home-Clarence. Magic Seniors Brigid Keane (Buffalo) and Catie Radwan (West Seneca), both four year varsity players, each contributed to the victory. Keane, an assistant captain, scored two goals, including a short-handed goal, the first goal of the game. Radwan, the team's captain added a goal. Sophomore Fiona Danahy (Buffalo), a second year team member, netted the team's second goal. Junior goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk), a three year team member, stopped 19 of 20 shots.

Varsity Bowling

The Magic captured both matches last week by a 3-1 score. In the first match of the week Mercy defeated Sacred Heart 3-1. Junior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) was the team's top bowler, finishing with a three game set of 519, including a 209 in the second game. Sophomore Elizabeth Acevedo (Cheektowaga) rolled a three game set of 469 and fellow sophomore Chloe Manikowski (Depew) chipped in with a 402. Rounding out the top four bowlers was senior Lauren Derwin (Lackawanna) with a 304.

The Magic defeated Buffalo Seminary 3-1. Thomas once again led the way with a three game series of 451. Acevedo's best score was a 149; Manikowski had a 126 and Derwin added a 122.

Currently Mount Mercy has the third highest team scratch game with a 611 and the third highest team series with a 1694.

Varsity Basketball

The varsity basketball team opened its season with a 38-26 victory over Springville in the Fourth Annual Wounded Warrior basketball game. The team started tentatively in the opening minutes of the game, falling behind by five points before taking the lead midway through the first quarter and never looking back. Seniors Olivia Balys (Orchard Park) and Leah McQuiller (Lackawanna) paced the team with 12 and 11 points respectively. Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) chipped in with six points, ten rebounds and three blocks. Clare McKeone (Hamburg) and Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) provided a spark off the bench. A strong team defense also played a pivotal role in the victory.

"It was a great team effort. I am really proud of the team's effort in the victory. They handled the full-court pressure really well and played excellent team defense in holding Springville to 26 points," Coach John Glose remarked.

JV Basketball

The JV Basketball team opened its season with a convincing victory over Springville, winning 39-27. The Magic claimed the lead early in the first quarter and never looked back, building up a 32-9 advantage by the end of the third quarter. The team used an up-tempo attack to run the floor and build its lead. Freshman Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) was the team's leading scorer, totaling 14 points. She made 8 out of 12 foul shots during the game. Coach Molly Gasuik commented, "We played strong for three quarters. However, we need to continue that strong play for the whole game. We did not finish strong and we let up on our intensity toward the end. Overall it was a great team effort and assistant coach Caitlin Kubera and I are very excited for this season."

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