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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team won two out of three of its games last week, raising the team's record to 8-2-1. The hockey team suffered its second loss of the season, falling to Lancaster-Iroquois-Depew 4-1. Mount Mercy's Grace Harrington (West Seneca) took the loss in net, stopping 17 of 20 shots. Harrington rebounded well in her next start, amassing 29 saves and helping the team to a 2-1 victory against Clarence-Amherst-Sweet Home. The team avenged an earlier loss when it defeated Williamsville 4-0.

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team defeated both Sacred Heart and Nichols last week. The Magic currently have a 9-3 overall record and a 2-1 mark in the league. Mount Mercy toppled Sacred Heart 55-50 and Nichols 37-19.

Coach John Glose was thrilled with the team's win over Sacred Heart, one of the league's perennial top teams. "It was an outstanding win, fueled by an amazing team effort, led by our three seniors. I couldn't be prouder of this team for its toughness, grit and team first attitude," Glose remarked. Mount Mercy trailed by six heading into the last quarter but never gave up nor stopped believing that they would win.

Senior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) led the way with 15 points, followed by classmates Josslynn Strang (Westfield) and Angelina Pacholczak (Orchard Park). Strang had ten points and 12 rebounds and Pacholczak had nine points. Glose also credited Pacholczak with a play that changed the momentum of the game. "Angel sacrificed her body for the team and took a charge from Sacred Heart's best player," Glose said.

Also playing well for the Magic were junior Tierney Ashe and sophomore Hannah Fredo. Ashe played the entire game at point guard and scored nine points to go with six rebounds and four assists. She also hit a clutch three pointer in the pivotal fourth quarter. Fredo had nine points and nine rebounds.

The Magic utilized its strong team defense against Nichols to compensate for a cold shooting game. Mount Mercy held Nichols to just 19 points while only shooting 23 percent. The Magic dominated on the boards, grabbing 51 rebounds, including 20 offensive caroms. Fredo had what Glose called an outstanding game, hauling down 15 rebounds, blocking six shots and scoring 8 points. Also playing well were Hamm with seven points and seven rebounds; Strang had nine points and six rebounds and Ashe added eight points.

Mount Mercy has a tough week ahead with league contests against Nardin, Mount Saint Mary and O'Hara.

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team won its only match of the week, sweeping Buffalo Seminary 4-0, pushing the team's overall record to 35-5, one game out of first place. Sophomore Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) led the way with a 186 and a 178. Senior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) rolled a

160 and a 155 and senior Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) chipped in with games of 157, 149 and 145. Junior Allysyn Pajek (West Seneca) had a 152 and a 127.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team tied Sacred Heart 2-2 and the blind (85 per person-340 total pins) 4-0 last week. Senior Grace Willert (West Seneca) 136 and 113 and freshman Dominique Khoury's 111 led the team against Sacred Heart. Junior Bella Morcelle (West Seneca) had a 128, Khoury had a 115 and a 112, Willert rolled a 113, freshman Annie Bernard (Orchard Park) scored a 109 and junior Maura Kull (West Seneca) had a 106

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team split two contests last week, falling to Sacred Heart and defeating Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts.

Sophomore Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) was the top scorer and rebounder against Sacred Heart.

All eleven players got into the action against Performing Arts as the Magic won by a score of 61-24. Coach Peter Krug felt that his team's full court press broke the game open in the second quarter and then his half court defense forced the opponents into poor shots. Freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) led the offense with 26 points, including five three pointers. She also had four assists. Freshman Madison Edwards (Buffalo) had 12 points, five steals and three assists. Sophomore Megan Reilly (Buffalo) had eight points, four assists and four rebounds and freshman Desiree Diaz-Torres (Lackawanna) had four points, five rebounds and four steals.



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