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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team won two games and tied a third last week. The team currently holds an 8-2-1 overall record. The team's first victory was a 7-2 defeat of Kenmore. Senior Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) tallied one of the goals and sophomore Grace Harrington (West Seneca) was the winning goaltender. Harrington continued her winning ways, shutting out West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden 3-0. Freshman Gracee Donovan (Orchard Park) assisted on the first two goals. The team tied league leading Frontier –Lake Shore- Orchard Park in overtime, 3-3. Harrington was outstanding in goal, stopping 45 of the 48 shots she faced.



Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team had a successful week, sweeping Cardinal O'Hara and the Blind 4-0 and besting Nardin 3-1. Against Cardinal O'Hara, junior Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) had a high game of 162, freshman Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) rolled a 154 and junior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) tallied a 147. Mazurkiewicz led the way against Nardin with a 178 and a 156. Coleman added a 169 and Batchev had a 471 series (160-157-154).

When bowling against the Blind, the team must beat average scores of 140. Mazurkiewicz paced the team with a 209, 176 and 168.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy Junior Varsity Bowling team struggled last week, losing to Buffalo Seminary 4-0 and splitting with Nardin 2-2. Senior Kate Marabella (Cheektowaga) rolled a 140 and 123 and junior Breanna Sikora had a 117, 112 and 111.

Varsity Basketball

The young and competitive Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team continues to work hard to overcome their lack of experience. The team lost to Mount Saint Mary 50-34 and fell to Chautauqua Lake 54-47 in the opening game of the Pioneer Tournament before defeating Pioneer 50-37 in the consolation game.

The Magic were within striking distance at the half against Mount Saint Mary trailing by five points. However, the Magic were outscored 17-9 in the third quarter and were not able to overcome the deficit. Freshman Cecelia Strang (Westfield) paced the team with nine points. Sophomore Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) added eight points.

The Magic used a balanced attack against Pioneer, building 35-20 lead at the half. Freshman Hannah Fredo (Buffalo), junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and senior Abigail Hillery (Hamburg) paced the team with eight points each. Josslynn Strang added seven points and Cecelia Strang and Ferrentino chipped in with six points each.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team lost three games last week, falling to Mount Saint Mary 63-50, lost 52-47 to Chautauqua Lake in the opening game of the Pioneer Tournament and fell to Pioneer in the consolation game 43-39.

A slow start plagued the Magic against Mount Saint Mary as the team fell behind 15-3 after one quarter. The team battled back and forged a tie in the third quarter but hot shooting by Mount Saint Mary allowed them to pull away from Mount Mercy. Freshman Emily Kessler (West Seneca) led the team with 15 points. Coach Molly Gasuik said she played an outstanding game around the offensive basket. Sophomore Brittney Meredith (Cheektowaga) added 11 points and sophomores Brigid Burke (Buffalo) and Erin Jackson (Buffalo) and freshman Katie Zak (Hamburg) each had five points. "Although we lost the game," Gasuik commented, "the team worked very hard and never gave up. It is also impressive that we scored 47 points in three quarters."

The contest against Chautauqua Lake was back and forth throughout. The Magic battled hard but ran out of time. Kessler and sophomore Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) led the team with ten points. Zak added eight and Burke had six. “Brigid Burke played an outstanding game driving to the basket and drawing fouls. Unfortunately she got hurt playing defense in the third quarter,” Gasuik remarked.

Playing Pioneer without the benefit of practice due to the weather, was a disadvantage for Mount Mercy. The team also had to play without Burke, their starting point guard, due to the injury she suffered the game before. Kessler and Meredith led the way with 12 points each and Zak added six points. Gasuik commended freshman Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) for her outstanding defensive play. She had several steals and was the team’s top defender.

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