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Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team won one game this week, defeating Nardin 45-21 and lost twice, to Sacred Heart 68-34 and to Nichols 50-37.

The team utilized a tenacious team defense and a balanced offense to rout Nardin. Junior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) led all scorers with 18 points, almost outscoring the entire Nardin team. She had 18 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Fellow junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) added seven points, three assists and a team high 12 rebounds. Senior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) chipped in with five points, four rebounds and two assists. Sophomore Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) had five points and five rebounds and freshman Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) had eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Eight of the ten Mercy players scored in this game.

Sacred Heart proved to be too much for the Magic. Ferrentino paced the team with eight points, freshman Cecilia Strang (Westfield) added seven points and Hannah Fredo and Josslynn Strang added six points each.

The Magic started strong against Nichols, trailing by 2 after the first quarter 12-10. However the team struggled in the second quarter as Nichols outscored the Magic 11-4 to build a 23-14 halftime advantage. The team battled hard, but was unable to overcome the deficit. Cecilia Strang continued her strong freshman campaign, leading the team with ten points. Emma Fredo and Josslynn Strang each had 8 points for Mount Mercy, including a pair of three point shots for Fredo.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team split its two games this week, defeating Nardin and losing to Sacred Heart.

The Magic blew open a close game against Nardin in the fourth quarter, outscoring them 17-2 to secure a 49-29 victory. "Starting the 4th quarter the score was 32-27. It was an extremely close basketball game. We were able to force 4 turnovers in a row just based on our hard work pressing Nardin full court, Coach Molly Gasuik remarked. "These turnovers led to baskets by us which really changed the momentum in the game to us." Freshman Emily Kessler (West Seneca) led the team with 15 points and sophomore Britney Meredith (Cheektowaga) added 11. Sophomores Lizzy Lang (Buffalo), Lily Kasperik (Forestville) and Brigid Burke (Buffalo), added 8, 6 and 5 points respectively. "This was a big win for us, and a team win and most importantly, a well-deserved win. We worked hard," Gasuik said.

The Magic fell to a hot shooting Sacred Heart team 40-28. Gasuik commented that Sacred Heart was a strong team and that their shots were dropping while the Magic's were not. "We played hard, but we started slow against a tough opponent," Gasuik stated. Kessler again led all scorers for Mount Mercy with eight points. Lang added 5 points and freshman Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) had four points.

Varsity Bowling

Last week the Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team defeated Park School 4-0 and Sacred Heart 3-1. Against Park, Junior Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) rolled a 191 and a 198 and junior Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) totaled a 163 and a 157. Freshman Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) had a high game of 145. Mazurkiewicz was again the top bowler for the Magic against Sacred Heart, rolling a three

game set of 504 with games of 181, 170 and 153. Coleman had a 165 and a 163 and Batchev totaled a 159 and a 149.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team closed its season with a 4-0 victory over Buffalo Seminary in its last match. The team, comprised of five newcomers, finished with a 27-37 record. Junior Breanna Sikora (Buffalo) had a high game of 138. Senior Kate Marabella (Cheektowaga) had a 126 and a 115 and senior Chloe George (Buffalo) had a 105.

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League Hockey team won two games and lost one last week. The team battled Frontier-Lake Shore-Orchard Park and lost a hard fought 1-0 decision. Grace Harrington (West Seneca) was once again in net, recording 23 saves. The team then shut out West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden 4-0. Harrington picked up the shut-out, collecting 17 saves. Seniors Fiona Danahy and Sophie Robinson of Buffalo closed out their home hockey careers in style on Senior Night. Robinson picked up an assist and Danahy recorded a goal. The team played West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden again the next night and once again won, shutting out its opponent 3-0. The Magic provided both the defense and the offense in this game. Harrington had nine saves and again picked up the shutout in net and Robinson had a hat trick, scoring all three goals. Danahy assisted on two of the goals. The team has two more games before the playoffs begin.

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