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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Softball

The Mount Mercy Softball team won all three of its games last week. The Magic opened league play with a thrilling come from behind victory, defeating Sacred Heart Academy 8-7. Sacred Heart opened up a 7-0 advantage in the top of the third inning. Mount Mercy closed the gap to 7-3 at the end of the third inning. Seniors Chloe Manikowski (Depew) and Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) led off with singles and scored on senior Allison Rogowski’s (West Seneca) single. Senior Mary Bala (West Seneca) singled Rogowski home. Rogowski came in to pitch at the top of the fourth and held Sacred Heart scoreless over the last four innings, striking out five, while giving up only one hit and one walk. Senior Laura Gregory (Buffalo) tripled in the fourth, driving in Lewandowski. Gregory scored on a fielder’s choice. The Magic took the lead in the fifth inning on Lewandowski’s three run homerun. Sophomore Tina Zambron (Lackawanna) added three hits.

The Magic defeated City Honors 15-6 in the team’s second game of the week. Lewandowski and Rogowski led the way at the plate. Both players went four for five and hit a home run. In addition, each drove in three runs. Senior Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) also went four for five and had five runs batted in. Coach Molly Gasuik thought the pitching and hitting were strong, but the team struggled a bit with some errors on easy fly balls.

Mount Mercy traveled to Medina and won another non-league contest and won in a rain soaked contest 10-4. The Magic got off to a fast start, amassing five runs in the first inning and then came alive in the last inning to score four more runs. Rogowski continued her torrid hitting pace with three doubles and three RBIs while once again going four for five. Gregory earned the victory on the mound with nine strikeouts. “We knew this was going to be a tough game. It rained the whole entire time and it was freezing out, but we were up to the challenge. Defensively we were a lot better from the day before. It was a good team win,” Gasuik remarked.
Tennis

The less than ideal spring conditions have hampered the progress of the Mount Mercy tennis team. The weather makes it difficult to practice and develop any continuity.

In its second match of the year the team lost to Buffalo Seminary 5-0. The team’s three singles players, sophomore Maddie DiGiore (Lakeview) and seniors Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) and Paige Siebold (West Seneca) fought hard in their singles matches before falling to their opponents.

The Magic lost to Saint Mary’s of Lancaster 3-2. DiGiore won her first singles match 6-1 and 6-4. Robinson won at third singles 6-0 and 6-1. Coach Whalen felt that the DiGiore and Robinson played really well and that the team continues to improve.

Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy Lacrosse team won one game and lost two last week. The team won its first game of the year, defeating host Saint Mary’s of Lancaster 14-13. The Magic led the game from beginning to end. Saint Mary’s tied the game in the last two minutes but Mount Mercy responded with a goal and held on defensively for the win. Senior Mary Barns (Fredonia) led the team with five goals and an assist. Sophomore Sara Geiser (West Seneca) chipped in with four goals and an assist. Freshman Gracee Donovan (Orchard Park) scored twice and senior Abby Hillery (Hamburg), junior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) and sophomore Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) each scored a goal. Rullan and Ashe both recorded an assist as well. Coach Kristi Reed was pleased after the game. “The girls worked hard for this, their first win of the season. This first win was huge in building up confidence and an energy boost desperately needed,” Reed commented.

The team worked hard against Nardin but lost the game 15-7. Donovan led the way with three goals, Geiser added two and Hillery added one. Junior Lily Kane (Buffalo) notched her first goal of the season as well.

The team struggled against Mount Saint Mary losing 19-3. The team was short handed, with only two subs which also hurt the team’s efforts. Donovan, Geiser and freshman Megan Reilly (Hamburg) each scored. Coach Reed was pleased with her team’s efforts in both games, particularly the players who stepped up and played unfamiliar positions.

Track

The Mount Mercy Track team competed in a steady rain during their second meet of the year. The Magic split a double dual meet, beating Saint Mary’s of Lancaster 61-43 and falling to Cardinal O’Hara 80-23. Freshman Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) won the 400 meter run with a time of 1:11.0. She was also, along with sophomores Grace Harrington (West Seneca), Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) and Bella Morcelle (West Seneca) part of the winning 4 by 800 meter relay team. The group won in a time of 12:14.91. Harrington also placed second in both the 1500 and 3000 meter runs. Morcelle placed fourth in the 1500 and Seifert placed fifth in the 800. Seifert, Morcelle, Larivey and senior Yamilet Montanez (Buffalo) also placed second in the 4 by 400 meter relay. Seniors Christina Billittier (Angola), Hellen Modi (Buffalo) and freshmen Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) and Mega Reilly (Hamburg) teamed up to place second in the 4 by 100 meter relay. Lauciello also placed third in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Reilly placed fourth in the 400.

Three members of the team also competed in the West Seneca Invitational last week. Harrington ran the 3000 in a time of 12:58.07 and placed 13th. Morcelle competed in the 1500 and placed 19th with a time of 6:20.15. Larivey competed in the long jump, jumping 12’5” and finished 13th. She also ran the 200 and 400 meter runs. She placed 16th in the 200 and finished 6th in the 400 with her best time of the season, a 1:09.31.