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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team won its only match of the week, easily defeating Niagara Catholic 25-8, 25-9 and 25-15. The entire team played well and contributed to the victory. Junior Mary Bala (West Seneca) led the team with six aces and four kills and fellow junior Emily Lewandowski also added four kills and tallied 11 assists. The team will face Nardin on Friday October 28 in the quarterfinals of the league playoffs.

### Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team competed against Sacred Heart last week, losing the meet 20-43. Although the team lost, freshman Grace Harrington (West Seneca) won the race with a time of 22:52. Bella Morcelle, (West Seneca), also a freshman, placed ninth with a time of 24:31. Freshman Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) finished tenth, senior Claire Koessler (Derby) took eleventh place and freshman Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) rounded out the top five in twelfth place. The team closes its regular season this week against Nichols.

### Varsity Soccer

Mount Mercy's Varsity Soccer team lost a heartbreaker in the playoff quarterfinals. The team battled Mount Saint Mary in a steady downpour to a 2-2 tie through double overtime, finally losing on penalty kicks.

The Magic used goals by seniors Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) and Abby Krug (Buffalo) to build a 2-0 halftime lead. Sophomore Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) earned the assist on the second goal. Mount Saint Mary scored its first goal on a penalty kick with eight minutes left in regulation and then tied it three minutes later.

Despite the loss, Coach Brittany Myers was proud of her team. "We outplayed them for 72 minutes and used the entire field. We had great ball movement, played as a team and played hard. I am very proud of my team and it was a good last game for the seniors. It was the best game I have seen them play together all season," Myers remarked.

### JV Volleyball

Mount Mercy's JV Volleyball team closed its season with a convincing win over Niagara Catholic. The Magic won all three games, closing their season with a 4-4 record. The entire team played and played well during the match. Strong serving was provided by Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell), Amanda Songin (Springville) and Katie Hughes (Orchard Park). Coach Molly Gasuik was pleased with her team's play.

"Everyone on this team did something during the game that stood out to me. It was nice to see because they all did what we have been working on this whole season, for example a perfect pass to the setter, aces, back row kills, tips from the setter and front row kills," Gasuik remarked. "I honestly can't say enough about the 14 girls on this volleyball team. From day one until now they are a totally different team, and have improved tremendously. They never gave up and came to practice every day ready to work hard and get better."

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