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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team opened its season with a tri-meet against Sacred Heart and Nichols. Although the team did not win either meet, Coach Bob Walsh was pleased with his team's performance in its first meet of the year. Leading the team was junior Grace Harrington (West Seneca). She finished in a time of 24:19.53. Junior newcomer Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) was next for the Magic with a time of 26:16.28. Finishing right behind Hughes was junior Bella Morcelle with a time of 26:17.62. Rounding out Mount Mercy's competitors were sophomore Megan Jozwiak (Springville) with a time of 28:33.71, sophomore Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) at 28:37.25 and junior Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) with a 28:25.76 clocking.

Several team members also competed in the Saint Mary's of Lancaster Invitational last week. The invitational was held on the same course as the tri-meet. Hughes improved her time by 1:23, clocking a 25:03.04 and Jobson knocked off a 1:03, finishing in 27:49.95.

Golf

The Mount Mercy Academy Golf team closed its season with a close loss to Buffalo Seminary, losing by nine strokes. Junior Madelyn DiGiore (Lakeview) was the medalist for the match, finishing with a nine hole total of 56 . DiGiore also represented the team at the All-Catholic Championships. With her top golfer returning for another year, Coach Kate Lynch is looking forward to next season.

Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team dropped its match to Nichols 22-25, 14-25 and 21-25. Despite the loss, Coach Brittany Sanscrainte is pleased with her team's progress. "I am impressed with the team's effort. We are becoming more competitive and I am excited to see where we are when we realize our full potential," Sanscrainte remarked. Sophomore Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) served well for the Magic with two aces and she added four kills. Strong back row play was provided by juniors Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) and Sara Ferraraccio (Sloan) with four digs and three digs, respectively. Allysyn Pajek (West Seneca) added two aces.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team defeated host Nichols in all three games of its match last week. The Magic won 25-12, 25-20 and 15-2. The win evened the team's record at 2-2. Sophomores Emma Wilson (Buffalo) and Ryllie Padilla (Buffalo) were the team's top servers. Wilson scored 14 points on her serve, including 6 aces and Padilla had 18 points, including 13 in a row in the third game and had four aces. Wilson also added three kills. Freshman Mara Santana (Buffalo) served the final three points of the decisive second game and Darian Boyer (West Seneca) had a good overall match with nine points on her serve, two aces and a kill. Coach Shannon Feind commented, "The girls, as a whole, improved their communication on and off the court and their ability to work as a team. They did not get down on themselves when Nichols went on a few good runs during Game 2 and persevered to win."

Varsity Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team has been hit hard by the injury bug this season. The team has had to play its last few games without three starters and the last game and a half was played with no substitutes. The Magic played tough against Mount Saint Mary's but lost 3-0. The team faced Buffalo Seminary next and battled to a 2-2 at the half but two more injuries left the team without subs and they were unable to hold off Buffalo Seminary in the second half, losing 7-3. Seniors Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) and Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) each scored a goal and Hamm added an assist. The team also lost to Nichols.



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