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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Academy Cross Country team continued to improve and lower their times. Junior Grace Harrington (West Seneca) placed second in a meet held at Cazenovia Park last week. She completed the course in 23:12.75. Katie Hughes (Orchard Park), also a junior, finished fourth with a time of 24:27.46. Sophomore Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) was sixth with a time of 25:09.46. Rounding out Mount Mercy's finishers was junior Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) who clocked in with a 25:52.31, good for ninth place. The team completes its regular season slate this week with a meet against Saint Mary's of Lancaster and Mount Saint Mary's.

Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team battled hard but lost its three matches last week. The team opened its week with a match against Mount Saint Mary's and lost 19-25, 19-25 and 13-25. Junior Amanda Songin (Springville) had a strong day serving, accumulating six aces. Junior Allysyn Pajek (West Seneca) had two kills and five digs and sophomore Hannah Fredo had two kills and a block. "Our serving kept us in the match," Coach Brittany Sanscrainte commented, "But we had trouble playing their hits."

The Magic faced Olmstead in a non-league match and lost in four games. The team lost the first game 25-27, won the second 25-23 and dropped the next two by 19-25 scores. Despite the loss, Sanscrainte was pleased with her team's effort. Junior Olivia Seifert (Lakeview) had 19 assists and great hustle. Junior Sara Geiser (West Seneca) had three aces, a block and a kill and six digs. Juniors Brigid Burke (Buffalo) and Brianna Starzynski each had five digs.

The team faced Nardin in its third match of the week and lost 23-25, 15-25 and 18-25. Sophomore Emma Wilson (Buffalo) made her varsity debut, and picked up a block and a dig.

The team closes its regular season this week with its "Dig Pink" game to benefit Breast Cancer Research.

Varsity Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer Team continued to hustle and work hard. The team lost two hard fought games last week. The Magic lost to Nardin 4-0 in the first game of the week, improving throughout the game to hold Nardin scoreless in the second half. The team closed the week with a 5-1 loss to Mount Saint Mary. Senior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) scored for the Magic off a corner kick. The team generated 20 shots on goal, but was unable to score any other goals. Coach Brittany Myers commended sophomore Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) for her strong play and exceptional hustle. Myers is proud of the team's improvement.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball Team won one of its three matches last week, raising its record to 5-7. The Magic lost to Mount Saint Mary's in its first game of the week 18-25 and 26-28. Sophomore Emma Wilson (Buffalo) had four kills and a block. Freshman Darian Boyer (West Seneca) had an ace, a kill and seven critical digs. Coach Shannon Feind felt her team played its best volleyball of the season in

this match, showing great hustle and determination. Next the Magic faced Olmstead and won 25-10 and 25-12. The team exhibited strong serving in the match, accumulating 12 aces. Sophomore Ryllie Padilla (Buffalo) led the team with four aces and sophomore Megan Quinn (Hamburg) added two aces. Mount Mercy ended its week with a hard fought match against Nardin, falling 11-25 and 19-25. Padilla served perfectly and had an ace and Quinn added a kill and an ace. Freshman Mary Vattes added an ace and a dig.

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