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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Academy Varsity Volleyball team won one match and lost two last week. The team currently holds a 2-3 league record. The Magic dropped matches to Sacred Heart and Rochester Mercy and defeated Cardinal O'Hara.

The scores against Sacred Heart were 16-25, 18-25 and 11-25. Despite the loss, Coach Brittany Sanscrainte feels the team is more competitive and continues to improve. Sacred Heart is a perennial top team in the Monsignor Martin League. Junior Brigid Burke (Buffalo) and sophomore Kate Ryan (Buffalo) led the team with three digs each.

A Section Five powerhouse, Rochester Mercy bested the Magic in three games. "Rochester Mercy is an extremely strong team and found a way to exploit our weaknesses," Sanscrainte remarked. Sophomore Catherine Zak (Hamburg) had an ace and junior Amanda Songin (Springville) had three digs.

The entire team played well and contributed to the victory over Cardinal O'Hara. The Magic won in four games, 25-8, 25-16, 16-25 and 25-16. Ryan had a strong match, recording 11 kills, six aces and three digs. Zak played as the team's only setter, recording a kill, three aces and a block while running the team's offense. Sophomore Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) had three kills, three aces and a block. Junior Brianna Starzinski due to an injury, according to Sanscrainte really stepped up and played front row, a position she normally does not play. "I am impressed with the resilience of the team. They have shown the ability to be able to change positions and plays during the middle of the game. I hope this match will be a springboard for the rest of the season," the coach concluded.

### Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Academy Cross Country team won one match and lost one this week. The Magic defeated Cardinal O'Hara 15-50 and lost to Nardin by the same score. Once again junior Grace Harrington (West Seneca) led the Magic, finishing with a time of 22:42.43. Sophomore Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) was the next finisher, clocking in at 23:56.81. Junior Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) was next with a time of 23:56.81 and junior Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) was timed at 25:17.59. Sophomore Megan Jozwiak (Springville) had a time of 25:38.49, just edging out junior teammate Bella Morcelle (West Seneca) who completed the race in 25:39.81. "The team is getting stronger every day," Coach Bob Walsh commented. "Less than three minutes separated our top six runners." The team is back in action on Saturday the 13th when it competes in the Alden Invitational.

### Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team continued to battle against injuries and opponents. The team lost two games last week, a non-league contest to Frontier and a league game to Sacred Heart. Freshman Lily Janik (Angola) was peppered with shots by Frontier, but finished with a save percentage of 83 percent. Senior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) scored the team's lone goal on a cross from sophomore Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park). Rullan currently ranks third in points scored in the league with 29. She has nine goals and eleven assists.

Although Coach Brittany Myers said having Lauciello return from an injury helps the team, there are still three starters missing. Senior Megan Cycon (West Seneca) scored the team's goal against Sacred Heart, with Lauciello picking up the assist on her cross.

## JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team won one match and lost two last week. The team defeated Cardinal O'Hara but lost to Sacred Heart and Rochester Mercy. The Magic lost to Sacred Heart 11-25 and 18-25. Freshman Mara Santana (Buffalo) recorded three aces and sophomore Ryllie Padilla (Buffalo) served for 14 points. Sophomores Laila Aloï (Orchard Park) and Aislinn Farrell (West Seneca) each had five digs.

The team lost to Rochester Mercy 12-25 and 19-25. Sophomore Emma Wilson (Buffalo) had a kill, two aces and served for nine points.

The JV Magic defeated Cardinal O'Hara 25-18 and 25-16. Although it was a total team effort and win, Wilson led the way with an ace and two kills. Sophomore Natalia Weltjen (Orchard Park) added four aces while serving for 14 points.



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