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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-up

### Lacrosse

Not even the cold and blustery weather conditions could cool off the red-hot Mount Mercy Lacrosse team in its opener. The team jumped out to an 8-1 halftime advantage on the way to a 12-1 victory over rival Nardin. The win was especially gratifying for the team as Nardin bested the Magic in last year's semi-final playoff game.

"It was exactly how we needed to start our season," Coach Melissa Graham remarked. "We lost to Nardin last year in the playoffs so it was good to start the season with a win against them. We still have a lot of room for growth, but it was rewarding to see the growth in individual play and team chemistry."

Returning First Team All-Catholic senior Brigid Keane (Buffalo) started her season right where she left off, scoring five goals and earning two assists while fielding 11 ground balls. She set up the first two goals of the game with her assists to senior Emily Gawlak (Buffalo) and junior Brigid Lempko (West Seneca). Lempko also added three additional goals during the game. Graham credited junior Arielle Brown's (Buffalo) influence on the field as keeping the team settled as she added two goals.

Defensive standouts included junior goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) with four saves and senior Stephanie Evaniak (Buffalo) and junior Abby Krug (Buffalo) did a great job of cleaning up ground balls and protecting the goal area.

The Magic's season continues with contests against Mount Saint Mary and Buffalo Seminary this week.



## Softball

The weather caused the Mount Mercy Softball team's opener against Fredonia to be postponed after two and a half innings. The team opens its league season this week against Cardinal O'Hara and has non-league contests with Springville and Iroquois as well.

## Tennis

Mount Mercy Tennis had its opener cancelled due to the weather conditions. The team takes to the courts this week against Park School and Buffalo Seminary.

## Track

Mount Mercy's Track team will open its season April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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