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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Academy's bowling team's amazing success continued as they swept 7 of 8 games last week, making it 19 of the last 20 games that they have won. The team now has a record of 23-5. The team began the week defeating Cardinal O'Hara 4-0. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) paced the team with a 170 and a 161. She was closely followed by sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) with a 171 and a 149. Junior Chloe Manikowski (Depew) added a 141 and senior Valerie Boeck (Buffalo) had a 130. The team dropped one of the four games to Nardin, halting their win streak. Batchev led the way this time with a 221 and a 160, while Thomas rolled a 164, 162 and 153. Batchev's 221 is currently the high single game score in the league. Manikowski had games of 149 and 145 and Boeck had a 144.

### Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team won both of its non-league games last week, defeating Cheektowaga 39-30 in overtime and easily defeating Maryvale 49-15. The team's record now stands at 2-1.

At the end of regulation against Cheektowaga the score was tied at 28. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) controlled the tip and fellow senior Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) hit a three pointer with 15 seconds gone to put the Magic up 31-28. Cheektowaga then scored its only 2 points of the overtime on two foul shots at the 2:25 mark to make the score 31-30. Ashe drove to the basket and scored making the Magic lead 33-30 at the 2:13 mark. Ashe scored again, hitting a long range jumper to push the lead to 35-30. Ashe passed to junior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) fifteen seconds later who then made a basket to make the score 37-30 with a minute left. Ashe was fouled with 2.1 seconds left and hit both to close the scoring at 39-30. During the overtime Hughes also added three rebounds and a blocked shot. Senior Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) contributed seven points and Hughes added six points. Ashe led all scorers with 19 points and had eleven rebounds and four blocked shots.

The entire team contributed in the win against Maryvale. Coach John Glose commended the team on its excellent team defense. "The communication, teamwork and hustle on the defensive end was the difference in the game," Glose remarked.

Hughes led the balanced offensive attack with eleven points. Sophomore Josslynn Strang (Westfield) had eight points and senior Clare McKeone (Hamburg) added seven points. Also scoring for the Magic were Mallory Ashe with six points, freshman Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) with five points, freshman Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) and junior Abby Hillery each had four points, Fredo scored three points and sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) added a point.

This week the Magic continue their road games, taking on Nichols and Springville. The Springville contest will be on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> and it is a Salute to Service game. Proceeds from the game will go to support local American Legion and VFW posts. Admission to the game will be five dollars and fans are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The JV contest begins at noon and the varsity game starts at 1:30.



## Varsity Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Hockey team won two games and tied another last week. The team defeated Kenmore-Grand Island 2-1 and West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden and tied previously undefeated Williamsville 1-1.

The Monsignor Martin team was losing 1-0 against Kenmore-Grand Island before they inserted Mount Mercy senior and first team all-star Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) into goal in the second period. She held them scoreless the rest of the way and the team added two goals to earn the victory. Gawronski was also in the net against Williamsville and earned the tie against the high scoring Williamsville team. The Magic hockey players continued to play strong defense and to attack on offense against the West Seneca-Hamburg-Eden team.



### JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV bowling team dropped a match to Mount Saint Mary 0-4 and tied with O'Hara 2-2. The team's record is 16.5-11.5. Against O'Hara, seniors Sheryl Little (Cheektowaga) and Emmaline Robinson (West Seneca) had high games of 124 and 116 respectively.

### JV Basketball

The Magic JV Basketball team won both of its non-league contests last week, defeating Cheektowaga 43-22 and Maryvale 29-25. In the Cheektowaga game Mount Mercy led from the very beginning and never relinquished their lead. Freshman Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) led the balanced scoring with eleven points. Sophomores Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) and Megan Cycon (West Seneca) had nine and eight points respectively. Freshmen Brigid Burke (Buffalo) added five points and

Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) provided strong rebounding and a defensive spark. Despite the presence of a loud Cheektowaga fan base, the Magic kept their composure and played well.

In a closely contested game, Mount Mercy held on to defeat Maryvale and raise its record to 2-1. Cycon led the team with twelve points and Burke chipped in with seven points, including the team's last five points. Coach Molly Gasuik credits her team's full court pressure as making the difference in the game. She felt her team played hard and never gave up despite a slow start.

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