Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Last week’s wintry weather played havoc with our sports schedule. One varsity and junior varsity bowling match and one junior varsity and varsity basketball game were postponed.

Monsignor Martin Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Girls Varsity Hockey team raised its record to 4-1-1 as it won its only contest of the week. The team, with Mount Mercy senior Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) in net, defeated Amherst-Clarence-Sweet Home 3-2. The team faces Lancaster-Iroquois and Williamsville later this week.

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity bowling team avenged its opening 4-0 loss to Mount Saint Mary with a 3-1 win. These victories against previously the previously undefeated Mount Saint Mary team raised the Magic’s record to 26-6. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) paced the team with a 518 set (191-170-157). Sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) rolled games of 166 and 157. Senior Val Boeck (Buffalo) and junior Chloe Manikowski (Depew) contributed games of 149 and 141 respectively.

JV Bowling

The Magic JV bowling team fared better against Mount Saint Mary than it did in its opening match, but still lost, losing 1.5 to 2.5. Freshman Hanna Chmielowiec (Lackawanna) had a 125, senior Claire Termini (Buffalo) rolled a 119 and senior Sheryl Little (Cheektowaga) had a 117.

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy varsity basketball team won its third straight game, narrowly defeating host Springville 34-33. The game was a Salute to Service game, replacing the Wounded Warrior game that the two teams have played for the past four seasons. The game between the two teams generated $1500 for the Springville area American Legion and VFW posts.

“There were no losers in this game,” Coach John Glose remarked. “Both teams won as we raised $1500 for our servicemen and service women.”

The Magic were trailing 18-13 at the halftime but used great defense and timely playmaking to shut out Springville 10-0 in the third quarter to go in front 23-18. The Magic held in the fourth quarter for the win. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) led all scorers with 14 points. Fellow seniors Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) and Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) chipped in six and four points respectively. Sophomores Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and Josslynn Strang (Westfield) each added four points and junior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) added two.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV basketball team defeated Springville 36-30, the team’s third straight victory. The team currently holds a record of 3-1. Freshman Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) paced the
team with 14 points. Sophomore Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) added eight points and freshmen Brigid Burke (Buffalo) and Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) each contributed five points. Coach Molly Gasuik credits a strong start and high energy on the court for the victory. She also noted that the team played excellent defense in the second quarter allowing the team to build a 19-8 advantage.