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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy varsity bowling team won both of its matches last week, defeating both Saint Mary's of Lancaster and Cardinal O'Hara 4-0. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) led the way against St. Mary's with a high game of 197 and a 506 series. Junior Chloe Manikowski (Depew) bowled a personal best of 191, which is the fifth highest single game in the league this year. Thomas' 197 is the third highest single game this year. Sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) rolled 168 and 165 and senior Val Boeck (Buffalo) had a 154 and 146.

Batchev led the way against Cardinal O'Hara with a 165 and 152. Thomas contributed two games of 151 and Manikowski had a 145.

The team is currently in second place with a 41-7 record.

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Magic split two league games last week, defeating Nardin 35-32 and losing to Sacred Heart 46-39. The Magic built up a 30-17 advantage after three quarters and held off a Nardin rally in the fourth quarter for the win. Sophomore Josslynn Strang (Westfield), in her first varsity start, recorded her personal best, leading the team with 13 points. Senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) played another strong all-around game. She had seven rebounds, three blocks, three steals and added 11 points.

Coach John Glose credits great team defense as the key to the team's important league victory. He singled out the defense on Nardin's forwards, both who stand over six feet tall, as being "huge for us".

Mount Mercy led by five against Sacred Heart, currently ranked as the #5 large school in Western New York as the fourth quarter began but was not able to withstand a Sacred Heart rally in the final quarter. The fact that the Magic were ahead to begin the fourth quarter is especially noteworthy since the team fell behind 11-0 after the opening four minutes of the game.

"Despite being down 11-0, our team showed great character and continued to keep their heads up and started to play even harder and tougher," Glose remarked. "We ended the quarter with an 11-2 run and ended up being down by just a basket at the end of the first quarter."

Mount Mercy took the lead in the third quarter after senior Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) hit two three pointers back to back. Sacred Heart hit some big shots and most of their free throws in the fourth quarter to earn the victory.

"I am extremely proud of the way the team played," Glose stated. "We played tough, together and selfless. We had intensity for all four quarters. If we can play the way we played in this game for the rest of the season, we will be tough to beat."

Ashe led all scorers with 19 points, including two three pointers. She had ten rebounds and eight blocks as well. Glose stated that she was the best player on the floor. Sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) contributed 7 points, Bamrick had six points on two threes, and Strang added five points.

Monsignor Martin Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Hockey team split their two games last week, shutting out Kenmore-Grand Island 3-0 and falling to Frontier-Lake Shore-Orchard Park 5-1 . Senior Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) picked up the win in goal, posting the shut-out. Senior Julia Ahr (Buffalo) scored her second goal of the season and junior Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) added an assist. Gawronski was not in goal for the loss.

JV Bowling

The Magic JV bowlers had a very successful week, sweeping both Cardinal O’Hara and Buffalo Seminary 4-0. Against Cardinal O’Hara the team was led by senior Emmaline Robinson (West Seneca) with a 127 and 125 and freshman Bridget Whelan (West Seneca) had a personal best game 154, which is the third highest JV single game in the league this year. Freshman Hanna Chmielowicz (Lackawanna) had a 128 and senior Marissa Neubeck (Lackawanna) totaled a 114.

Chmielowicz had a personal best of 134 and a 120. Robinson had a 126 and a 120 and senior Claire Termini (Buffalo) added a 112.

JV Basketball

The young Mount Mercy JV basketball team dropped two games last week, losing to Nardin 31-26 and falling to Sacred Heart 44-18. The team struggled in the first half against Nardin scoring only seven points in the half. However the team kept fighting and managed to close the gap in the second half. Freshmen Britney Meredith (Cheektowaga) and Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) paced the team with eight points each. Despite the loss Coach Molly Gasuik was pleased with her team’s effort and determination. She felt the team gave it all they had and if they had scored more points in the first half, that they could have won the game.

Points proved hard to come by in the second game of the week. The lone offensive bright spot was Meredith who had 11 points. Gasuik was frustrated by the fact her team works really hard in practice but it didn’t translate onto the court against Sacred Heart.

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