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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team split two matches last week, defeating Nardin and losing to league leading Mount Saint Mary. The team swept Nardin 4-0. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) led the way with games of 192 and 148. Sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) rolled a 171 and a 145. Junior Chloe Manikowski (Depew) had a high game of 156 and senior Val Boeck (Buffalo) recorded a high score of 142. Mount Saint Mary reversed the results of the last meeting between the two teams which was a Magic victory. Thomas paced the team with a 211 and a 160. Manikowski had a 161 and a 150 and Batchev had a 144.

Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin hockey team won two games last week, narrowly defeating Lancaster-Iroquois 1-0 and dropping a tough game to Kenmore-Grand Island 3-2. Senior goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) recorded 15 saves to earn the shut-out against Lancaster-Iroquois. Junior Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) scored her first goal of the season in the loss to Kenmore-Grand Island. Gawronski was not in goal.

Varsity Basketball

The Magic won its opening game in the Pioneer tournament and lost a heartbreaker in the championship game. The team easily defeated host Pioneer in the opener 50-28 but dropped the championship to number eight ranked WNY small school team Cleveland Hill 40-39. The Magic currently has an 8-4 record.

The entire team got in on the action against Pioneer. Nine different players reached the score column with senior Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) leading the way, as has been the norm this season. Ashe scored 18 points and added six rebounds and four blocks. Sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) contributed eight points and senior Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) chipped in with seven points. Coach John Glose was pleased with the entire team's play and singled out Ashe, Hamm, Bamrick and junior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) for outstanding overall performances.

A cold offensive performance in the first half dug a hole for the Magic. Although the team had a lot of good looks and open shots on offense, the shots just didn't drop. The Magic fell behind by six points at the half. The team battled back with full court pressure and a ton of hustle which is normal practice for this team according to Glose. Unfortunately time ran out with Mount Mercy still behind by a point. Sophomore Josslynn Strang (Westfield) led the way offensively with ten points and senior Clare McKeone added nine points. Glose felt that those two had great games. Ashe added eight points and Bamrick had six. Ashe and Hamm were both named to the All-Tournament team.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team defeated Nardin 4-0 and lost to Sacred Heart 3-1. Senior Emmaline Robinson (West Seneca) led the team against Nardin with a high game of 121. Freshman

Hanna Chmielowicz (Lackawanna) had a 119, senior Claire Termini (Buffalo) had a 116 and senior Sheryl Little (Cheektowaga) rolled a 111. Robinson had a 152 against Sacred Heart and Chmielowicz had a three game series of 132, 121 and 120.

JV Basketball

The JV Magic split their two games in the Pioneer Tournament, winning their opener but losing in the championship. Mount Mercy opened with a 38-20 victory over Pioneer and lost a hard fought game to Chautauqua Lake 44-27. The team now holds a 5-5 record.

Freshman Britney Meredith (Cheektowaga) paced the team with 14 points. Coach Gasuik praised Meredith for her improved play, particularly her shooting. Three freshmen; Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) added six points and Brigid Burke (Buffalo) and Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) added five apiece. After a slow start where the Magic only tallied six points, the second half was entirely different for Mount Mercy. "We talked as a team at halftime and set goals for ourselves reflecting what we needed to do to win," Gasuik commented. "We came out on fire in the second half and played our basketball, scoring 32 points in the half. We really needed a win and we played a phenomenal second half to earn the victory" Gasuik continued. "I couldn't be more proud of my team for how hard they played and how everyone contributed to the win."

Although the Magic gave it all they had against Chautauqua Lake, it was not enough to defeat them. Hughes and sophomore Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) paced the team with six points each. Meredith, Burke and freshman Lily Kasperek (Forestville) all contributed four points. The team struggled offensively and had a cold shooting day. "Despite the loss, I was proud of the team. Everyone gave it all they had when they were in the game and that is all I can ask of them," Gasuik remarked.

Burke and Pacholczak were voted to the Pioneer All-Tournament team.

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