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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team competed against perennial power Nardin last week, losing the meet but showing great promise for the future. Freshman Grace Harrington (West Seneca) continues to finish as the team's top runner and fellow freshman Bella Morcelle (West Seneca) has consistently finished as the number two runner. Harrington finished fourth against Nardin with a time of 22:04. Morcelle placed eighth with a clocking of 24:25. Senior Claire Koessler (Derby) ended up in eleventh place with a time of 25:00. Senior Alison Marabella (Cheektowaga) finished 20th, junior Chloe George (Buffalo) was 21st and freshman Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) placed 22nd.

The team also competed in the Southern Tier Invitational at Allegheny/Limestone High School. Harrington finished fifth with a time of 21:27. Koessler was 24th with a 23:34, Morcelle placed 33rd with a 25:01 and freshman Xoie Ferrentino ended up in 41st place with a 26:09 in her debut race.

Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Magic won its only contest of the week, sweeping Cardinal O'Hara in the team's inaugural Dig Pink game. Mount Mercy won 25-8, 25-15 and 25-20. The match was also the team's senior night. The team started all five seniors in their last home game. Ending their home careers were Emily Diebold (Lancaster), Robyn Seibert (South Wales), Lindsey Martello (Hamburg), Clare McKeone (Hamburg) and Erin Sliwinski (Orchard Park). Sliwinski finished with 10 digs and Junior setter Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) had seven assists.



Mount Mercy's senior volleyball players Lindsey Martello, Emily Diebold, Erin Sliwinski, Robyn Seibert and Clare McKeon before their last home game.

Varsity Soccer

The Mount Mercy varsity soccer team had another busy week, playing four games in five days. The team opened its week with a non-league game against City Honors, losing 3-0. Mount Mercy's play was hampered by players who sat out with injuries. Next for the Magic was league leading Sacred Heart. The Magic ended up on the short end of a 5-1 score. The Sharks scored four times in the first two minutes, building an insurmountable lead. The Magic did shut out their opponents in the second half and junior Abby Hillery (Hamburg) scored the team's lone goal, on an assist from senior Alyssa Siracuse (Buffalo).

Mount Mercy picked up its first league victory in its third game of the week, shutting out Niagara Catholic 7-0. Leading the offensive attack was sophomore Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) with two goals and two assists. Also scoring a goal were Siracuse, sophomore Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park), sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and freshman Morgan Bentkowski (Buffalo). Bentkowski, a call-up from the junior varsity team scored in her first varsity action. Four other JV players also made their varsity debuts in the game. Goalie Emma Fredo (Buffalo) picked up the shut-out in goal. In the final game of the week, Mount Mercy lost a hard fought game to Nichols, 2-1. The team had offensive chances but was not able to put the ball in the net more than once. Junior Claire Hildebrand (Buffalo) scored the lone Magic goal, finishing on a cross from senior Abby Krug (Buffalo).



Mount Mercy's Mariah Rullan works the ball up the field in recent action.

JV Soccer

Although the Mount Mercy JV Soccer team ended its season with a 4-0 loss to Sacred Heart, Coach Mary Colby was pleased with the progress her team made throughout the season. "The score does not indicate the progress that we made this season. It was a much better game than the first time we played Sacred Heart," Colby stated.

The Magic played a very strong first half, challenging the Sacred Heart team and ending the half trailing 1-0. Sophomore goalie Megan Cycon (West Seneca) continued her strong and improved play, making several great saves. Freshmen Lizzy Lang (Buffalo) and Erin Jackson (Buffalo) had strong offensive games, creating scoring opportunities. Sophomores Cecilia Lauciello (Orchard Park) anchored the team's defense while Angelina Baumgarden (Buffalo) also played well.

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