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Monsignor Martin League Hockey

The Monsignor Martin League hockey team upped its record to 3-0, winning two contests last week. The team defeated Lancaster/Iroquois 5-1 and West Seneca/Hamburg 10-0. Senior captain Catie Radwan (West Seneca) had an assist in the victory over Lancaster/Iroquois. Against West Seneca-Hamburg, junior goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) upped her record to 2-0, picking up the shut-out with five saves. Radwan and assistant captain Brigid Keane (Buffalo) each tallied a goal for the MM team. The team faces Kenmore/Grand Island in their next contest.

Varsity Bowling

The varsity bowling team swept both of its matches last week, defeating the blind and used a total team effort to down Nardin 4-0. These victories raised the team's record to 18-10. When bowling against a blind, the team must beat the score of 140 for each bowler. The team also has the second highest team scratch series with a 1733.

Junior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) continues to lead the team. She had a high game of 164 in the match against the blind and a 191 against Nardin, as well as 496 set. Thomas currently has the highest scratch game in the league with a 209 she bowled earlier in the year.

Sophomore Liz Acevedo (Cheektowaga) had high games of 163 and 169 and fellow sophomore Chloe Manikowski (Depew) had highs of 154 and 146. Senior Lauren Derwin (Lackawanna), a newcomer to the bowling team, is rapidly improving her game. She had a high game of 139 against the blind and rolled a 158 against Nardin.

JV Bowling

The JV bowling team has been working hard to improve their game. The team tied Buffalo Seminary 2-2 and lost to Sacred Heart 3-1. Juniors Claire Termini (Buffalo), Emmaline Robinson (West Seneca) and Sheryl Little (Cheektowaga) are the team's top bowlers. Termini and Little had best games of 119 and Robinson rolled a 125.

Varsity Basketball

The Magic won one of the three games they played last week. The team easily defeated Eden 52-24 in a non-league contest but dropped both games in the Frontier Tournament. In the tournament opener the team lost to Immaculata 45-16 and lost the consolation game to Frontier 38-27. The Magic's record stands at 2-2, all non-league contests.

Against Eden the team jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Seven players got on the score sheet, led by senior guard Olivia Balys' (Orchard Park) 11 points. Junior center Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) added ten points and senior Leah McQuiller scored nine. Juniors Clare McKeone (Hamburg) and Abby Krug (Buffalo) contributed seven and six points, respectively.

The opening game of the tournament was the story of two halves. The Magic trailed 16-13 at half but was badly outscored in the second half 29-3. The team's offense was unable to get untracked in the second half. Balys paced the team with five points and Ashe added four.

In the game against Frontier, the Magic once again struggled offensively. Ashe paced the team with eight points. Abby Krug added five points and McQuiller and McKeone each added four points.

Despite the losses, Coach John Glose was pleased with his team's efforts. Balys was named to the All-Tournament team.

JV Basketball

Like their varsity counterparts, the JV basketball team won its first game of the week and dropped both games in the Frontier tournament. The team beat Eden 45-15 and lost to Immaculata 33-23 and Hamburg 39-37. The team's record is now 2-2.

Freshman Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) led all scorers against Eden with 13 points. Sophomore Abby Hillery (Hamburg) played what her coaches felt was her best game of her career, scoring 10 points. Sophomore Emma Fredo (Buffalo) chipped in with 6 points. "I thought everyone played extremely well," Coach Molly Gasuik said. "We came out strong and set the tone. It was nice to see everyone contribute and to have the team play together."

The Magic had a difficult time establishing an offense against Immaculata, trailing most of the game. Hillery led the way with 6 points. Freshman Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) had five points. Hamm and freshman Josslyn Strang (Westfield) each added four points. Gasuik noted that her team struggled on the defensive boards, allowing Immaculata to score on rebounds.

The team fought hard against Hamburg, drawing to within two with five seconds left, but were unable to pick up the victory. Gasuik was proud of her team's efforts during the close and intense game. Hamm was dominant under the offensive boards, picking up 19 points. She was 11/18 from the foul line. Hillery and Rullan each contributed five points and Fredo added four.

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