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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-up

Varsity Hockey

For the second straight year and for the fourth time in the past four years, the Monsignor Martin League hockey team won the Federation Championship. The team completed its season with a perfect 15-0 record with its 2-0 victory over Williamsville in the championship game. Mount Mercy's hockey players had pivotal roles in the win. Junior Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) was in net for the shut-out, denying a determined Williamsville squad on all 29 of its shots. It is the second straight year that she had a shut-out in the championship game. Sophomore Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) scored what ended up being the winning goal at the 6:05 mark of the second period. Her hard work around the net resulted in the unassisted goal. The team put the game out of reach on a goal by Kayla Blas with 25 seconds remaining in the second period. Senior captain Catie Radwan (West Seneca) of Mount Mercy had the only assist on the goal. Senior Brigid Keane (Buffalo) and junior Julia Ahr (Buffalo) were key members of the team and helped the team kill off a Williamsville two player advantage for 1:38 in the second period.

Varsity Basketball

The varsity basketball team ended its regular season with a loss to the number one team in Western New York, Cardinal O'Hara. Junior center Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) paced the Magic with 12 points. Olivia Balys (Orchard Park), a senior guard, added seven points, senior Leah McQuiller (Lackawanna) scored five points and Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) added four. The loss left Mount Mercy with a 7-3 league record and an overall record of 11-11.

The Magic then faced Mount Saint Mary in the play-in game for the Class A Monsignor Martin League playoffs. Mount Mercy avenged an earlier overtime loss to the Thunder with a 49-40. The Magic outscored Mount Saint Mary 20-12 in the final quarter. Ashe once again paced the team with 14 points. McQuiller added 12 points, including 2 three pointers. Balys chipped in with 11 points and freshman Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) added five points.

Mount Mercy will face Cardinal O'Hara in the semi-finals.



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