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## Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

### Lacrosse

The Magic Lacrosse team solidified its hold on first place with two victories last week, including a victory over Sacred Heart, a top contender in the league. The team also defeated Saint Mary's of Lancaster earlier in the week. The two victories pushed the Magic's league record to 7-1 with an overall mark of 8-2.

Two goals each from Arielle Brown (Buffalo), Brigid Keane (Buffalo) and Brigid Lempko staked the Magic to a 7-3 halftime advantage, despite some Mount Mercy defensive turnovers. The team rectified their defensive miscues in the second half, holding the Lancers to just one goal while adding four goals of their own. Brown added another goal, Lempko tallied two more and Keane added an assist. Clare McKeone (Hamburg) and Emily Gawlak (Buffalo) each added a goal and an assist for Mount Mercy. Mary Barnes (Fredonia) had a team high five groundballs and goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) had 12 saves.

The Magic put itself a bit of a hole against Sacred Heart, falling behind early in the game 2-0. Brown cut the lead to 2-1 with the first of her four goals. Gawlak added one of her three goals to knot the game at two. Lempko assisted Brown on the next goal to put Mount Mercy up 3-2 at the half. The Magic scored two quick goals after the intermission to build a 5-2 lead. Brown's third goal was also scored on an assist from Lempko and Gawlak added her second goal of the game. However Sacred Heart scored three unanswered goals to even the score at five. Keane scored her first goal of the game to put Mount Mercy ahead 6-5 with ten minutes left in the game. Brown increased the team's lead to 7-5 two minutes later with her fourth goal of the game. Sacred Heart closed the gap to 7-6 and had a player advantage after a yellow card. A key defensive steal by Gawlak helped to keep Sacred Heart from scoring at that point. Keane added her second goal of the game and then Gawlak sealed the win with her third goal of the game. Keane and Gawlak each had an assist and Gawronski added 14 saves. Abby Krug (Buffalo) played a key role defensively, shutting down Sacred Heart's top scorer and picking up five groundballs.



## Softball

The Mount Mercy softball team continued its winning ways, winning its only contest of the week and remaining undefeated in league play. The Magic currently sit in first place with a league record of 4-0 and an overall record of 7-1. Mount Mercy pounded Niagara Catholic, capitalizing on their opponent's pitching and fielding for a 20-0 victory. Catcher Mary Bala (West Seneca) led the offensive onslaught with three hits, including a double and a triple. She also had seven runs batted in. Taylor Hoch (East Aurora) also had three hits in three at bats, knocking in three runs. Sarah O'Shei (West Seneca) had two hits and three runs batted in for the Magic. Laura Gregory (Buffalo), the winning pitcher, helped her cause with two hits and four runs batted in. On the mound, she struck out 12, walked none and gave up two hits in five innings of action. Also adding a hit were Chloe Manikowski (Depew), Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) and Emma Fredo (Buffalo). The Magic have four games this week to conclude its league schedule.

## Tennis

The Mount Mercy Tennis team split two contests last week, falling to Mount Saint Mary's 5-0 and defeating Park 4-1. The team's record now stands at 3-6 with one match remaining. Despite the loss to Mount Saint Mary all three singles players did well, winning several games in each set. Against Park, all three singles players own their matches. First singles Marisa May (Buffalo) won 6-4 and 6-3. Emily Gall (Buffalo) won at second singles 6-1 and 6-2. Sophia Robinson (Buffalo) defeated her third singles opponent 6-0 and 6-2. Caeley Robinson (Buffalo) and Paige Siebold (West Seneca) lost in a three set tiebreaker. They lost the first set of their first doubles match 3-6, won 6-4 and then lost 10-8 in the tie breaker. The second doubles team won by forfeit.

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