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## Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

### Softball

The varsity softball team dropped just its third game of the season, falling to Fredonia 3-0 in a non-league contest. The game was played in cold and blustery conditions and the Magic failed to play their best. Allison Rogowski (West Seneca) was tagged with her first loss of the season, giving up one earned and one unearned run while striking out eight and walking five. Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) pitched two innings in relief, giving up one unearned run. Rogowski, Emily Lewandowski (East Aurora) and Chloe Manikowski (Depew) each had a single, accounting for all the offense that the Magic was able to muster. The team finished second in the league during the regular season and earned a bye into the semi-finals. Mount Mercy will face Nardin in the semi-finals of the Monsignor Martin League playoffs.

### Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy Lacrosse team continued its unprecedented season, ending the regular season in first place with an 11-1 record, the only loss coming in the first game of the season. The Magic defeated Buffalo Seminary 12-7 and Nardin 14-6 to end the regular season. Mount Mercy's overall record was 13-2.

According to Coach Melissa Graham, Mount Mercy built a 7-2 lead in the first half with great teamwork and unselfish play. She also noted that goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) had six saves in the first half to thwart Buffalo Seminary's offense. The Magic controlled the second half until the final six minutes of the game when Buffalo Seminary scored five goals to close the gap to 11-7. Freshman Madeline Szwed (Cheektowaga) picked an auspicious time to score her first career goal, putting the game out of reach. Brigid Lempko (West Seneca) and Emily Gawlak (Buffalo) led the Magic's attack with three goals each. Gawlak added three assists and Lempko had two. Brigid Keane (Buffalo) had two goals and four assists and Mary Barnes (Fredonia) and Arielle Brown (Buffalo) each added a goal. McKenzie Cerrone (Colden) contributed an assist. This was the first time in at least seven years that the Magic has swept both games against Buffalo Seminary.

Nardin was no match for Mount Mercy. The Magic jumped out to an early 6-2 lead and never looked back. Keane scored three goals and continued her unselfish play as she dished out four assists. Clare McKeone (Hamburg) also had three goals. Brown added two goals and three assists. Lempko scored twice and added an assist. Barnes and Cerrone each had a goal as well. Gawlak had an assist. A highlight for the Magic was senior defenseman Stephanie Evaniak (Buffalo) getting the chance to play offense and scoring twice. Gawronski added 11 saves.

Mount Mercy will face Buffalo Seminary on Tuesday in the Monsignor Martin League semi-finals. The finals will be held on Thursday.

### Tennis

The Mount Mercy tennis team completed its season by competing in the All-Catholic Tennis championships. Junior Marisa May (Buffalo) and sophomore Sophia Robinson (Buffalo) represented the Magic in singles. Freshman Breanna Sikora (Buffalo) and Paige Siebold (West Seneca) competed in doubles.

### Track

The Mount Mercy track team competed at the All-Catholic Championships last weekend. Representing Mount Mercy were seniors Zulmary Cruz (Lackawanna) and Jessica Teibel (Williamsville), junior Alison Marabella (Cheektowaga), sophomore Alyssa Zydel (Cheektowaga) and freshman Alesia Hamm (Buffalo)

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