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Mount Mercy Sports Round-Up

Lacrosse

The lacrosse team had an exceptional week, winning all three contests and ending up all alone in first place. The team now holds an overall record of 6-2 and a league mark of 5-1.

The team's first victory of the week came against Sacred Heart. The Magic jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead early in the game. Sacred Heart tied the game at 2 and Mount Mercy went into halftime with a 5-3 lead. Senior Emily Gawlak (Buffalo) made it 6-3 and senior Brigid Keane notched her second goal of the game to make the lead 7-3. Sacred Heart then scored three unanswered goals to make it a 7-6 Mercy lead. Junior Brigid Lempko (West Seneca) scored her fourth goal of the contest, which proved to be the winner. Sacred Heart scored once more before time expired with the Magic holding on for an 8-7 victory. Keane and Lempko each had two assists. Junior Arielle Brown added a goal and junior Alyssa Siracuse (Buffalo) had an assist. Junior goalie Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) had six saves.

Next up for the Magic was a rematch with Mount Saint Mary and a chance to avenge the team's only league loss. Despite a limited warm-up due to transportation issues, the Magic prevailed over their rival with an 8-7 come from behind victory. Mount Mercy fell behind 3-0 before Lempko scored. The Thunder extended its lead to 5-1 at the half. Senior McKenzie Cerrone (Colden) closed the gap to 5-2 but Mount Saint Mary scored twice more to build a 7-2 advantage. After a key time-out with nine minutes left, the Magic began to live up to their nickname. Keane scored twice in the next minute to make it 7-4. Gawlak then added two goals in the next four minutes. Keane scored the tying goal with her third goal with 3:24 left in the game. With just over a minute left in the game Gawlak's third goal proved to be the winning goal. Brown and Gawlak each had an assist and Gawronski once again had six saves.

The Magic closed their week with a game against Immaculata. The team had no let down, earning a 14-3 victory, including a 9-0 advantage at the half. Brown, Keane and Lempko once again led the offense, with each player scoring three goals. Lempko also had two assists. Gawlak scored twice and Cerrone added a goal. Junior Clare McKeone (Hamburg) had a goal and an assist and junior Sam Lawicki (Buffalo) scored her first career goal. Defensively, Gawronski recorded nine saves and senior Stephanie Evaniak had six groundballs.



Softball

The softball team also had a big week, winning three of four contests and upping its league record to 3-0 and its overall record to 6-1.

The only blemish on the team's record came in a non-league contest with Nardin. The Magic fell 7-3. Sophomore Laura Gregory (Buffalo) was tagged with the loss, giving up 4 earned runs and ten hits while striking out five. Gregory had a strong game at bat, going two for four with two runs batted in. Sophomore Chloe Manikowski (Depew) went two for three with a double and scored twice. Senior Olivia Balys (Orchard Park) and junior Mallory Ashe both had two hits, with Balys adding an RBI.

During its only league game of the week, Mount Mercy jumped out to a 4-0 lead against Saint Mary's of Lancaster and held on for a 4-3 victory. Sophomore Allison Rogowski (West Seneca) picked up the victory on the mound, giving up ten hits while striking out four. Manikowski continued her strong hitting, going two for three with a double and scoring twice. Gregory added two hits, including a double and an RBI. Ashe and Balys each had a hit and an RBI.

In its third contest of the week, the Magic defeated Mount Saint Mary's in a non-league game 10-4. Gregory picked up the win, scattering seven hits and striking out four. She helped her cause by going three for three with two doubles and three RBIs. Rogowski added two hits, including a double and a triple and three RBIs. Balys added a double and an RBI. Sophomores Fiona Danahy (Buffalo) and Mary Bala (West Seneca) each added a hit and an RBI.

The Magic faced Springville in a non-league contest and closed the week with a 12-1 victory. Rogowski picked up her second victory of the week. She also excelled at the plate, driving in six runs with three hits, including a triple and a home run. Balys added two hits and an RBI.

Tennis

The tennis team had a tough week, dropping all three of its contests. The team's record now stands at 2-4. The Magic had a double header against Saint Mary's of Lancaster to open the week. Each position played two matches to the score of eight. Junior Emily Gall (Buffalo) battled hard at second singles in the second match before falling 6-8. Senior Caeley Robinson (Buffalo) and freshman Breanna Sikora (Buffalo) gave it their best effort at second doubles against Nardin before falling 4-6 and 3-6.

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