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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Soccer

The Mount Mercy Varsity Soccer team had a busy week last week with four contests. The team won one game and dropped three games. The week started off with a 10-0 victory over Olmstead. Junior Emma Fredo (Buffalo) earned the shut-out. Senior Alyssa Siracuse (Buffalo) led the offensive attack with three goals and two assists. Senior Anne Bamrick added two goals. Junior Abby Hillery (Hamburg) had a goal and two assists. Adding one goal each were seniors Abby Krug (Buffalo) and Rachel Kostelny (Orchard Park), junior Alyssa Zydel (Elma) and sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo). Sophomore Mariah Rullan added two assists.

Section V powerhouse Our Lady of Mercy was the team's next opponent. The Magic fell 6-1. Rullan scored the team's lone goal on a header. Siracuse picked up the assist on the corner kick.

The Magic continued their non-league play with a game against City Honors. City Honors prevailed 5-3. Scoring first for Mount Mercy was Kostelny, assisted by Hillery and then on the second goal Kostelny picked up the assist on Hillery's goal. The team's final goal was scored by Rullan with senior Arielle Brown (Buffalo) picking up the assist.

The team's final game of the week was a league contest against Mount Saint Mary. The Magic lost 2-1. Mount Mercy trailed 1-0 at the half before sophomore Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) scored her first goal of the year with Krug picking up the assist. Mount Saint Mary broke the tie on a breakaway, despite the fact that the Magic controlled play for most of the second half.

Varsity Volleyball

The Magic won their only contest of the week, defeating Niagara Catholic in three games, 25-12, 25-17 and 25-21. The entire team played well in the contest, led by junior Mary Bala's (West Seneca) ten point serving run and senior Claire McKeone's (Hamburg) five kills and two aces. The Magic used a strong offense and hard serving to win the match.



Cross Country

The cross country team lost its meet to Saint Mary's of Lancaster 20-35. The team showed improvement in its times from the first meet. Freshman Grace Harrington (West Seneca) was the team's top finisher, placing third with a time of 23:43 and senior Claire Koessler (Derby) placed sixth in 26:15. Freshman Bella Morcelle (West Seneca) finished with a time of 26:16. Senior Alison Marabella (Cheektowaga) was ninth, junior Chloe George (Buffalo) was tenth and freshman Megan Jobson (Orchard Park) was eleventh.

JV Soccer

The Mount Mercy Magic JV Soccer team continued to show improvement. The team lost a closely-contested game to Nardin 4-1, a major change from the outcome of the first contest between the two teams. Sophomore Anna Hagner (Buffalo) scored the team's goal. Freshman Erin Jackson (Buffalo) played an outstanding game at forward and sophomore Cecilia Lauciello (Orchard Park) and freshman Morgan Bentkowski (Buffalo) were exceptional on defense. In the team's second contest of the week, they dropped a 4-0 decision to a strong Our Lady of Mercy of Rochester team. Sophomore goalie Megan Cycon (West Seneca) had several outstanding saves and the Bentkowski sisters, freshman Morgan and sophomore Madelyn of Buffalo played strong defensively.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team swept its match against Niagara Catholic, winning by the scores of 25-6 and 25-17. The entire team played and contributed to the victory. After a disappointing loss in its last match, the team came out strong for this contest. Sophomore Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell) served exceptionally well, accounting for many of the team's points. The team worked on their offense and freshman Olivia Laks (Orchard Park) had a kill from the back row. After building a commanding lead in the second game, Niagara Catholic narrowed the gap to 19-17 but the Magic earned the last six points to close the game. The team continues to improve its communication and skills.

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