Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-up

Varsity Volleyball

The young Mount Mercy Academy Volleyball team dropped its opening match, a non-league contest, to Olmstead. The Magic lost in four hard fought games, 23-25, 21-25, 25-21 and 15-25. Sophomore Sara Geiser (West Seneca) served extremely well during the match, recording 13 aces. Katie Hughes (Orchard Park), another sophomore, had five aces.

Coach Molly Gasuik felt that her young and inexperienced team was a bit nervous and tentative in its first match of the season. She was pleased with the team’s serving, but feels the team needs to improve its communication and consistency. The Magic begin league play this week.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team opened its season winning all three games of its match with Olmstead. The team played extremely well in its opening match, showing great teamwork and communication. Gasuik felt the team was working well together and serving strong. The team begins league play this week.

Golf

Although the Mount Mercy Golf team dropped its first two matches against two of the top teams in the league, the Magic showed great improvement and promise from past performances. The team lost to Sacred Heart 270-298 and 310-270 to Nardin. Seniors Mary Barnes (Fredonia) and Chloe Manikowski (Depew) paced the team against Sacred Heart with a nine hole total of 55. Seniors Olivia Andriaccio (Buffalo) and Sophie Robinson (Buffalo) chipped in with totals of 56 and 58 respectively. Barnes led the team against Nardin with a 57, followed by Manikowski with a 60. The cold and rainy conditions affected the team against Nardin, leading to inconsistent play, despite a strong team effort.

Cross Country

The Mount Mercy Cross Country team will open its season Saturday at the Lake Shore Invitational at Evangola State Park.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team dropped two games last week, losing a hard fought game to Sacred Heart 1-0. Goalie Emma Fredo (Buffalo) played a strong game for the Magic and was assisted by strong defense from junior Alesia Hamm. The team also lost to Nardin.