Golf

The Mount Mercy Academy Golf team opened its season with two matches last week. The team faced defending champion Sacred Heart and Nardin. The Magic were competitive with Sacred Heart, losing 328-293. The match was played in the oppressive heat and humidity last Wednesday. Senior Haley George (Elma) led the team with a 59. Senior Chloe George (West Seneca) and junior Madelyn DiGiore (Lakeview) each recorded a 63. Nardin topped the Magic 256-323. Junior Maddie DiGiore improved her first match score, finishing with a 50. Junior Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) took six strokes off her score and Coach Kate Lynch is hopeful this will continue. Sophomore Olivia Radwan (West Seneca) participated in her first varsity match and did well. The team has two away matches this week.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team bounced back from an opening game defeat to collect two shutout victories last week. The Magic defeated Christian Central 9-0 and Hutch Tech 7-0. Against Christian Central, freshman Mary Bea Lalley (Buffalo) scored her first career goal, which was also the team’s first goal of 2018. Sophomore Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) assisted on the first goal and also had a goal and another assist. Senior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) had two goals and three assists and sophomore Emily Kessler (West Seneca) had her first career goal and also tallied two assists. Seniors Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) and Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park), sophomore Anna Schieber (Buffalo) and freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) each also scored a goal. Coach Brittany Myers commented, “It was a true team effort with eight different players scoring. The team communicated and moved the ball well.”

The team continued to learn to work together and move the ball around against Hutch-Tech. Rullan once again scored a goal and had three assists. Hamm, Pacholczak and Lauciello each scored and had an assist. Senior Megan Cycon (West Seneca), freshman Amaya Milkowski (Lackawanna) and Wood also each added a goal.

The team holds a 2-1 record and will open league play on the 10th against Cardinal O’Hara.

Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Volleyball teams had successful scrimmages against Olmstead last week. The teams used strong serving to win the scrimmages and were able to use the scrimmage to prepare for league play and to experiment with different player combinations and offenses.