Golf

Junior Madelyn DiGiore (Lakeview) was the top finisher for the Mount Mercy Golf team in its two matches last week. DiGiore carded a 58 at Sheridan on a soggy course and then finished with a 53 at Delaware. Senior Haley George (Elma) totaled a 59 at Delaware. The Magic lost to Mount Saint Mary 299 to 342 and to Buffalo Seminary 281-309. The team begins the second half of its season against Sacred Heart on Monday.
Varsity Volleyball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Volleyball team lost its first match of the season to Springville in a non-league contest. The team lost 9-25, 16-25 and 12-25. “The scores do not reflect the team’s abilities,” Coach Brittany Sanscrainte commented. “We are battling through some injuries right now and should be back at full strength soon.” She felt that the entire team served well and singled out junior Sara Geiser (West Seneca) for her five aces. Sanscrainte also noted that junior libero Brigid Burke (Buffalo) had several impressive digs in the back row. The team opens its league schedule this week.

JV Volleyball

The Mount Mercy JV Volleyball team opened its season with a loss against a strong Springville team. The team lost in three games. Coach Shannon Feind remarked, “The girls played a difficult match against a tough Springville team that had some excellent servers who appeared to catch us off guard. While the outcome was not what we had hoped for, we learned a lot about what we need to do to prepare for future teams.” Feind also felt that her team gained valuable game experience that will help the team in league play.

Soccer

The Mount Mercy Soccer team won one game and lost two last week. The team shut out Cardinal O’Hara 4-0, was edged by Springville 5-4 and was soundly defeated by Saint Mary’s of Lancaster.

Senior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) opened the scoring against O’Hara with a header goal on a cross from sophomore Gianna Lauciello (Orchard Park) for the game winning goal. Rullan scored again in the second half off a direct kick. Lauciello was fouled in the box and then scored on the ensuing penalty kick. The final goal was scored by freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) on a through ball from Rullan, who was named player of the game.

The Magic played an entertaining and competitive game against Springville. The team trailed 3-1 at the half but kept battling back. Coach Brittany Myers moved senior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) up on offense in the second half and Hamm responded with two goals to keep Mount Mercy in the game. In addition to her two goals Hamm had an assist and Rullan added a goal and two assists and Lauciello had a goal and an assist.

Due to injuries, Mount Mercy played with no substitutes against Saint Mary’s. Their opponents had 24 players and this created a disadvantage for the Magic. Rullan and Hamm each scored a goal.