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Mount Mercy Academy SPORTS ROUND-UP

Varsity Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team continued its struggles last week, dropping two matches. Inconsistency continues to plague the Magic as the young team struggles to find its way.

The Magic started strong against Nichols winning the first game 25-20. Nichols took the second game by the same score and then won the third game 25-17 and took the fourth game 25-22. Junior Emily Diebold (Lancaster) was credited with two kills.

Western New York's number one ranked small school, Saint Mary's of Lancaster was the Magic's next foe. Like so many other schools, Mount Mercy lost in three games, 9-25, 10-25 and 10-25. The score was not indicative of the fight that the Magic gave the Lancers. There were numerous volleys and strong plays made by Mount Mercy. Senior Lauren Derwin (Lackawanna) ended her home volleyball career in style with three blocks and two kills. Also completing their home volleyball careers were Alyssa Derwin (Buffalo), Erin Donovan (Buffalo), Sarah Zulawski (Buffalo), Molly Dedloff (Gowanda) and Anna Anderson (Cheektowaga).

Cross Country

Mount Mercy hosted Nichols in cross country last week. Despite losing the meet, four runners set personal bests. Recording personal bests were: senior Angelica Miller and sophomores Yamilet Montanez and Chloe George of Buffalo and junior Allison Marabella of Cheektowaga. Miller led the team with a time of 26:49. Montanez finished with a time of 29:29; Marabella ended with a time of 30:46 and George clocked in with a time of 31:05. Senior Jessica Teibel rounded out the runners with a time of 31:56.

Varsity Soccer

The varsity soccer team won one game and lost two last week. The team defeated host City Honors 1-0 during the first game of the week. Junior Alyssa Siracuse (Buffalo) scored the game's lone goal on a penalty kick. Emily Gawlak (Buffalo) earned her second shutout of the season, holding Molly Petrucci, the all-time leading goal scorer in New York State scoreless. Coach Brittany Hillery Myers also credits excellent defensive play by senior Brigid Keane (Buffalo) and Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) for holding Petrucci scoreless.

A muddy and wet field hampered the team's play against Immaculata. The Magic lost 1-0, despite 12 saves from Gawlak. Myers commented, "Alyssa Siracuse had several breakaways but due to poor field conditions, we were not able to finish our scoring opportunities. The mud and puddles definitely affected our play. I feel we outplayed Immaculata in every way except the final score."

The Magic traveled to Rochester to face a strong Rochester Mercy team and lost 5-0. Coach Myers felt that the game was good preparation for the Monsignor Martin League quarterfinals. She felt her team battled hard and never gave up, despite being down 4 goals at half-time.

JV Volleyball

The JV Volleyball team dropped two matches last week. The Magic lost a heartbreaking match against Nichols, winning the first game 25-15 before losing the next two, both of them by the score of 23-25. Coach Molly Gasuik commented “We started the game the way we wanted to. We came out strong and set the tone for the first game and won the first game of the match. However we did not play to our potential. The girls fought till the very end but we did not come out with a win.”

Although Coach Gasuik felt that her team came out strong against a very good Saint Mary’s of Lancaster team, the team lost all three games; 14-25, 9-25 and 12-15. There were many rallies back and forth and the team served well. “Although we didn’t get the win, the girls fought hard in every single set. I am very proud of the way the girls played against a very good St. Mary’s of Lancaster volleyball team,” Gasuik remarked.

JV Soccer

The junior varsity soccer team continued to work hard and show great improvement despite the two losses last week. Freshman Angelina Pacholczak (Orchard Park) scored against Sacred Heart for the Magic. Also playing well in that game were freshman Maddy Bentkowski (Buffalo) and Maddy Szwed (Cheektowaga). Sophomores Emma Fredo (Buffalo) and Chloe Manikowski (Depew) and freshman Cecilia Lauciello (Orchard Park) were cited for strong play by Coach Mary Colby against Rochester Mercy.



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