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## Mount Mercy Academy SPORTS ROUND-UP

### Cross Country

The cross country team had a rough outing last week against Buffalo Seminary, as both teams took a wrong turn in the woods on a poorly marked course and ran an extra half mile or more. Competing for the Magic were junior Alison Marrabella (Cheektowaga) and sophomores Yamilet Montanez (Buffalo), Erin Witek (Buffalo) and Chloe George (Buffalo).

Additionally, three runners competed in the 37 team Alden Invitational last Saturday. Each runner smashed her previous best time by a large margin. Senior Angelica Miller (Buffalo) finished with a 25.54. Montanez completed the course in 28.10 and George had a time of 30.21.

"The girls all did a great job, crushing their previous personal bests. It was a great experience, being able to see some of the top competition from all across the state," Coach John Ptak remarked.

### Varsity Soccer

Despite strong goalie play from senior Emily Gawlak (Buffalo), the soccer team failed to score any goals last week, dropping a 2-0 decision to Nichols and a 1-0 game to Hamburg. Gawlak had over 20 saves against Nichols but the team was unable to mount any serious offensive challenge. "We only had a few shots on goal and have been having trouble finishing," Coach Brittany Myers commented. "We will continue to work more on finishing."

The team used the contest against Hamburg as a tune-up for the Monsignor Martin playoffs which commence this week. The only goal of the game was scored on a penalty kick after a hand-ball in the box. Gawlak had a hand on the shot but was unable to keep it out of the goal. Coach Myers was proud of her team's effort. Three players were moved up from the JV team, sophomores Emma Fredo (Buffalo), Chloe Manikowski (Depew) and freshman Cecilia Lauciello (Orchard Park). All three made their varsity debuts.

### Varsity Volleyball

The Magic lost its only match of the week to Cardinal O'Hara, 19-25, 18-25 and 13-25. Sophomore Mary Bala (West Seneca) led the team with ten digs and three kills. Coach Andrea Reitz was not pleased with her team's efforts. "It was not one of our best showings. The team did not communicate with each other and that led to mental errors. We have the skills but right now we lack the mental toughness," Reitz commented.

### JV Soccer

Showing how far the team came this season, Mount Mercy defeated Nichols in the last game of the season. After scoring just two goals in the previous nine games, sophomore Claire Hildebrand (Buffalo), sophomore Chloe Manikowski (Depew), and freshman Bridget Mulcaire (Lancaster) each scored leading the Magic to a 3-2 victory, the team's second win of the year. Coach Mary Colby was thrilled with the total team victory.

## JV Volleyball

The junior varsity volleyball team had no contests last week. The team closes its season with two matches this week.



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