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## Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

### Monsignor Martin Girls Hockey

The Monsignor Martin Girls Hockey team kept their record perfect during a busy four game week. The team pushed its record to 12-0 overall and 11-0 in league play, earning a bye into the semi-finals of the league playoffs.

The team started the week with a 4-2 non-league victory against Williamsville. The team fell behind 2-1 before senior assistant captain Brigid Keane (Buffalo) knotted up the score with a goal, assisted by sophomore Fiona Danahy (Buffalo). Senior captain Catie Radwan (West Seneca) assisted by Keane put the team up 3-2. Keane sealed the victory with her second goal of the night.

The team faced Amherst/Sweet Home/Clarence next and earned a 4-3 victory. Junior Brianna Gawronski (Dunkirk) picked up the victory in the net.

Radwan and Keane continued their scoring in the third game of the week as the team shut out Orchard Park/Frontier 3-0. Radwan opened the scoring and Keane picked up an assist on the goal. Keane then scored the second goal, assisted by junior Julia Ahr (Buffalo).

Gawronski, with 20 saves, earned the victory in net during the final game of the week as the team topped West Seneca/Hamburg 6-1. Keane added her fourth goal of the week, assisted by Ahr.

The team has one game remaining before opening its title defense on February 10<sup>th</sup>.



### Varsity Bowling

The varsity bowlers upped their record to 37-19, splitting with Sacred Heart 2-2 and sweeping Buffalo Seminary 4-0. Sophomore Liz Acevedo (Cheektowaga) bowled her best match of the year against Sacred Heart, recording a 433 set with games of 151-145 and 137. Senior Lauren Derwin (Lackawanna) rolled a high game of 156 and sophomore Chloe Manikowski (Depew) had a top score of 149.

The team had its best match of the year against Buffalo Seminary. Junior captain Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) rolled a 235, the highest single game in the league this year and had a 541 set; the highest scratch series in the league. She added a 175 and 131 to her high game. Manikowski notched a personal best with a high game of 185 and also had a 163. Derwin added high games of 154 and 147.

## JV Bowling

The JV bowlers had a strong showing last week, defeating Nardin 4-0 and topping Buffalo Seminary 3-1. Juniors Michaela Michnik (Hamburg) and Claire Termini (Buffalo) had the high games against Nardin with a 118 and 112, respectively. Michnik also had a 112 in another game.

Juniors Emmaline Robinson (West Seneca) and Sheryl Little (Cheektowaga) led the way against Buffalo Seminary. Little rolled a 136 and a 110 and Robinson topped 100 in all three games with a best of 109. The team is now 32-24.



## Varsity Basketball

The Magic varsity basketball team split two contests last week, defeating St. Mary's of Lancaster and losing to Sacred Heart.

A strong and aggressive team defense led the team to victory against St. Mary's, 54-47. The team opened the game with the first six points and never trailed, holding the visitors scoreless for the first five minutes of the contest. Senior guard Olivia Balys (Orchard Park) led three players in double figures with 16 points. Fellow senior guard Leah McQuiller (Lackawanna) added 15 points, including two three pointers. Freshman Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) had her best output of the season with 11 points.

Sacred Heart utilized hot shooting to down the Magic 68-23. McQuiller led the Magic with seven points, including a three pointer. The loss dropped the team's record to 5-7, 2-2 in league play.

## JV Basketball

The JV basketball team dropped two games last week, falling to St. Mary's of Lancaster and Sacred Heart. The losses dropped the team's overall record to 5-7 and 1-2 in the league.

The team waged a strong comeback against St. Mary's but fell just short, losing 46-44. The game was deadlocked at 17 at the half. The Magic struggled in the third quarter and ended the quarter trailing 35-29. The team battled hard but just couldn't overcome the deficit. Coaches Molly Gasuik and Caitlin Kubera were proud of the way their team kept its composure during the tense moments of the game. Sophomore Emma Fredo (Buffalo) paced the team with 19 points. Freshman Josslynn Strang (Westfield) contributed ten points and sophomore Julia Khoury added five points.

Sacred Heart defeated the Magic 40-25. Mount Mercy started strong and worked really hard to stay with the Sharks, one of the best JV teams in the area. The Magic trailed 12-10 after the first quarter

but struggled offensively in the second quarter, scoring only two points. Fredo and Strang again paced the team offensively, with eight and six points respectively. Paris Green added four points.

“I am extremely proud of how hard my team competed. They worked hard from the opening tap until the final whistle, never quitting or giving up. They gave it everything they had and that is all a coach can ask for, “ Gasuik remarked.

Picture Cut-lines (all pictures by Pat Burns)

Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling Team L to R: Liz Acevedo, Lauren Derwin, Kelly Thomas and Chloe Manikowski

Kelly Thomas of Mount Mercy currently holds the top single game and top series scores in the Monsignor Martin League

Mount Mercy Hockey Players: Front: Brianna Gawronski. Back R to L: Brigid Keane, Fiona Danahy, Catie Radwan and Julie Ahr.

Brigid Keane of Mount Mercy has been a top goal scorer for the Monsignor Martin Hockey team.

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