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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Varsity Bowling

The Mount Mercy Varsity Bowling team ended its year by winning the All-Catholic Championship for the first time in school history. The team defeated regular season champion Mount Saint Mary 1759 to 1752. The All-Catholic format is Baker Bowling. There are five bowlers and each bowler bowls one full game and then each bowler bowls two frames in six more games (first bowler rolls the first and sixth frame, the second girl bowls the second and seventh, the third takes the third and eighth frame, the fourth bowler takes the fourth and ninth frame and the last bowler rolls the fifth and tenth frame). Mount Mercy's winning team consisted of seniors Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) and Allison Mazurkiewicz (Blasdell), junior Allysyn Pajek (West Seneca) and sophomore Olivia Coleman (Lackawanna) as well as senior Grace Willert (West Seneca) who moved up from the JV for the championships. Batchev earned MVP honors for the All-Catholic championship.

The team ended the regular season with a 3-1 victory against Sacred Heart. The team finished with a record of 50-10, ending the regular season in second place. Batchev led the way with a 492 set (178-158-156). Mazurkiewicz had high games of 174 and 146 and Coleman had a high game of 180.

In addition, Batchev, Coleman and Mazurkiewicz were three of the five bowlers who were named All-Catholic.

JV Bowling

The Mount Mercy JV Bowling team ended its season by sweeping its last two opponents. The team defeated Buffalo Seminary and Sacred Heart 4-0. The team finished with a 39.5-24.5 record, which was good for third place in the league. Freshman Dominique Khoury (Buffalo) had a 121 and a 114 to lead the team against Buffalo Seminary. Khoury and freshman Annie Bernard (Orchard Park) were the only two bowlers for the team against Sacred Heart but they swept all four games.

Varsity Basketball

The Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team had a busy week, playing four games last week. The team won one game and lost three.

The first game of the week was against Sacred Heart. The team lost a hard-fought game 45-42. The Magic started slowly, falling behind by six in the first quarter but stormed back with 17 points in the second quarter to pull ahead 19-17 at the half. Mount Mercy held a one point advantage at the end of the third quarter, but was unable to hold on. Senior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) led the offense with 14 points. Senior Alesia Hamm and sophomore Hannah Fredo, both of Buffalo, chipped in with 11 points each. Fredo also added 13 rebounds and Hamm played strong defense.

Mount Mercy faced a strong Iroquois team in its next contest, falling 71-50. Sophomore Cecilia Strang (Westfield) led the way with ten points. Junior Katie Hughes (Orchard Park), Fredo and Hamm each added nine points and Josslynn Strang had seven.

Nichols was the team's opponent for Senior Night and the Magic led the game from beginning to end, winning 51-29. The three seniors had strong games on their special night. Strang led the offense with 13 points and eight rebounds, Hamm had ten points and six assists and Angel Pacholczak (Orchard Park) had a career high seven rebounds. Sophomore Cecilia Strang added eleven points, sinking three three-pointers.

In the Magic's fourth game in six days, the team ran out of gas in the second half against Mount Saint Mary. Mount Mercy held the Thunder scoreless in the first quarter, building a 23-14 halftime lead but were outscored 28-11 in the third quarter, eventually ending up on the short end of a 57-47 score. Once again Josslynn Strang led the way with 12 points. Junior point guard Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) added three three-pointers, finishing with nine points. Hamm and Pacholczak each added seven points and sophomore Emily Kessler (West Seneca) chipped in six points.

JV Basketball

The Mount Mercy JV Basketball team had three games last week, losing to Sacred Heart, Iroquois and Mount Saint Mary.

A slow start and cold shooting plagued Mount Mercy against Sacred Heart. Freshman Desiree Diaz-Torres (Lackawanna) led the scoring with eight points and had six rebounds. Freshman Mya Wood (Blasdell) chipped in with seven points and added five rebounds

Iroquois full-court pressure proved too much for the Magic in its second game of the week. Wood led the team with ten points and hauled down six rebounds.

Sophomore Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna) led the team in scoring against Mount Saint Mary with eight points and had five rebounds.

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