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Mount Mercy Academy Sports Round-Up

Despite the cold, damp spring, Mount Mercy Academy has begun its spring athletic contests.

Softball

The Mount Mercy Academy Varsity Softball team opened its season under the direction of Mary Kate Dougherty with a non-league game against JFK. Despite losing 17-5, Dougherty was pleased with her team’s first game. “It was our first game of the season and I was happy to see our bats get off to a hot start,” Dougherty commented. “Although we did not hold our 3-0 lead, I am hopeful that our offense will be a strength for us this season. This game was a great learning experience for our young girls who got their first taste of a Varsity level softball game.”

Freshman Taylor Jahn (Buffalo) in her first varsity game and sophomore Emma Caughel (Hamburg) led the team’s offense, both players going 2 for 3 at the plate. Caughel had a triple and three runs batted in (RBI). In their first games freshmen Mia Freedenberg (Lakeview) and Rilee Farrell (West Seneca) each added an RBI. Jahn took the loss on the mound but struck out eight in her debut.

“Since this was only our second time outside, we were at a disadvantage from that standpoint. We need work on defense and communicating on the field. I expected us to struggle on that side of the ball from lack of reps outside on a real field and having some girls play positions they have never played before,” Dougherty remarked.

Lacrosse

The Mount Mercy Academy Lacrosse team opened its season last week, dropping a hard-fought contest to Mount Saint Mary 6-2. Junior Abby Mailloux (Buffalo) picked up right where she left off last year, scoring both Magic’s goals. Junior goalie Jenna Brown (Buffalo) had 13 saves and freshman Bella Scarcello (Buffalo) added an assist.

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