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Mount Mercy Basketball Looks To Score Wins

The Mount Mercy Academy Varsity Basketball team opens its 2016-17 season on December 1st with a game against perennial Section Five power Our Lady of Mercy. The Magic will play a 24 game schedule which includes four tournaments (Kenmore West, Pioneer, Frontier and Wilson), Monsignor Martin League games and several non-league games.

Coach John Glose is in his fourth year as the head man and has been part of the Magic basketball program for nine years. Former Magic player Maddie O'Neil returns for her second year as a varsity assistant.

Eight players returning from last year's squad will combine with five newcomers to form the 2016-17 varsity team. Glose said that senior captains Mallory Ashe (Buffalo) and Anne Bamrick (Buffalo) will be the team's leaders this year. Ashe is the top returning scorer from last year's squad. Glose feels that she is ready for a breakout season this year, her third on the varsity. She is also a strong defensive player who is expected to be a top rebounder and shot blocker. Bamrick will be the team's point guard. She is in her second year on the varsity and she leads through example with her tenacious hustle and defense. Seniors Clare McKeone (Hamburg) and Beth Hughes (Orchard Park) return to the varsity for a third season. Grace O'Neil (Buffalo), Marisa May (Buffalo) and Brigid Lempko (West Seneca) all will be on the varsity for a second year. All five of the seniors will provide great depth and experience. Returning sophomore Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) will be counted on to build on an impressive freshman campaign.

Five newcomers will combine with the eight veterans. Juniors Emma Fredo (Buffalo) and Abby Hillery (Hamburg) and sophomore Josslyn Strang (Westfield) are moving up from the JV. Glose expects the three players to provide energy and have an immediate impact on the team. Two talented freshmen, Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca) and Tierney Ashe (Buffalo), round out the varsity squad.

"I believe that the strength of this team is our toughness, defense and cohesiveness. We have an excellent mix of skilled, tough, experience seniors and energetic, talented underclassmen," Glose remarked.

Glose believes that the keys to having a successful season will be his team's desire to get better each and every day and its desire to outwork its opponents. He also believes it will be necessary for every player to understand her role, accept the role and to perform that role to the best of her ability.

"My expectations are for this team to play selfless team basketball. We will improve every day with all we do and experience together. Every player will accept her role and do her job," Glose concluded.

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