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Young Mount Mercy Basketball Team Ready to Work for Success

Despite losing several starters from last year's team, fifth year Coach John Glose has high expectations for the Mount Mercy Varsity Basketball team. He believes that the team's work ethic, its willingness to make the plays that do not receive recognition and its unselfishness will be the strengths of his young squad.

This year's team is made up of two seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen. Returning to the team for their second years are seniors Emma Fredo (Buffalo) and Abigail Hillery (Hamburg), junior Josslynn Strang (Westfield) and sophomores Tierney Ashe (Buffalo) and Xoie Ferrentino (West Seneca). Junior Alesia Hamm (Buffalo) returns to the varsity team for a third year and is expected to play a leading role on the team.

Juniors Megan Cycon (West Seneca) and Angelina Pacholczak (Orchard Park), sophomore Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) and freshmen Hannah Fredo (Buffalo) and Cecilia Strang (Westfield) all enter their first season on the varsity team.

The team will play a challenging 24 game schedule, including a demanding league schedule against perennial strong teams like Cardinal O'Hara and Sacred Heart. The team opened its season with a convincing 47-23 non-league victory over Springville.

Glose believes that communication, teamwork and the desire to work each and every day to improve will be the key to the team's success this season. He expects the team to give 110 percent each day and to outwork the opponents every game. He plans to have an aggressive defensive team that swarms to the ball and applies great pressure.

The team has also been giving back to the community this season, giving a basketball clinic at St. Mary's School for the Deaf for players from the ages of nine to fifteen. They also ran a clinic for Notre Dame Academy for both players and coaches.

Glose is being assisted this year by Paul Crowley, who is returning to the Magic for his fourth season after a two year absence and first year assistant Erin Ryan.

"Our goal as coaches is to develop our team, not only as players but also as young ladies with great character," Glose concluded.



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