

Rough day for Mount Mercy teams

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The Mount Mercy fall sports teams suffered a tough day on Saturday with both soccer teams, both cross country teams and the women's volleyball squad not able to experience success.

The women's soccer team lost to third-ranked Benedictine, 5-0, in wet and chilly conditions in a Heart of America Conference match at the Plaster Athletic Complex.

The men's soccer team was trimmed by 23rd-ranked Benedictine, 3-2, after building a 2-1 lead at home.

The Mount Mercy cross country teams competed at the Wartburg Invitational in Waverly, with the women finishing in 14th place and the men finishing 19th out of 19 teams without most of their top runners.

The women's volleyball team was trimmed by Baker University, 24-26, 25-16, 25-20, 25-17, in Kansas.

The women's soccer team faced steep odds against third-ranked Benedictine, but it was even rougher than that. Sarah Johnson, Mount Mercy's top goalkeeper, missed the contest due to concussion protocol and McKenna Wilson, her replacement, was shaken up early in the second half and had to leave the match.

Olivia Ramsey, who was playing in the match, had to put on the goalkeeper's uniform and finish the game in goal for the Mustangs (4-3-2, 2-2). Benedictine remained undefeated at 10-0-1

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overall and 4-0 in the league.

Duarte Leite and Kevin Kastl scored to give the men's soccer team a 2-1 lead, but Benedictine struck in the 74th minute and again in the 80th minute for the 3-2 victory. The Mustangs fell to 5-2-3 overall and 1-2-1 in the conference. Benedictine rose to 7-2-2 overall and 4-0 in the league.