Mount Mercy women dumped by Ozarks

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The fourth-ranked College of the Ozarks proved to be too much for the Mount Mercy women's basketball team in a 60-37 loss Friday at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

The Lady Cats jumped to a 17-7 lead and put the game away with a 28-15 advantage in the second half.

Lakin Simmerman scored 13 points and Kelsie Cleeton had 12 points and nine rebounds for College of the Ozarks (24-3).

Makenzie Zeitler scored nine points with 12 rebounds for Mount Mercy (13-13). Abby Herb and Ashley Dolan each scored eight points.

COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS (60): Uchtman 4 0-0 8, Roberts 0 0-0 0, Wisdom 1 0-0 2, McMenamy 2 3-4 7, Simmerman 4 5-7 13, Brethower 1 4-4 7, Cleeton 5 0-0 12, Wells 0 0-0 0, Johnson 2 2-2 8, Underdown 0 0-0 0, Bovard 0 3-4 3. Totals 19 17-21 60.

MOUNT MERCY (37): Herb 3 2-2 8, Dolan 4 0-1 8, Weiland 1 2-3 4, Zeitler 4 0-2 12, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Blowers 0 0-0 0, Sexton 0 0-0 0, Harmon 0 2-2 2, Lampe 1 0-0 3, Lehman 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 6-10 37.

Halftime – College of the Ozarks 32, Mount Mercy 22. 3-point goals – College of the Ozarks 5 (Cleeton 2, Johnson 2, Brethower), Mount Mercy 3 (Zeitler, Thompson, Lampe).