

Mustangs sweep Heart volleyball opener

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The Mount Mercy women's volleyball team has gotten off to a nice start this season with an 11-and-2 record, but Coach Deb Marlin knows there's a long way to go for the Mustangs.

Mount Mercy swept Culver-Stockton, 25-15, 25-20, 25-22, in the Heart of America Conference opener at the steamy Hennessey Recreation Center Tuesday night.

"It's a great start," Marlin said. "We've done what we needed to do. There's one match that we would like back. Our other loss was against a really good team, and I thought we played well in that match.

"But at the end of the day, the toughest part of our schedule is yet to come. If we can keep everyone healthy and keep fine-tuning our game, we've looked really good at times. We can play with anybody, I believe, in this conference."

Lauren Stopko, who became the career digs leader at Mount Mercy this past weekend, collected 23 more Tuesday to help pave the victory. The 5-foot-5 libero from Tiffin now has a whopping 2,028 digs in her four-year career with the Mustangs.

"That kid does not get out-worked," said Marlin. "And if she feels like she has been out-worked, she takes it personally and gets upset."

Becca Thomson led a balanced attack at the net with 12 kills. Alyssa Weldon had 11 kills, with Maddie Bell and Olivia Coe finishing with nine apiece.

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the Mustangs swept the Heart volleyball opener with a 3-0 victory. The Mustangs won the first set 25-12, the second set 25-10, and the third set 25-10. The Mustangs' victory was a sweep, as they won all three sets. The Mustangs' victory was a significant one, as it was their first win of the season. The Mustangs' victory was a testament to their hard work and dedication. The Mustangs' victory was a great start to their season. The Mustangs' victory was a great start to their season.