

Popp's clutch '3' lifts Mustangs

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LAMONI - Sofia Popp hit a clutch 3-pointer with two seconds remaining Tuesday night to snap a 79-79 tie and give the Mount Mercy women's basketball team an 82-79 victory over Graceland in a Heart of America Conference game in Lamoni.

Mount Mercy led by 16 points with 9:45 remaining, but Graceland rallied and took a 77-76 lead with 1:13 left with a 24-7 run. The Mustangs responded, however, and claimed their first victory in the league this season when Popp delivered to avoid overtime.

Abbi Kinnaird tossed in seven 3-pointers and led Mount Mercy with 24 points. Popp finished with 21 points and Chailey Cabalis added 14 for the Mustangs (2-4, 1-2). Popp made 11 of 12 free throws and had six steals, five rebounds and four assists. Paris Sheck had five assists.

Kailey Boden scored 20 points for Graceland (2-7, 0-4).

MOUNT MERCY (82): Sofia Popp 4-13 11-12 21, Brianna Thomas 2-5 0-0 6, Kyleigh Milan 2-3 0-0 4, Paris Sheck 1-1 0-0 2, Grace Stalzer 1-4 0-0 2, Abbi Kinnaird 7-14 3-4 24, Chailey Cabalis 3-12 8-10 14, Kennedy Fulwylie 3-10 3-4 9, Taseandra Parker 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 23-66 25-30 82.

GRACELAND (79): Kailey Boden 7-16 6-8 20, Calesse Bair 7-18 1-2 18, Brooke Vermeer 2-5 6-9 10, Jania Vinson 2-5 1-1 6, Heaven Mbaruk 1-3 1-2 4, Madilyn Sager 3-8 3-5 10, Emma Burns 2-4 2-2 6, Victoria Nauman 1-1 1-1 3, Shauna Reitan 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 26-63 21-30 79.

Halftime - Mount Mercy 47, Graceland 40. 3-point goals - Mount Mercy 11-24 (Kinnaird 7-14, Thomas 2-3, Popp 2-6, Cabalis 0-1), Graceland 6-19 (Bair 3-10, Mbaruk 1-1, Sager 1-2, Vinson 1-3, Boden 0-1, Vermeer 0-1, Reitan 0-1).