

Mount Mercy women top Graceland

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The Mount Mercy women's basketball team gave Coach Micha Mims a going-away present Wednesday night.

The Mustangs defeated Graceland, 86-71, in a Heart of America Conference game at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

The victory came 10 hours after the school announced that Mims will be not returning as the head coach next season after four years on the job.

Mount Mercy raised its records to 5-17 overall and 2-15 in the conference, with both league victories coming against Graceland. The Yellowjackets fell to 3-21 overall and 0-18 in the league.

Sandra Mia led the Mustangs with 18 points. Brianna Thomas scored 17 points, Chailey Cabalis 13 and Sarah Moffett 10. Cabalis had eight rebounds.

Brooke Vermeer scored 28 points for Graceland.

GRACELAND (71): Brooke Vermeer 11-19 6-7 28, Heaven Mbaruk 1-4 1-2 3, Kailey Boden 1-8 3-3 5, Madilyn Sager 3-8 1-2 7, Calesse Bair 6-16 0-0 13, Jania Vinson 1-5 1-1 3, Victoria Nauman 1-4 2-2 4, Tiara Edwards 2-6 2-2 6, Clarissa James-Lewis 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 27-72 16-19 71.

MOUNT MERCY (86): Kyleigh Milan 2-5 2-2 6, Sarah Moffett 4-9 0-0 10, Brianna Thomas 7-11 0-0 17, Sandra Mia 5-10 4-11 18, Paris Sheck 1-1 0-0 2, Abbi Kinnaird 2-8 0-0 6, Chailey Cabalis 5-14 2-2 13, Taseandra Parker 0-1 0-0 0, Aleah Cook 1-2 0-0 3, Taylor Abernathy 0-2 0-0 0, Grace Stalzer 1-2 0-0 2, Jaelin Berger 0-1 1-2 1, Kennedy Fulwylie 3-6 2-4 8. Totals

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Halftime - Mount Mercy 46, Graceland 36. 3-point goals - Graceland 1-20 (Vermeer 0-2, Mbaruk 0-1, Boden 0-1, Sager 0-3, Bair 1-8, Vinson 0-3, Nauman 0-2), Mount Mercy 13-35 (Moffett 2-4, Thomas 3-6, Mia 4-7, Kinnaird 2-8, Cabalis 1-5, Cook 1-2, Abernathy 0-2, Berger 0-1).