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OLATHE, Kan. - Bailey Basala had a chance to be a hero for the Mount Mercy Mustangs for the second time in six days Saturday, but this time his 3-pointer in the final seconds did not ring true.

The Mustangs lost to MidAmerica Nazarene, 86-83, in a Heart of America Conference game when Basala missed a 3-pointer with three seconds left that could have forced overtime.

This past Monday, Basala canned a 3-pointer with a half-second remaining to give Mount Mercy a 93-90 victory over St. Ambrose.

Basala hit five triples Saturday and led the Mustangs (5-5, 2-4) with 17 points off the bench. Dennis McKinney scored 16 points, Mychael Brawner-Henley 14 and Antwain Strong 10.

Mount Mercy fell behind by 15 points in the first half, but fought back and held several small leads in the contest.

McKinney gave the Mustangs an 80-79 lead with 3:55 remaining with a 3-pointer, then he gave the Mustangs an 83-81 advantage with another triple with 2:16 left.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, they did not score again and MidAmerica Nazarene tallied the last five points for the victory.

Mount Mercy has lost three games by a total of six points this season with setbacks to St. Ambrose in their first meeting (75-74), Baker University (83-81) and now MidAmerica Nazarene (86-83).

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Jonathan Green scored 24 points and Dakota Quinn had 22 for MidAmerica Nazarene (8-3, 4-3).

Mount Mercy made 18 3-pointers, matching the second-most in school history.

MOUNT MERCY (83): McKinney 6 0-0 16, Brawner-Henley 4 3-4 14, Strong 4 2-3 10, Evans 4 0-0 9, Villagrana 0 0-0 0, Basala 6 0-0 17, Albagami 3 0-0 9, Reischauer 3 0-0 8, Kelley 0 0-0 0, Hehmann 0 0-0 0. Totals 30 5-7 83.

MIDAMERICA NAZARENE (86): McCullough 4 2-2 12, Brown 4 0-0 9, Scroggins 1 4-6 6, Odagiu 1 1-2 3, Helm 0 0-0 0, Green 9 5-7 24, Quinn 9 3-4 22, Turner 1 2-2 4, Brady 1 0-0 2, Chrisman 1 0-0 2, Anderson 1 0-0 2, Mahone 0 0-0 0. Totals 32 17-23 86.

Halftime - MidAmerica Nazarene 46, Mount Mercy 44. 3-point goals - Mount Mercy 18 (Basala 5, McKinney 4, Brawner-Henley 3, Albagami 3, Reischauer 2, Evans 1), MidAmerica Nazarene 5 (McCullough 2, Brown 1, Green 1, Quinn 1).