

Mustangs trimmed by No. 3 Statesmen

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The Mount Mercy Mustangs gave third-ranked William Penn a good battle Monday night before falling, 93-89, in a Heart of America Conference game at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

The Mustangs pumped in 20 3-pointers to give themselves a chance at pulling a major upset, including a triple by Royshawn Webb that pulled the home team within 92-89 with 45 seconds left, but the rally ended there.

Bailey Basala and Streeter McIlravy both canned five 3-pointers and scored 19 points for Mount Mercy (9-9, 4-8). Webb finished with 17 points, 11 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal. Davion Watson scored 15 points for the Mustangs. Dennis McKinney chipped in with 11 points and six assists.

Kevin Blaylock provided 19 points and 10 rebounds for William Penn, which is enjoying a terrific season at 17-1 overall and 11-1 in the conference. Five Statesmen scored in double figures, matching the Mustangs.

William Penn topped Mount Mercy on the backboards, 52-36.

WILLIAM PENN (93): Blaylock 6-9 7-8 19, Gehring 4-6 1-2 9, Newman 5-12 2-3 15, Cruesoe 1-2 3-4 5, Hood 5-14 0-0 10, Faison 4-9 0-0 10, Pender 2-2 0-0 4, Thomas 3-5 0-0 7, Daley 4-9 1-2 11, Watkins 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 35-72 14-19 93.

MOUNT MERCY (89): Watson 4-10 4-7 15, Hehmann 0-0 0-0 0, Basala 7-15 0-0 19, Webb 7-16 0-0 17, McIlravy 7-16 0-0 19, Kelley 0-1 0-0 0, McKinney 4-13 1-1 11, Reischauer 1-4 0-0 3, Johnson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 32-79 5-8 89.

Halftime - Mount Mercy 54, William Penn 47. 3-point goals - William Penn 9-30 (Newman 3-8,

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Faison 2-5, Daley 2-5, Thomas 1-2, Watkins 1-4, Blaylock 0-2, Hood 0-4), Mount Mercy 20-52 (McIlravy 5-12, Basala 5-13, Watson 3-6, Webb 3-7, McKinney 2-8, Reischauer 1-3, Johnson 1-3).