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PERU, Neb. - The Peru State women's basketball team exploded for a 17-0 burst in the fourth quarter Saturday and topped Mount Mercy, 75-67, in a Heart of America Conference game.

Mount Mercy led, 59-55, with 4:54 left, but Peru State rode its 17-0 spurt to a commanding 72-59 advantage with 1:36 remaining.

Brianna Thomas topped the Mustangs with 23 points. Sandra Mia contributed 11 points and nine rebounds. Kennedi Fulwylie had 10 points and eight rebounds. Taseandra Parker grabbed nine rebounds. Abbi Kinnaird had four assists.

Maddy McPhillips scored 16 points for Peru State.

Mount Mercy fell to 4-9 overall and 1-7 in the league. Peru State raised its records to 5-7 overall and 3-5 in the conference.

MOUNT MERCY (67): Kyleigh Milan 1-1 0-0 2, Grace Stalzer 0-3 1-2 1, Brianna Thomas 8-13 4-4 23, Sandra Mia 5-12 0-0 11, Paris Sheck 0-1 0-0 0, Abbi Kinnaird 3-6 0-0 7, Randi Wright 0-2 0-0 0, Chailey Cabalis 4-8 1-2 9, Taseandra Parker 1-5 0-0 2, Aleah Cook 1-1 0-0 2, Kennedi Fulwylie 4-8 2-2 10. Totals 27-60 8-10 67.

PERU STATE (75): Giovanna Silva 4-7 0-0 8, Claire Cudney 3-9 7-10 13, Nytasia Braxton 4-8 1-2 10, Maddy McPhillips 4-12 5-6 16, Reagan Kirkwood 2-10 3-4 8, Allison Tichy 3-4 0-0 8, Keaundra Washington 0-1 1-2 1, Brooke Maeda 0-0 0-0 0, Dayna Dewitt 1-3 0-1 2, Alyssa Marsh-Contreras 2-7 3-4 7, Olivia Bell 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 24-66 20-29 75.

Halftime - Mount Mercy 44, Peru State 38. 3-point goals - Mount Mercy 5-13 (Thomas 3-4, Kinnaird 1-2, Mia 1-4, Stalzer 0-1, Wright 0-1, Parker 0-1), Peru State 7-24 (McPhillips 3-6, Tichy 2-3, Braxton 1-3, Kirkwood 1-7, Washington 0-1, Bell 0-1, Marsh-Contreras 0-3).