

The Mount Mercy women's basketball team committed 33 turnovers Wednesday night and lost to eighth-ranked Central Methodist, 103-74, in a Heart of America Conference game at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

Central Methodist committed 25 turnovers, but overcame its own giveaways by shooting 54.2 percent from the floor and sinking half its 3-pointers (15 of 30).

Sandra Mia scored 20 points for Mount Mercy (4-10, 1-8). Brianna Thomas finished with 11 points. Abbi Kinnaird and Chailey Cabalis scored 10 points apiece.

Mercedes Jefflo topped a balanced attack for Central Methodist with 17 points, leading six players into double figures. The winners raised their records to 14-1 overall and 8-1 in the conference, tied for first place with Grand View.

CENTRAL METHODIST (103): Crimson Jones 3-6 1-3 7, Gloria Mulumba 5-7 0-2 10, Mercedes Jefflo 6-10 3-6 17, Cheyenne Allen 5-8 2-2 15, Veronica Preciado 4-6 1-2 12, Elizabeth Spencer 1-5 2-4 4, Ashley Martin 2-2 0-0 4, Taylor Victorine 0-1 0-0 0, Lauren Godbold 0-1 0-0 0, Sam Caruth 5-8 0-0 15, Natalia Shpegel 1-2 0-4 2, Lanay Rodney 4-11 1-2 10, Daesjah Ely 3-4 0-0 7, Nia Flowers 0-1 0-0 0, Abby Naylor 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-72 10-25 103.

MOUNT MERCY (74): Kyleigh Milan 2-2 0-1 4, Brianna Thomas 4-10 2-2 11, Randi Wright 2-3 2-2 6, Sandra Mia 7-9 5-6 20, Paris Sheck 1-2 1-4 3, Abbi Kinnaird 1-4 7-8 10, Chailey Cabalis 2-8 6-12 10, Taseandra Parker 0-3 0-0 0, Aleah Cook 0-0 2-2 2, Grace Stalzer 1-3 0-0 2, Kennedi Fulwylie 2-5 2-3 6. Totals 22-49 27-40 74.

Halftime - Central Methodist 57, Mount Mercy 29. 3-point goals - Central Methodist 15-30 (Caruth 5-7, Preciado 3-4, Allen 3-5, Jefflo 2-5, Ely 1-2, Rodney 1-3, Flowers 0-1, Victorine 0-1, Jones 0-2), Mount Mercy 3-11 (Mia 1-2, Thomas 1-3, Kinnaird 1-3, Wright 0-1, Cabalis 0-1, Stalzer 0-1).