

PARKVILLE, Mo. - The Mount Mercy men's volleyball team split two matches with ranked opponents Friday at the Park University tournament in Missouri.

The Mustangs lost to sixth-ranked Park University, 25-23, 22-25, 25-20, 25-20, in their first match of the tournament.

Mount Mercy bounced back by sweeping 10th-ranked Ottawa University, 25-18, 25-21, 25-23, in its next contest.

Ben Ruggles collected 65 assists in the two matches, with 35 assists against Park and 30 more against Ottawa.

Ben Steffen had 12 kills against Park and Evan Gaskill had 11. Steffen and Gaskill both had five blocks.

Julian Armendano and Steffen finished with nine kills against Ottawa. Steffen blocked six shots.

Mount Mercy (3-3) has two more matches in the tournament Saturday.