Armendano powers Mustangs by No. 8 Stritch

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MILWAUKEE - Julian Armendano collected 18 kills Friday as the Mount Mercy men's volleyball team defeated eighth-ranked Cardinal Stritch of Wisconsin, 30-28, 19-25, 25-23, 25-19, at a tournament in Milwaukee.

Armendano also had 13 kills when the Mustangs topped the Milwaukee School of Engineering, 25-20, 21-25, 25-11, 27-25, in the event.

Ben Steffen had 11 kills in the victory over Cardinal Stritch. Ben Ruggles rolled up 43 assists. Armendano and Evan Gaskill made 11 digs. Steffen blocked eight shots and Strahil Svilenski swatted six for the Mustangs (10-5).

Nikola Stoimenov contributed 12 kills against the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Ruggles had 33 assists and made 10 digs.