

Mustangs nip No. 24 Culver-Stockton

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Ian Matos made two free throws with 16 seconds left Saturday afternoon to give Mount Mercy a wild 96-95 victory over 24th-ranked Culver-Stockton in an NAIA men's basketball game at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

Culver-Stockton took a 95-94 lead with 28 seconds remaining on a jump shot by Jojuan Graham. Matos was fouled 12 seconds later and produced in the clutch for the Mustangs (4-2).

Culver-Stockton (3-1) missed a shot with five seconds left. Dondre Osborne of Mount Mercy was fouled with two seconds to go. He missed both free throws, but Culver-Stockton did not have enough time for another shot.

Matos made four 3-pointers and led Mount Mercy 19 points. James Boonstoppel scored 18 points for the Mustangs, Alex Houston 13, Ben Struss 12 and Da'Quan Moore 10.

Osborne and Kevin Price-Majors grabbed seven rebounds. Osborne had seven assists. Moore collected six assists and six steals.

Graham poured in 26 points for Culver-Stockton.

CULVER-STOCKTON (95): Graham 12 1-3 26, Mills 6 3-5 16, Pool 4 1-2 11, C.Jones 2 2-2 6, Randhawa 1 2-3 5, Crouch 2 0-0 5, Iturria 2 0-1 6, D.Jones 0 0-0 0, Coles 4 2-2 10, Hogan 2 4-8 8, Weiling 1 0-0 2. Totals 36 15-26 95.

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Halftime - Mount Mercy 49, Culver-Stockton 48. 3-point goals - Culver-Stockton 8 (Pool 2, Iturria 2, Graham 1, Mills 1, Randhawa 1, Crouch 1), Mount Mercy 9 (Matos 4, Struss 2, Boonstoppel 2, Moore 1). Fouled out - Coles, Hogan.