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FREMONT, Neb. - James Boonstoppel made two free throws in the final seconds Friday night to help Mount Mercy hold off Dakota State, 73-72, in the semifinals of the Draemel Classic at the Event Center in Fremont, Neb.

Boonstoppel gave the Mustangs a 73-69 lead with his two free throws. Adam Hofer hit a 3-pointer to pull Dakota State within 73-72, but the Mustangs passed the ball in-bounds to secure the victory.

Mount Mercy will play in the championship round Saturday.

Alex Houston led the Mustangs (7-2) with 16 points. Dondre Osborne finished with 11 points, five steals, four rebounds and three assists. Ben Struss made three 3-pointers and scored 11 points. Boonstoppel contributed 10 points.

Miguel Sansavour scored 20 points for Dakota Stae (2-6).

DAKOTA STATE (72): Meger 4 4-4 12, Sansavour 7 6-9 20, Allen 5 2-2 17, Hofer 4 2-2 12, Cavanaugh 2 0-0 6, Barse 1 0-0 3, Rauon 0 0-0 0, Huls 0 0-0 0, Zirbel 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 14-17 72.

MOUNT MERCY (73): Houston 7 2-2 16, Osborne 4 2-6 11, Matos 3 2-2 8, Misener 2 0-0 5, Struss 4 0-0 11, Boonstoppel 3 2-2 10, Moore 1 2-2 4, Price-Majors 0 0-0 0, Lamaak 3 1-4 7, Clark 0 1-2 1, Gogg 0 0-0 0. Totals 27 12-20 73.

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Halftime - Dakota State 45, Mount Mercy 42. 3-point goals - Dakota State 10 (Allen 5, Hofer 2, Cavanaugh 2, Barse 1), Mount Mercy 7 (Struss 3, Boonstoppel 2, Osborne 1, Misener 1). Fouled out - Struss.