

Struss paces Mustangs by Wartburg

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WAVERLY - Ben Struss collected a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds Wednesday night as Mount Mercy defeated Wartburg, 84-76, at Levick Arena in Waverly.

Struss, a Kennedy graduate, shot 6-for-10 from the floor with a pair of 3-pointers and was 8-for-8 at the foul line. Dondre Osborne collected 13 points and seven assists for the Mustangs (8-3).

Nick Webber and Clay Cook scored 16 points apiece for Wartburg (5-2).

Mount Mercy held a slim 40-39 lead at halftime, but the Mustangs took command with a 17-4 run in the first five minutes of the second half for a 57-43 advantage. Wartburg never got closer than seven points again.

MOUNT MERCY (84): Houston 3 1-3 7, Osborne 2 8-11 13, Matos 2 3-3 7, Misener 3 0-0 7, Struss 6 8-8 22, Boonstoppel 3 0-0 9, Moore 1 1-2 4, Murdock 1 2-2 5, Price-Majors 0 0-0 0, Lamaak 3 2-4 8, Clark 0 0-0 0, Gogg 1 0-0 2. Totals 25 25-33 84.

WARTBURG (76): Boyd 1 0-0 3, Webber 6 0-0 16, Cannon 0 0-0 0, Van Groningen 5 4-4 14, Cook 6 4-11 16, Green 0 0-1 0, Kalen 1 0-0 2, Woeste 6 1-1 15, Ellis 1 1-2 3, Putchio 2 0-0 4, Nutting 1 1-2 3. Totals 29 11-21 76.

Halftime - Mount Mercy 40, Wartburg 39. 3-point goals - Mount Mercy 9 (Boonstoppel 3, Struss 2, Osborne 1, Misener 1, Moore 1, Murdock 1), Wartburg 7 (Webber 4, Woeste 2, Boyd 1).