

Herb scores 35 in OT win

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CHICAGO – Abby Herb had 35 points and three blocks to lead the Mount Mercy women's basketball team in a 77-74 overtime win over St. Francis (Illinois) in the first round of the Roosevelt Holiday Hoops Tournament on Friday at the Lillian and Larry Goodman Center.

Herb shot 14-of-18 from the field, including 4-of-5 from 3-point range, for the Mustangs (7-7). Christa Oldham had 15 points and five assists, and Makenzie Zeitler had 11 rebounds.

After finishing regulation tied 65-65, Mount Mercy took a 12-9 edge in the overtime period.

Katie Gonnering had 28 points for St. Francis, which fell to 3-11.

The Mustangs will play in the championship game of the tournament today.

MOUNT MERCY (77): Herb 14 3-6 35, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Zeitler 0 2-2 2, Herdliska 3 0-0 8, Oldham 3 9-10 15, Weiland 1 0-1 3, Timms 0 0-1 0, Sexton 4 0-0 9, Last 1 0-0 2. Totals 27 14-20 77.

ST. FRANCIS (74): Gonnering 8 12-13 28, Ekhomu 6 2-4 14, Jordan 3 0-0 9, Rouse 1 0-0 2, Ray 5 0-0 14, Stankus 0 0-0 0, Osusky 2 0-0 5, Weisflog 0 0-0 0, Brand 1 0-0 2, Martin 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 14-17 74.

Halftime – Mount Mercy 36, St. Francis 35. 3-point goals – Mount Mercy 9 (Herb 4, Herdliska 2, Weiland, Sexton, Last), St. Francis 8 (Ray 4, Jordan 3, Osusky).