

AIB upsets No.10 Mount Mercy men

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DES MOINES – The AIB College of Business men's basketball team ended 10th-ranked Mount Mercy's 15-game winning streak with an 80-66 win Saturday at AIB.

The AIB Eagles took an 11-6 lead early and kept pace through the first half for a 33-32 edge at the break. They extended the lead to 44-34 with 16:25 left in the second half before Mount Mercy trimmed the deficit to 49-48 with 11:09 to play, but the Mustangs couldn't get over the hump and faded down the stretch.

Kyle Lamaak came off the bench to score 17 points for Mount Mercy, Ian Matos and James Boonstoppel each scored 11 points, Dondre Osborne added 10 points and Ben Struss grabbed 11 rebounds.

Brandon Eley scored 17 points with 11 rebounds and six assists for AIB. Joe Riley had 16 points and Jeremy Deemer added 11 points.

AIB is 18-8 overall and 8-3 in the Midwest Collegiate Conference. Mount Mercy fell to 22-4 and 9-1 with its first loss since November.

MOUNT MERCY (66): Houston 3 2-2 8, Osborne 2 6-9 10, Matos 4 2-4 11, Misener 0 0-0 0, Struss 3 0-1 6, Goines 0 0-0 0, Boonstoppel 3 3-3 11, Murdock 0 0-0 0, Johnson 1 0-0 3, Bennett 0 0-0 0, Price-Majors 0 0-0 0, Lamaak 7 3-3 17, Gogg 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 16-22 66.

AIB (80): Glover 0 5-6 5, Riley 5 5-6 16, Brawner 2 1-2 5, Eley 8 0-0 17, Deemer 5 1-2 11, Ford 3 3-5 9, Babalola 4 0-1 9, Smith 0 0-0 0, Brown 0 0-0 0, Mechaelsen 1 0-0 3, Cameron 1 0-0 2, Stewart 1 0-0 3. Totals 30 15-22 80.

Halftime – AIB 33, Mount Mercy 32. 3-point goals – Mount Mercy 4 (Boonstoppel 2, Johnson, Matos), AIB 5 (Riley, Eley, Babalola, Mechaelsen, Stewart).

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