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POINT LOOKOUT, Mo. - Kyle Lamaak scored 17 points and Dondre Osborne added 16 Thursday night as Mount Mercy trimmed Cal Maritime, 64-61, in the opening round of the NAIA Division II men's basketball tournament at Keeter Gymnasium in Point Lookout, Mo.

Mount Mercy had a 14-point lead with less than 10 minutes left and held on for the victory.

The Mustangs (27-4) will face Davenport of Michigan (28-8) in the Sweet 16 Friday night at 9:15.

Mount Mercy is seeded No. 9 in the 32-team tournament and Davenport is seeded No. 8, so the contest is viewed as a virtual tossup.

Alex Houston scored 10 points for the Mustangs. Lamaak, a Cedar Rapids Kennedy grad, led Mount Mercy with eight rebounds with another big performance off the bench.

Roman Delgado scored 17 points for Cal Maritime (19-10).

MOUNT MERCY (64): Houston 3 4-4 10, Osborne 4 4-10 16, Matos 1 2-2 4, Boonstoppel 1 2-3 5, Johnson 1 0-0 3, Misener 2 0-0 4, Struss 1 1-2 3, Price-Majors 1 0-2 2, Lamaak 8 0-0 17. Totals 23 13-23 64.

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CAL MARITIME (61): Dungo 0 0-0 0, White 4 0-0 8, Hoyt 0 0-0 0, Barnes 3 4-6 11, Delgado 6 5-6 17, Poole 0 0-0 0, Fetzer 1 2-3 4, Smith 3 0-0 6, Sayers 4 0-0 11, Davis 2 0-0 4. Totals 23 11-15 61.

3-point goals - Mount Mercy 5 (Osborne 2, Boonstoppel 1, Johnson 1, Lamaak 1), Cal Maritime 4 (Sayers 3, Barnes 1).