

No. 15 Mustangs trim Midland in OT

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CJ Parker scored 22 points Friday night and Tre Wagner had 21 as the 15th-ranked Mount Mercy Mustangs edged Midland, 103-100, in overtime in the opening round of the ActionCOACH Shootout at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

Wagner gave Mount Mercy an 86-84 lead with two free throws with six seconds left in regulation, but Jesse Jones scored with one second left to force overtime.

Parker hit a 3-pointer to break a 97-97 tie and give the Mustangs a 100-97 edge with 27 seconds left in overtime. Ben Struss made two free throws to make it 102-97 and Chris Ford hit one free throw to make it 103-97 with six seconds left.

James Kaiser nailed a 3-pointer for Midland with one second left to make it 103-100.

Ford and Kyle Lamaak scored 11 points apiece for Mount Mercy. Struss added 10 points. Alex Houston and Parker had nine rebounds.

Jones led Midland (0-2) with 22 points. Ky Kramer, a Cedar Rapids Jefferson grad, scored 17 points for Midland and hit five 3-pointers.

Mount Mercy (2-0) will play Graceland at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Shootout.

MIDLAND (100): Kramer 6 0-0 17, Jones 6 8-8 22, Shepard 2 0-0 4, Starkel 4 5-9 13, Bryant 5 7-7 17, Cass 4 0-0 12, Wells-Ross 0 0-0 0, Kaiser 5 1-2 13, Rideway 0 2-2 2, Ripperger 0 0-0 0, Evans 0 0-0 0. Totals 32 23-28 100.

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MOUNT MERCY (103): Houston 3 3-3 9, Wagner 6 7-10 21, Ford 4 3-4 11, Parker 6 8-10 22, Bedford 1 0-0 3, Strong 1 1-2 4, Murdoch 2 0-0 6, Lamaak 4 2-3 11, Struss 3 3-3 10, Gogg 3 0-0 6. Totals 33 27-35 103.

Halftime - Mount Mercy 40, Midland 33. Regulation - Midland 86, Mount Mercy 86. 3-point goals - Midland 13 (Kramer 5, Cass 4, Jones 2, Kaiser 2), Mount Mercy 10 (Wagner 2, Parker 2, Murdoch 2, Bedford 1, Strong 1, Lamaak 1, Struss 1).