

No. 22 Mustangs bump off Ozarks

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Five players scored in double digits as the 22nd-ranked Mount Mercy men's basketball team downed College of the Ozarks, 95-77, Friday at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

The Mustangs (16-5) led 41-38 at halftime, but pulled away in the second half.

Chris Ford had 19 points and nine rebounds to lead Mount Mercy, which made 32-of-34 free throws in the game.

Tre Wagner scored 18 points, including 14-of-15 free-throw shots, and dished out nine assists. Ben Struss scored 15 points, Alex Houston scored 11 and Mychael Brawner-Henley added 10.

Ethan Davidson scored 15 points for College of the Ozarks (13-5).

OZARKS (77): Paschke 5 0-3 11, Young 5 4-12 14, Starbird 4 4-5 14, Frazier 1 2-2 4, Murray 3 5-6 14, Carmichael 0 0-0 0, Smith 2 1-2 5, Davidson 6 3-4 15, Hall 0 0-0 0, Daniels 0 0-0 0, Burland 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 19-34 77.

MOUNT MERCY (95): Houston 3 5-5 11, Wagner 2 14-15 18, Ford 7 3-3 19, Parker 2 3-3 7, Bedford 1 1-2 3, Strong 1 0-0 2, Murdock 0 0-0 0, Julien 0 0-0 0, Brawner-Henley 2 5-5 10, Blohm 0 0-0 0, Lamaak 2 0-0 4, Struss 6 1-1 15, Anderson 0 0-0 0, Gogg 3 0-0 6. Totals 29 32-34 95.

Halftime – Mount Mercy 41, Ozarks 38. 3-point goals – Ozarks 6 (Murray 3, Starbird 2, Paschke), Mount Mercy 5 (Ford 2, Struss 2, Brawner-Henley).