Baker holds off Mount Mercy men

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A furious rally fell a little short for the Mount Mercy men's basketball team Saturday afternoon.

Baker trimmed the Mustangs, 82-78, in a Heart of America Conference game that came down to the final seconds at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

Mount Mercy trailed by 22 points, 61-39, early in the second half, but the Mustangs caught fire and pulled within 80-78 on a 3-pointer by Streeter McIlravy with 15 seconds left.

Baker hit two free throws with 10 seconds remaining for the final four-point margin.

Davarea Loggins and Davion Watson scored 12 points apiece for the Mustangs (5-6, 2-5). DJ Johnson contributed 11 points. RoyShawn Webb and McIlravy added 10 points apiece.

Xavier Elam scored 21 points for Baker (6-7, 4-4).

BAKER (82): Kobe Buffalomeat 6-6 0-2 13, Brett Elifritz 1-4 0-0 3, Xavier Elam 7-11 3-3 21, Charles Fisher 5-10 3-3 13, Brandon Clifford 5-9 3-4 15, Jalen Patterson 1-3 0-0 3, Colby Bullock 0-3 0-0 0, Mason Dukes 1-3 0-0 3, Aaron Nancarrow 1-2 0-0 2, Michael Brooks 1-5 1-2 3, Braden Wiggs 2-4 2-2 6. Totals 30-60 12-16 82.

MOUNT MERCY (78): Tyler Kelley 1-2 0-0 2, Dennis McKinney 3-11 0-0 7, Davion Watson 4-6 1-1 12, Bailey Basala 3-12 0-0 9, RoyShawn Webb 4-15 2-2 10, Keishun Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Davarea Loggins 4-5 0-0 12, Julian Hehmann 2-2 0-0 4, Streeter McIlravy 4-8 0-0 10, Christian Reischauer 0-1 1-2 1, DJ Johnson 2-3 6-8 11. Totals 27-66 10-15 78.

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Halftime - Baker 49, Mount Mercy 34. 3-point goals - Baker 10-27 (Elam 4-6, Clifford 2-5, Buffalomeat 1-1, Dukes 1-2, Patterson 1-2, Elifritz 1-3, Brooks 0-2, Fisher 0-3, Bullock 0-3), Mount Mercy 14-39 (Loggins 4-5, Watson 3-4, Basala 3-11, McIlravy 2-5, Johnson 1-2, McKinney 1-5, Thomas 0-1, Reischauer 0-1, Webb 0-5).