Popp paces Mustangs in setback

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The Mount Mercy women's basketball team lost to Benedictine, 84-69, in a Heart of America Conference game Saturday at the Hennessey Recreation Center.

Sofia Popp scored 23 points for the Mustangs, who fell to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the league. Abbi Kinnaird added 12 points for Mount Mercy.

Skyler Washington scored 14 points to lead a balanced attack for Benedictine (7-1, 2-1).

BENEDICTINE (84): Grace Brzozowski 4-5, 0-0 9, Kayla Staley 4-9 1-4 9, Rachael Baumgartner 4-5 0-0 8, LaRanda Thomas 4-9 0-0 11, Anna Sanjuan 3-9 0-2 9, Brynn Maul 1-2 3-6 6, Heather Ronnebaum 0-0 0-0 0, Rylee Neill 1-4 1-2 4, Kynli Nelson 0-2 2-2 2, Aaliyah Raines 0-0 0-0 0, Natalie Smaron 1-3 6-6 8, Skylar Washington 5-13 2-4 14, Ali Brzozowski 1-7 2-3 4. Totals 28-68 17-29 84.

MOUNT MERCY (69): Brianna Thomas 3-8 3-6 9, Sofia Popp 6-17 9-9 23, Kyleigh Milan 2-3 0-0 4, Paris Sheck 0-1 0-0 0, Grace Stalzer 2-5 2-2 6, Abbie Kinnaird 4-10 1-2 12, Aliyah Robinson 0-0 1-2 1, Chailey Cabalis 1-2 4-5 6, Taseandra Parker 1-2 0-0 2, Emma Popp 0-0 0-0 0, Kennedi Fulwylie 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 22-55 20-26 69.

Halftime - Benedictine 42, Mount Mercy 25. 3-point goals - Benedictine 11-31 (Sanjuan 3-7, Thomas 3-8, Washington 2-8, G.Brzozowski 1-2, Maul 1-2, Neill 1-3, Nelson 0-1), Mount Mercy 5-18 (Kinnaird 3-7, S.Popp 2-7, Stalzer 0-1, Thomas 0-3).