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GARDEN CITY — Seward rained four three-pointers in the first 10 minutes against Garden City Saturday and broke open a two-point game at halftime to claim a 58-49 win.

Seward's defense led the way, limiting Garden City to 25 percent shooting in the second half and forcing the Broncbusters to use the entire shot clock on several possessions.

Seward was able to effectively use the half-court set to find the open shot.

Even though the Saints opened the game with a barrage of outside shots, Garden City was able to tie the game 18-18 after a three-pointer from Terry Webb.

The Saints responded with a 5-0 run.

Quentin Purtue hit a three-pointer that gave the Saints a 28-22 lead with 4:17 to play in the first half, but the Broncbusters were able to finish the half on a 6-2 run that narrowed Seward's lead to 30-28.

Reuben King gave the Broncbusters a one-point lead to start the second half with a three-point shot, but Jabari Peters knocked down a long-range three on Seward's next possession to regain the lead.

The Saints then went to work on defense and continued to make scoring difficult for the Broncbusters.

The Saints were able to outpace Garden City over the next eight minutes, and with 10:59 to play Seward had jumped out to a 46-35 lead.

Leslee Smith and Avila dominated the defensive paint for Seward, and with few opportunities close to the basket, Garden City started to shoot long- and mid-range shots, missing most of them.

Garden's Chris Hall connected on a three-pointer that cut Seward's lead to eight points, and former Liberal Redskin Jade Cathey made another basket for the Broncbusters to cut Seward's lead to six with 7:09 to play.

Four straight Garden City fouls allowed Seward to build the lead back to 13 with 3:02 to play,

and the Saints coasted to the 58-49 win.

“I thought Garden City was ready to play,” Seward coach Bryan Zollinger said. “We expected a battle. They hit a bunch of tough shots in the first half. I felt if we could keep some defensive pressure on them we could get them to miss, and I think that’s what happened.”

Jabari Peters led the Saints with 13 points, Kaheem Ransom scored 12, Malcolm Hill-Bey had 11, and Avila added 10.

Seward (14-6, 5-1) will host Butler (16-4, 4-2) at 8 p.m. Saturday for homecoming.