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Cloud County' Edward Dyson may have come in to the Green house as one of the leading scorers in the Jayhawk West, but that didn't intimidate Jabari Peters.

Dyson came in averaging 14.2 points per game but was shut out in one of Seward's best defensive efforts of the year. The Saints cruised to a 68-39 win and remained one game behind league-leading Hutchinson in th race for the Jayhawk West title.

Seward made it difficult for Cloud all night, and whatever Cloud did to try and slow down the Saints seemed to be adding fuel to the fire.

When Cloud opted for a zone defense, the Saints went on an outside scoring frenzy.

Seward landed three three-pointers in a one-minute period that broke a 7-7 tie and gave the Saints a 16-7 lead.

Cloud switched to a man defense, and the Saints started to pound the paint. By the end of the first half, Seward had a 36-17 lead.

Jerry Cobb started the Saints offense where it left off, knocking down a long-range three, and Seward's defense contained Cloud to one point in the first five minutes to jump out to a 45-18 lead.

After a Cloud basket, Seward reeled off five more points to jump out to a 50-20 lead.

Seward coach Bryan Zollinger was able to use the last 13 minutes to play a variety a line-ups. Ten different Saints scored in the rout.

Kaheem Ransom led the Saints with 16 points, and Malcolm Hill-Bey added 10.

The Saints also took care of the ball. Seward committed 13 turnovers while forcing 22.

The Saints also shot a blistering 50 percent form behind the arc draining 10 three-pointers on 20 attempts.

"I thought we played with really good energy especially defensively," Zollinger said. "We were really working defensively in the first half and that fueled the rest of the game."

Seward assistant Jason Sautter assigned Peters to defend Dyson, and the result was a zero-for-seven night.

"Our players know where they like to score and worked to take that away and have some pride

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in not letting the other team's best players beat us on a consistent basis," Zollinger said.

"Seward (19-7, 10-2) will travel to Dodge City (13-13, 5-7) Saturday. Tip off is slated for 8 p.m.