

90-62 loss to Hutchinson sends Lady Saints on road for playoffs

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The Lady Saints needed to win one of their final three games to lock up a home playoff game, but for the first time in 20 seasons, Seward will start the playoffs on the road after a 90-62 loss to Hutchinson ended the regular season on a three-game losing streak for the Lady Saints.

The loss did not sit well with standout point guard Ricquia Jones who sat on the end of the bench after the game during sophomore recognition, still fuming over the end of the regular season.

Seward trailed Hutchinson by as many as 12 points early in the second half, but the Lady Saints put together a run that cut Hutch's lead to five with 10:49 to play.

The Lady Blue Dragons took a time out and responded with a vengeance.

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Hutch used two three-pointers to spark an 18-2 run to take a 21-point lead and end any hopes of a Seward rally.

The hot-handed Hutchinson Lady Blue Dragons continued to pour in the points down the stretch for the 90-62 win.

The Lady Saints (19-10, 10-6) will have to travel to either Allen County or Neosho County for the first round of the Region VI tournament Saturday.