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The No. 12 Lady Saints nearly reached triple digits in a 96-77 win over Jayhawk opponent Garden City Community College.



The Lady Saints, since their loss to Labette, are 9-0 and have knocked down conference opponents, Cloud County, Colby, Dodge City, Coffeyville, Pratt, Cowley, and Garden City en route to a No. 10 national ranking.

Seward came out of the gate a little slow in Wednesday night's clash with the Lady Broncbusters.

The Lady Saints trailed for the first eight minutes of the contest until Seward guard Kendra Spresser sunk a shot in the lane to put the Lady Saints up 11-10 with 12 minutes to play in the first half.

Garden City regained the lead with 11 minutes on the clock, 14-13, but that would be the last time Garden would see themselves on top.

The Lady Saints went on a 9-0 run capped by a Megan Lassley three pointer to take an eight-point lead 22-14 with about nine-and-a-half minutes to play in the half.

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The Lady Saints maintained their lead and went to the locker room up 10, 45-35.

Vaneza Junior started the second half off with back-to-back buckets to spark an 8-0 run that put Seward up 18, 53-35.

A three-pointer by Megan Lassley put Seward up 21, and the Lady Saints kept marching from there.

Rachel Barnes and Nadia Rosario beasted in the paint, while Lassley and Junior were driving to the basket and finding open jump shots in transition.

After going up 21 Seward kept a foot to the throat of the Lady Broncbusters and finished just four points shy of reaching 100 in their 96-77 win.

Rachel Barnes continued to dominate as she led the Lady Saints with 29 points along with five assists and six rebounds. Rosario fought hard down low and finished the night with 17 points and seven boards. Junior found points off transition and reached double digits with 15 points. Lassley scored 13 and had seven assists on the night as well.

Nine Lady Saints scored in the contest with four ladies scoring 13-plus.

Seward moves to 20-1 on the season and 7-0 atop the Jayhawk Conference.

“Our goal is to win the conference and then worry about everything else after that,” Rosario said. “We have to take things one game at a time and we’ve got to bring it every night as a team, not as individuals, and it’s definitely attainable.”

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Seward will travel to El Dorado to take on Butler Friday night before a highly anticipated rematch with the No. 24 Lady Blue Dragons Monday night in Hutchinson.