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When the shots aren't falling, a coach looks for a leader to step up.

Marky Nolen carried the load for the Saints Wednesday night.



Nolan recorded a double-double with 25 points and 12 boards to move Seward past the Garden City Broncbusters, 78-73.

The Saints were in a battle at the Green House Wednesday night.

No. 22 Seward shot out to a 6-3 lead but soon found themselves down 17-11 with a little over nine minutes to go in the first half.

The Saints fought their way back to tie the game with three minutes to play in the half at 23-23.

The game remained tied 30-30 at half.

The second half the Saints were able to string some baskets together and held a 12-point lead with just 51.3 seconds on the clock.

Garden moved to a full-court press and began fouling to try and conserve clock. The Saints made things easy on Garden in that final minute turning the ball over off of a couple inbounds passes and also putting Garden's best outside shooter, Chris McHenry, at the line twice in the final minute while McHenry was attempting three-point shots.

It was an ugly last minute, and Garden got within four points, 77-73, with 11.7 seconds on the clock. It was too little too late for Garden City though as the Saints finished with a 78-73 win over their Jayhawk West opponents.

"We did a lot of dumb things," Saints head coach Bryan Zollinger said. "We were trying to throw touchdown passes the length of the court, we turned the ball over, didn't rebound, and we were fouling three-point shooters."

Despite some "dumb" mistakes Seward is 6-1 in-conference and tied with No. 9 Hutch for first in the Jayhawk West, not enough for Coach Zollinger.

"The conference is up for grabs," Zollinger said. "And right now, we are the worst conference-leading team in America."

Marky Nolen's double-double led the Saints, Latiq Agard dropped 19 points and Jon Tassin contributed 14 points.

The win moves Seward to 17-4, 6-1 in conference. The No. 22 Saints will travel to El Dorado to take on Butler Friday night and will take on No. 9 Hutchinson Monday night in the Arena.

Saints hold on late, buck Broncos, 78-73

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