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Megan Lassley provides defensive pressure against Colby's Danisha Cole. Seward forced 37 Colby turnovers in a 91-38 thrashing of the Lady Trojans. Daily Leader photo/Earl Watt

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At some point it was going to happen.

The Lady Saints were going to go on a run.

How many points was it going to be.

This time it was a 25-0 run that ended any thoughts of a Colby upset Saturday at the Green House.

Seward went on to win in a rout, 91-38 to stay on top of the Jayhawk West.

The No. 9 Lady Saints already had a 26-16 lead with eight minutes to play in the first half.

Colby wouldn't score again for nine minutes.

Kendra Spresser started the run by scoring a jumper, two free throws and a three-pointer.

Seward's defensive pressure forced the turnovers and quick baskets while the Lady Trojans fouled Seward out of frustration.

Seward's run could have been larger, but the Lady Saints missed four straight free throws near the end of the first half.

By the end of the run, the Lady Saints had a 50-17 lead.

Toby Wynn substituted often during the game, but he didn't have to think about which Lady Saint was going to get a rest. He switched out five for five throughout the game.

The second group of five played most of the second half.

It didn't matter. They continued to build the lead.

With 35 seconds to play, Morgan Skomal hit a three to give the Lady Saints their biggest lead of the night at 55 points, 91-36.

All 10 Lady Saints scored in the game.

While the win was one of the largest margins of victory against a Jayhawk West opponent, Seward coach Toby Wynn still expected higher intensity from the tip.

“Early we didn’t come out and play locked-in defense like we needed to,” he said. “After we forced some turnovers we were able to score some baskets, and we came out in second half and was able to defend.”

Spresser stepped up to lead the Lady Saints by scoring 23 points.

“She played good,” Wynn said. “She’s somebody that can score with the basketball. I was glad to see her shoot it. As long as we keep her going, that is always a plus.”

With the lopsided score, Wynn was concerned that his team would lose focus.

“In games like this you hope that you don’t get sloppy or careless with the basketball,” he said. “You want to shoot it before you turn it over, and play solid defensively. You don’t want to start picking up bad habits.”

One of those moments came early when Lady Saint standout Rachel Barnes was whistled for two quick fouls.

“Rachel picked up a foul in the first minute of the game because she didn’t move her feet,” Wynn said. “You can’t have those fouls no matter who you are playing.”

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After Spresser's 23, Morgan Skomal scored 16, and Vaneza Junior had 12. Former Lady Redskin Tameka Sanchez hit two three pointers for six points.