

The Lady Saints continued to flirt with the century mark, knocking off Allen County to open Region 6 action with a 98-56 win.

Rachel Barnes led the Lady Saints with 23 points in the win.

All 10 Lady Saints scored in the game.

Seward was unstoppable in the paint. Most of Barnes points were scored at point blank range, and the aggressive Lady Saint defense forced Allen County into 25 turnovers, most of which were converted into transition baskets.

Seward blew the game open early when Megan Lassley hit a three-pointer that sparked a three-minute 14-2 run that gave the Lady Saints an 18-6 lead.

The Lady Saint offense continued to pour in the shots in a half where the Lady Saints hit 56 percent of their shots.

By half, the Lady Saints had a commanding 49-23 lead.

And the onslaught continued in the second half. Five Lady Saints scored from beyond the three-point line including four from Kendra Spreser who ended the night with 16 points.

"I'm glad we won," Barnes said. "It's our first step to winning the tournament. I'm looking forward to it."

The Lady Saints advanced to Round 2 at Charles Koch Arena in Wichita. The Lady Saints will

face Coffeyville at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We played Coffeyville earlier this season," Barnes said. "I think if we can play good defense and rebound we will be all right."