

Karen Brown gets a shot up on the Dodge City defense Sunday at the Civic Center in Dodge City. The Lady Saints cruised to an 86-39 win to move to 5-1 in the Jayhawk West.



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DODGE CITY — Except for the fact that Seward was wearing green uniforms instead of white, Sunday's game in Dodge City's Civic Center had the feel of a home game.

With more fans in the crowd, the final minute traditional clap started, and the Saints cheerleaders continued the beat along with the fans until the final second ticked off on an 86-39 thrashing for the Lady Saints over the Lady Conquistadors.

The win keeps No. 14 Seward (17-3, 5-1) one game behind Cloud County in the Jayhawk West race, and dropped Dodge City to 0-7 in conference play.

Seward shot out to an early lead and continued to pour it on. The Lady Saints had a 51-21 halftime lead.

Seward had about three minutes of action where they did not score, but that was about it. The rest of the game, Seward was connecting.

But Dodge City could not escape the stifling Lady Saint defense.

Seward held Dodge to 19.7 percent shooting for the game.

Seward was able to take advantage of 22 Lady Conq turnovers and turn them in to 31 points. Dodge only managed five points off turnovers.

"I thought we played pretty well," Seward coach Toby Wynn said.

"There were a couple of stretches we didn't score, outside of that we played pretty well."

Seward showcased a wrinkle in the offense that provided mid-range opportunities. off of ball screens. And those shots were falling.

"We made some mid-range jumpshots," Wynn said. "We've been working on some new offensive stuff, some ball screens. I was happy to see that."

In the early moments of the second half, Amanda Pierson picked up two quick fouls and had to sit with three. In less than two minutes of play, the Lady Saints had been called for five fouls.

But that didn't slow Seward.

"We tried to tell our girls to adjust to the officiating," Wynn said.

"It is human judgment. Not everyone will judge it the same. Our girls have to be able to adjust to that. When you get to a point you have three or four fouls, you adjust how you play defense."

Rachel Barnes led Seward with 14 points, Pierson had 13, and LaNell Taylor scored 11.

Every Lady Saint that wore a uniform scored.

"We talk about being unselfish," Wynn said. "If you can make an opportunity for someone, make that play."

Seward will face Garden City (8-12, 2-4) Wednesday. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.