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LaNell Taylor must be part flower, because she blossoms in the Greenhouse.

The Lady Saint standout hit seven three pointers and scored 23 points to lead the Lady Saints to a 91-46 rout of Butler County.

“I love playing here,” Taylor said. “I get hot in here sometimes.

When I ‘m shooting in the Greenhouse, it happens like that.”

While Taylor knocked down seven three-pointers, the Lady Saints had

13 treys on the night.

Butler was close midway through the first half. The Lady Grizzlies were trailing 14-12 with 9:35 to play in the half when the Lady Saints found their groove.

Seward blew the game open with a 16-0 run over the next five minutes to take a 30-12 lead.

Butler would connect on only one basket in the final nine minutes and six free throws.

Taylor hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to send the Lady Saints to the locker room with a 45-21 lead.

The Lady Saints defense held Butler to 33 percent shooting for the game.

In addition to Taylor's 23, Vanessa Simmons scored 18, and Vaneza Junior had 10. Karen Brown came off the bench to score nine.

Seward continued the offensive show in the second half, and the defensive pressure proved to be too much for the Lady Grizzlies.

Seward forced 29 Butler turnovers.

"We were moving the ball around, getting the drive and the kick out,"

Taylor said.

Nine Lady Saints scored in the game, and that balance is something that Taylor said causes problems for their opponents.

"No one can scout us and say 'you have to shut down this one or that one,'" Taylor said. "Everyone who suits up is a threat. I love that about our team."

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Seward (19-3, 7-1) moved in to a tie for first with Cloud County after Hutchinson defeated the Lady Thunderbirds Friday. Seward will host Hutchinson (19-3, 6-2) tonight. Seward defeated Hutch at the Arena earlier.

But the Lady Saints aren't looking at the conference race beyond tonight's match-up with third-place Hutch.

"Coach (Toby Wynn) tells us the most important game is the next game," Taylor said. "To get to the national tournament you have to take it one game at a time."

Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Greenhouse.