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Lady Saints Stumble into Break But Ransom Carries Men

Despite a sloppy start to their game with the Beacon Prep Eagles, the Seward County Saints were able to finish the first half with a barrage of offense to take a 51-30 lead into the break before coasting to an 88-61 win Saturday night in the finale of the Pizza Hut Classic. Kaheem Ransom scored a career high 31 for the Saints in the victory while freshman big man Brian Bridgeforth had the best game of his young career with a 14 point, 12 rebound double double for Seward.

The Lady Saints didn't have quite the same fortunes, although their start was another good one. Down 7-6 to visiting Arkansas Baptist, the Lady Saints went on an 11-0 run to take a 17-7 lead and would stretch their lead to as many as 20 in the first half before going into the break on top 44-30. Seward remained up by 15 in the second half 52-37 before a 10-2 run cut their lead to single digits at 54-47. Back on top by 10 with 12:29 to go, the Lady Saints fell apart. Arkansas Baptist outscored the Lady Saints 32-10 to finish the game and what once was a comfy cushion for Seward turned into a rough loss as the Lady Buffs took the game home 79-67. Seward shot just 28% in the second half and gave up 23 offensive rebounds to Arkansas Baptist. Fabiana Monte tied her career high on a 7 for 17 shooting performance with 20 points while Madison McLain registered her first career double double with 18 points and 10 rebounds for Seward.

The Saints improve to 8-4 and will have two more non-conference games against Mineral Area and Lamar State Port Arthur to ring in the new year while the Lady Saints sit at 9-4 and will be idle until the conference opener on January 5th against Barton in the Greenhouse.

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