

## Mark Sets Doubles Record at Seward

Seward County sophomore Stephanie Mark added to her impressive list of career accomplishments this weekend as the Lady Saints took on the Lamar Runnin' Lopes on the road in Lamar. After a two hit game in game one of the double header to help lead the Lady Saints from behind in a 7-6 win, Mark was a perfect 4 for 4 in game two of the twinbill, cracking her 39th career double to break the school's all-time record and collecting her 98th, 99th, and 100th career RBI's to make her one of just five players to accomplish that feat.

A struggling Lamar squad took the early lead in game one, scoring a 1st inning run after a Seward error and one out single to go ahead 1-0. The Lady Saints had their first real scoring chance of the game in the top of the 3rd, scoring a run with two outs after back to back singles from Stephanie Mark and Michelle Duford, to tie the game at one, but a fly out would leave both runners on base as Lamar averted further damage to keep it a 1-1 game. The 'Lopes came out swinging in the bottom of the 3rd, torching Seward pitching for three runs on three hits and took advantage of a Lady Saints error to reclaim the lead 4-1. Still stunned by the big inning, the Lady Saints went down without a fight in the 4th, striking out twice in a 1-2-3 frame. Lamar led their half of the 4th off with a triple and three pitches later a sacrifice fly extended their lead to 5-1. Finally Seward showed some signs of life on the offensive end in the top of the 5th as the Lady Saints capitalized on a two out error to extend the inning and got RBI knocks from Duford and Becky Allen to climb back to within one at 5-4. That remained the score as the teams went to the 7th after Seward pitcher Brittney Sharkey held the Lamar lineup in check to give the Lady Saints a shot in the final inning. It was looking bleak for the Lady Saints as the first two batters of the inning were retired and Lamar was just one out away from sealing up their first win in three weeks. That's when Seward sprung to action. Duford doubled and Allen walked to put the tying and go ahead runs on base. A single from Jenna Keen scored Duford to tie the game at 5 and a single from Felisha Vogelaar on the next pitch plated Allen to give Seward their first lead of the game 6-5. Still with two runners on, Sierra Tadiarca singled through the left side to bring home an insurance run for the Lady Saints to make it 7-5 and it would prove crucial in the end. The Lady Saints committed their 5th error of the game to start the bottom of the 7th with the game on the line, but were able to keep that runner at first as the collected their first two outs of the inning. However, with two outs, Maddy Chadwick tripled to right center to score the run to make it a 7-6 game and put herself just 60 feet away from tying the game up. After battling the next hitter Taylor Chavez to a 1-2 count, Sharkey came up big for the Lady Saints, inducing a ground ball to get out of the trouble and finish out the 7-6 nailbiting win for Seward.

Duford led a 12 hit attack for the Lady Saints, going 3 for 4 with a double and 2 RBI's while Mark and Allen each had a hit and an RBI for the gals in green. Sharkey went the distance in the circle for Seward, allowing 7 hits and 6 runs, 4 earned, while striking out 5 to earn her 10th win of the 2013 season.

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