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Two Saints Claim Weekly Awards

The hard early season work of the only two sophomores on the Seward County roster paid off on Tuesday as the Jayhawk Conference announced that Annelise Sanchez and Morgan Riley have been named the league's Player of the Week and Co-Defensive Player of the Week.

The Jayhawk West Player of the Week, Sanchez stood out in a tough week of competition for the Lady Saints this week. Wednesday against Jayhawk West rival Colby, Sanchez nearly helped Seward pull off the upset over the Lady Trojans with 9 kills and 6 digs in a tough five set loss. Friday against 10-1 Otero, Sanchez helped Seward exact revenge from an earlier loss to the Rattlers, finishing off 13 kills and hitting .313 in a three set sweep for the Lady Saints. On the road at #20 Northeastern Friday she nearly helped Seward to another shocker, hammering down a career high 23 kills and pulling up 14 digs in her 5th double-double of the season as the Lady Saints fell to the Plainswomen in five sets. Saturday against #16 North Idaho she had 8 kills and 6 digs against a tough Cardinal front line and she finished the week with 19 kills and 14 digs against DII #11 North Platte. She finished the week averaging 3.60 kills and 2.30 digs per set while hitting .262.

Riley earned Jayhawk West Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors along with Taylor Alderson of Colby, coming up big once again in the middle for Seward this week, averaging 1.40 blocks per set in five Lady Saint matches. Wednesday in a key Jayhawk West matchup with Colby she finished with 7 total blocks and against D2 #11 North Platte later in the week she racked up double digits in blocks with 10. She currently leads the Jayhawk Conference in blocks per set at 1.14 as well as total blocks with 63 on the season and her 63 total blocks rank 12th nationally.

Sanchez and Riley will lead Seward into another busy week over the next four days as the Lady Saints match up with Garden City Wednesday in the Greenhouse followed by a trip to the Wyo-Braska Shootout in Torrington, Wyoming where they will play five matches in two days.

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