

Saints Counter Punch Colby

Colby was canning 3's at a rate of 50 percent or higher most of the night Wednesday in Colby. The Trojans seemed to have Seward right where they wanted them in between the Seward rivalry games with Garden City and Hutchinson. But the program which has won three straight Jayhawk West titles came back to win the kind of game you have to win to take a conference banner. Seward won on an off night missing lots of shots at the rim while the Trojans made 9-19 three pointers but missed a three right before the buzzer and when Malcom Hill-Bey grabbed the rebound, the Saints had a second road win in the Jayhawk West with five more to come.

Seward led 24-16 in the first half only to see the Trojans rally to tie it at 37 at halftime with Malcolm Hill-Bey on the bench in foul trouble. Colby led 55-50 with 12:08 to play in a nip and tuck game. Seward took a 72-68 lead with 4:30 to play and the Saints led 79-72 with 1:20 remaining. The Saints didn't handle late game situations well fouling the Trojans and turning the ball over. But Seward still survived to win in Colby for a third consecutive year.

Hill Bey scored a career high 26 after notching a career high 24 in Garden City Saturday. Niem Stevenson scored 23 while Brian Bridgeforth had 14 points and 13 rebounds. Secean Johnson had 12 points and six rebounds and Quentin Purtue had 10.

Seward wins for the eighth consecutive game and is 12-6 overall and 2-0 in the Jayhawk West while the Trojans fall to 9-9 and 0-2. Seward hosts #13 Hutchinson Saturday at 8 in the Green House and on B107.5 and kscbnews.net. The Bank of Beaver City is the buyout sponsor. The Saints will be featured during the Green Line Thursday night at 6 on 1270 and kscbnews.net and live from Billy's.

Wed. Jan. 15

Barton def Dodge City 96-86*

Johnson County lost to North Central MO 72-68

Butler def Cowley 65-60*

Independence def Neosho County 85-79*

#12 Hutchinson def Garden City 82-77*

Allen def Coffeyville 79-75*

Seward County def Colby 85-82*

Pratt def Cloud County 90-66*