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Lady Saints Conquer Dodge City

oming into Saturday night's game at Dodge City off of two straight losses, the #10 Seward County Lady Saints had some questions to answer. The Lady Saints left United Wireless Arena in Dodge with those questions answered after a 92-55 blowout win over the Lady Conqs.

After their poorest offensive performance of the year on Wednesday night against Garden City, Seward wasted no time in showing that Saturday would not be a repeat. Seward went inside early and often to get things going, scoring on their first four trips down the floor to open up an 11-5 lead on struggling Dodge City. The Lady Conqs weren't having a ton of trouble scoring on their end either though and five minutes in it was 14-8 Seward. Later on Rebekah Hatchard found Shanise Brooks on a curl for a layup to make it 18-8 and Alana Simon drove and scored to keep Seward up by 10 at 26-16 with 9:14 remaining in the half. Seward continued to score with ease on their end of the floor as Brooks put it in the hole on back to back possessions to stretch their lead to 35-21 with 6:16 left in the half. After Dodge had cut it back to 10, Fabiana Monte connected with Peyton Fleming for a layup to put Seward back up a dozen and the Lady Saints went to the break on top 44-34.

Seward shot 51% in the half and got 16 points from Brooks and a 12 point, 10 rebound first half double-double from Korina Chapman.

Early in the second half the Lady Saints took their largest lead to that point in the game at 18 as Simon knocked down a pair of free throws to make it 52-34. Unfortunately for Dodge City, Seward wouldn't stop there however. The Lady Saints opened the second half on a 20-3 lead and what was once a 10 point Seward advantage quickly turned into a 64-37 contest with 11:39 to go. Seward's onslaught of the Lady Conqs continued as Simon hit a three from the corner to make it 83-48 with 5:55 left and with under a minute to go Hatchard canned a long ball to give the Lady Saints their biggest lead of the night at 92-53 before Seward dribbled the clock out in a 92-55 victory.

Seward faced little resistance from Dodge in the win, shooting 52% from the field while holding the Lady Conqs to just 20% shooting in the second half and 32% overall on the night. Brooks led Seward with 24 points while Chapman finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Simon scored 18 for Seward and Brianna Scott added 12 to go along with 5 steals.

The Lady Saints snap their two game losing streak and improve to 23-4 overall and 8-3 in Jayhawk West action with the win while Dodge City's miserable Jayhawk West season continues as they fall to 14-13 overall and 1-10 in league play.

Seward returns home on Wednesday when they will take on Barton in the Greenhouse at 6:00. Free tickets are available courtesy of our buyout sponsor Sunflower Bank at their Liberal location as well as at Pizza Hut and Hutch's.

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