

### Slow Start Dooms Saints

A deer in headlights. That's how Seward head coach Bryan Zollinger described his team in the first half. A furious second half comeback wasn't enough as #1 Hutchinson did what they almost always do, beat Seward in the Hutchinson Sports Arena. The 15-0 Dragons won 80-75 and improved the program's record against Seward at home to 39-4. Jeremy Jones scored 26 points and dished six assists but missed a key dunk down the stretch which seemed to swing the momentum of the game. Seward trailed 38-28 at halftime but came back and led by three on several occasions in the second half and won the second half 47-42. But Hutchinson shot 57 percent from the field in beat Seward. Head coach Bryan Zollinger says the slow start was puzzling. "First half we played like deer in the headlights," Zollinger said after falling to 0-4 in the Sports Arena against the Dragons. "We're double pumping and falling away on layups. We were taking bad shots and had 11 turnovers. I ripped them at halftime. I told them to play hard. If you're going to get in a fight, at least go down swinging."

Seward is 12-3 and 0-1 in the Jayhawk West. Hutch visits the Green House February 2. Seward hosts Barton Saturday night at 8 p.m. on B107.5 and [kscbnews.net](http://kscbnews.net). The Saints will be featured during the Green Line Thursday night at 6 p.m. on Talkradio 1270 and [kscbnews.net](http://kscbnews.net).

### **Wed. Jan. 5**

Neosho County def Highland **93-82\***

Kansas City KS def Allen County **85-71\***

Colby def Pratt **60-59\***

Independence def D2#4 Johnson Co. **92-86\* OT**

#1 Hutchinson def #25 Seward County **80-75\***

Cowley def #6 Coffeyville **83-80\* OT**

Dodge City def Butler **79-68\***

Fort Scott def Labette **61-57\***

Cloud County def Barton County **85-78\***

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