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A Humbling Homecoming for Saints

Since Bryan Zollinger took over the Saints during the 2008 season, he could count on beating Cloud. He brought an 8-1 record against the Thunderbirds into Saturday night's homecoming game in the Green House. But this time Cloud beat Seward 65-63 in front of a big Green House crowd to pull within a game and a half in the Jayhawk West race. Zollinger says he is frustrated with his team's approach Saturday night.

"We showed no poise, no courage, and no intensity," Zollinger said. "With a chance to clinch the division title and that's the best effort you give? Come on, that's rediculous."

The Saints led the game before Cloud's Richard Carter scored nine points in three consecutive possessions. Cloud shot 47 percent against the Saints and 55 percent in the second half. The T-Birds out rebounded the Saints by nine. Jeremy Jones scored 25 points and six assists. Rafriel Guthrie scored 12 and Marky Nolen's streak of eight straight double-doubles was snapped at eight after he scored eight and grabbed 11 rebounds. Thirteenth ranked Seward loses their second game of the week and falls to 22-5 overall and 10-3 in the Jayhawk West. Cloud is in second at 17-8 overall and 7-4 in the Jayhawk West. It was their first win over Seward since 2009 and their first win at the Green House since 2006. Seward plays at Dodge city Sunday at 4 p.m on B107.5 and kscbnews.net.

Sat. Feb. 12
Kansas City KS def Neosho County **98-91***
Johnson County def Allen County **65-61***
KSU-Salina at Hesston 4:00
#10 Coffeyville def Highland **100-95***
Cowley def Labette **86-62***
Dodge City def Pratt **70-65***
Garden City def Colby **72-58***
Butler def Barton County **82-58***
Independence def Fort Scott **62-41***
Cloud County def #13 Seward County **65-63***

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