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With Leslee Smith at the free throw line with only 3.4 seconds to play with a one-point Saints lead, Smith made the first shot but missed the second.

No Saints were lined up for the rebound, but Kaheem Ransom streaked from the three-point line down the middle of the lane to snag Smith's miss off the rim, and put it back in to secure a 71-67 homecoming win for Seward Saturday in the Green House.

The Saints built an 11-point first half lead but Butler rallied in t a 37-36 halftime lead.

Butler built up to a six-point lead with 4:27 to play after Eric Watson's basket, but Smith was able to answer with a basket and a free throw on the foul to cut the Grizzly lead in half.

Ransom gets put-back to seal deal

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Edson Avila scored a basket followed by two more from Brian Bridgeforth, and the Saints reclaimed a 64-63 lead.

Butler tied the score at 66-66 with 46.4 seconds to play before Briston White scored a basket with 21 seconds remaining.

Butler had a chance to tie the game with 4.9 seconds to play when Shomari Triggs was fouled. He made the first shot but missed the second. Smith grabbed the rebound and was fouled to set up the final play that ended with Ransom's clutch rebound and put-back for the 71-67 win.