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There was nothing spectacular about Seward's win over last-place Colby Wednesday in the Green House.

Seward jumped out 8-0 in the first minute and 40 seconds of the game, and then basically played even the rest of the way in a 67-60 win.

The Saints had as much as an 11-point lead, but with 15:31 to play Colby's Terry Starks tied the game.

Seward responded with a 13-2 run to jump out to a 49-38 lead with 8:58 to play.

Kaheem Ransom hit a bucket and then followed with two free throws to give the Saints a 53-40 lead with 7:10 to play, but the Seward scoring cooled down the stretch.

Colby outscored Seward 20-14 the rest of the way but never made a serious threat.

"I thought it was one of our weaker efforts in the past month," Seward coach Bryan Zollinger said. "There was a lack of defensive intensity, poor decision making. We did just enough to win."

There was no stand-out performance, and Zollinger attributed that to a lackluster preparation.

"The take-home message for tonight is we were flat at practice, flat at shoot-around, flat at warm-up, and we played flat," he said. "We need to give them a lesson in where their gluteus maximus is, and then give them a lesson in ancient fire starting, and then put that fire right underneath the gluteus maximus."

Ransom led the Saints with 19 points, and Edson Avila scored 14.

"From an effort perspective I was disappointed overall," Zollinger said. "There were some guys that tried to step up to make the plays we needed to win. It was a workmanlike effort. It was like we punched the clock, and let's just do enough to win. It was not an inspired effort."

Seward (17-7, 8-2) will travel to Pratt (18-5, 6-3) for a rare Friday game.