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The Lady Saints did not have the type of weekend they were looking for in Torrington, Wyo., as they completed in the 2013 Wyo-Braska Shootout. Seward finished the annual tournament 1-3, to bring their record on the year to 10-10.

Coming off their best performance of the year, a swift three-set win at home over Garden City on Wednesday, the Lady Saints fell flat, and struggled to find momentum.

Seward took on the host Eastern Wyoming Lancers in the opening match of the tournament. Despite grabbing a two-sets-to-one lead, the Lady Saints could not close out the match, and fell in five sets 27-25, 21-25, 27-25, 20-25, 13-15.

Carolina Gasparini led Seward with 15 kills and 14 digs in the loss. Morgan Riley also had a big match at the net with 10 kills and 8 blocks for the Lady Saints.

Stepping into the starting role on the outside, Sheree Ryan finished with a career-high 11 kills as well as a career-high five blocks for Seward.

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Both of the Lady Saints defensive specialists had big matches as Kelci Bedingfield pulled up 30 digs, and Kari Anderson finished with 17.

In their second match of the tournament, Seward faced a red-hot Sheridan team, who had yet to lose to an unranked opponent (10-0) in the month of September. The Lady Saints refused to buy into the hype though, and swept Sheridan in three straight sets, 25-21, 25-21, 31-29.

Unlike the first match, Seward's offense ran smooth, as Nacole Miller dished out 33 assists, including 11 to Gasparini and 10 to Kristen Anderson.

Following the impressive win, the Lady Saints failed to maintain momentum, and found themselves being swept in their third match by the Central Wyoming Rustlers, 21-25, 22-25, 25-27.

Gasparini and Anderson again supplied the bulk of the offensive firepower. The two combined for 23 of the Lady Saints 34 kills in the match. Anderson was the only player to finish with double-digit digs, as she pulled up 19 in the loss.

The fourth and final match did not get any better for Seward as they battled the seventh-ranked Western Wyoming Mustangs. The Mustangs were too big for the Lady Saints, and Seward found themselves on the losing end of a three-set sweep, 13-25, 21-25, 17-25.

Miller recorded a double-double in the match with 19 assists and 10 digs, while Annelise Sanchez ended the loss with a team-best 12 digs.

With their record now at 10-10, this marks the second year in a row that the Lady Saints have failed to have a winning record at the 20 match mark, just the second time in program history for that to occur.

Seward will look to rebound in a busy and important week of Jayhawk West action as they hit

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the road Wednesday to take on Dodge City, and again on Friday, to take on Hutchinson before returning home for a match with Pratt on Saturday in the Greenhouse.