

L&T staff report

The Seward County Saints were in Garden City over the weekend for the Garden City Pepsi Classic. The Saints dropped their opener 57-54 on Friday, but came away with a 72-57 win on Saturday.



Friday afternoon Seward took on the No. 25 North Platte Knights.

The Saints struggled out of the gate early, managing only four field goals in the first half, and found themselves behind 27-21 at halftime.

Seward came out stronger in the second half, taking the lead at one point, but the Knights answered back and regained the lead late in the contest.

The Saints had a chance to send it to overtime in the final seconds but were unable to connect, and North Platte escaped with the 57-54 win.

Seward shot 30 percent for the game, and had only one assist as a team in the game.

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Kevin Smith led the Saints with 12 points in the loss.

Saturday, Seward looked to rebound when the Saints took on Kingdom Prep.

Seward got off to a much better start, making 11 first-half field goals, and had a 32-26 lead at the half.

Kingdom Prep came out strong in the second half, grabbing a 39-38 lead early in the second.

The lead did not last long for Kingdom Prep, as the Saints retook the lead, 52-48 with eight minutes remaining.

Seward extended that lead in the final minutes of the game to earn the 72-57 win.

Kingdom Prep was a perfect 17-of-17 from the charity stripe in the second half of the game.

The 72 point output by the Saints matched a season high for the team. Seward also shot a season-best 41 percent from the field in the game.

Niem Stevenson and Tyreke sharp both led the team in scoring with 17 points a piece, while Brian Bridgeforth had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

With the split, the Saints are now 2-2 on the year.

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Seward will be back at home in the Greenhouse on Friday and Saturday when they host the Billy's/Days Inn Classic.