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After a disappointing 8-5 loss in the opening game against the below-.500 Garden City Lady Broncbusters, Seward had to score late and hold off a seventh-inning rally attempt to win the nightcap, 4-3.

The Lady aints shot out to an early lead thanks to the strong bat of Pokey Ewell. Seward scored twice in the bottom of the first for a 2-0 lead.

Garden City did not score until the fourth when they landed back-to-back hits off Katelyn Craker to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Lady Saints regained a two-run lead in the bottom half of the fourth and had a chance for more, but a double play ended with a rundown between home and third.

Garden City tied the game in the fifth with a pair of runs on deep hits, but the Lady Saints were

able to strand a runner a second to end the threat.

Another double play ended the fifth for the Lady Saints when a short pop was caught by the pitcher, and a Seward runner was caught too far off second base.

Seward was able to push another run across the plate in the bottom of the sixth to take a 4-3 lead. Seward coach Andrea Gustafson took advantage of a lead-off walk and sacrifice bunted the runner over to second. A double by Ewell allowed the run to score, but the Lady Saints couldn't get an insurance run and headed to the final inning with only a one-run lead.

Garden City's lead-off batter reached and advanced to second, but Craker was able to record the final outs and strand the runner to secure the 4-3 win.

Seward will finish the regular season at home Friday with a non-league double header against Pratt. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.