

Lenoir-Rhyne Cross Country Begins Season At The Eye Opener Invitational

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams kicked off the 2011 season at the Eye Opener Invitational Friday night at the Roger Milliken Center. The women's team finished eighth out of 20 schools while the men's squad placed 10th out of 18. Furman and Clemson won the women's and men's team events, respectively.

On the women's side, senior and two-time All-American Kate Griewisch (Banner Elk, N.C.) ran an 18:20 to finish eighth out of 166 runners as the Bears' top runner.

Sophomore Laura Rhyne (Taylorsville, N.C.) placed 53rd overall with a 20:43 while senior Tiffany Payne (Painted Post, N.Y.) ran a 20:55 to finish 60th on the 5K course.

For the Lenoir-Rhyne men, freshman James Palaniuk (Marina, Calif.) ran the 8K in 27:34 to place 35th while freshman Mike York (Kannapolis, N.C.) ran a 27:56, good for 47st overall.

The Bears will next host the Lenoir-Rhyne Invitational next Saturday, September 10, at Southside Park in Newton, N.C., beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Lees McRae women's team finished ninth overall; Emily Sheilds paced the Bobcats by finishing 28th in 19:55; the LMC men finished 11th. Tyler Dunn of the Bobcats was 34th in 27:31.

No. 8 LRU Opens Season With 2-1 Win Over Georgia College

The eighth-ranked Lenoir-Rhyne University Women's Soccer Team (1-0) defeated Georgia College (0-1), 2-1, in the 2011 season opener Friday evening at the Tusculum Kickoff Classic. L-R got on the board first in the 27th minute when junior midfielder Carley Griffin (Fresno, Calif.) scored from 12 yards out.

Senior All-American midfielder Catherine Hauck (Lake Mary, Fla.) gave the Bears a 2-0 advantage at the 33:43 mark of the first half when she connected on a 10-yard shot to the near post. Junior All-American midfielder Elizabeth Hawes (Valdese, N.C.) was credited with the assist.

The Bobcats cut the lead in half just 12 seconds before intermission when Taylor Yee (Johns Creek, Ga.) finished off a deflected free kick.

The second half was scoreless as the Bears held on for the victory over the Bobcats.

L-R senior Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) picked up the win in goal for the Bears after stopping four shots while allowing just one score. The Bobcats goalkeeper, Annie Stephens (Fayetteville, Ga.), suffered the loss.

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Lenoir-Rhyne remains on the road Tuesday when it travels to Misenheimer, N.C., to take on Pfeiffer beginning at 4:30 p.m. Georgia College plays Southern Indiana Sunday on the final day of the tournament at 2 p.m.

Lenoir-Rhyne then faces fifth-ranked Florida Tech, an NCAA Division II National Semifinalist last season, in its home opener next Friday night at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex beginning at 7 p.m.