

Bears Defeat Brevard In 3OT

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In its first-ever triple overtime game in school history, Lenoir-Rhyne (3-2, 2-0) prevailed over Brevard (2-4, 1-3), 33-27, Saturday afternoon in front of 8,047 fans at Moretz Stadium in a South Atlantic Conference contest.

Senior quarterback Major Herron (Kingsland, Ga.) scored the game-winning touchdown from 25 yards out in the third overtime for the Bears.

Lenoir-Rhyne also won its first homecoming contest since the 2004 season, a 31-26 victory over Wingate.

Herron led the Bears with 93 yards on the ground and scored twice while sophomore defensive back Michael Green (Kingsland, Ga.) returned a punt 53 yards for a score and added a team-high nine tackles as L-R remained unbeaten in league play.

Herron scored from one yard out on the game's opening drive while Green's punt return for a touchdown staked the Bears to a 14-0 advantage midway through the second quarter.

After Brevard hit a field goal to cut the margin to 14-3 at intermission, the Tornados scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 17-14 advantage.

Brevard quarterback Aaron Reese (Bradenton, Fla.) ran it in on a one-yard quarterback sneak before defensive back Michael Gist (North Augusta, Ga.) returned a fumble 62 yards for a touchdown.

L-R forced overtime when senior placekicker Colin Corpe (Ocala, Fla.) connected on a 25-yard field goal with 3:35 left in the fourth quarter.

The two squads traded field goals in the first overtime and touchdowns in the second overtime before Herron clinched the game with his tackle-breaking 25-yard touchdown run.

In the second overtime, L-R freshman running back Chris Robinson (Newnan, Ga.) and Brevard halfback Kelvin Jeter (Gastonia, N.C.) scored rushing touchdowns of 15 yards and one yard, respectively, to force the third overtime.

Reese led Brevard in passing yards (105) and rushing yards (45) while wideout Eric Watts (Powhatan, Va.) added eight catches for 79 yards despite the loss.

On defense, Tornado linebacker Prince Simunyu (Wake Forest, N.C.) led all tacklers with 13 takedowns.

L-R redshirt freshman fullback Isaiah Whitaker (Salisbury, N.C.) added 74 yards rushing as the Bears finished with 251 yards on the ground while limiting the Tornados to just 106 rushing.

Lenoir-Rhyne travels to Greeneville, Tenn., to take on Tusculum next Saturday in a league contest beginning at 2:30 p.m. Brevard hosts North Greenville on Saturday, October 22, at 2 p.m.

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Brevard	0	3	14	0	10	[3]	[7]	[0]	27
Lenoir-Rhyne	7	7	0	3	16	[3]	[7]	[6]	33

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SCORING

1st QTR:

8:46 L-R Major Herron 1 yd run (Colin Corpe kick) , 15 plays, 64 yards, (6:14) 0 - 7

2nd QTR:

6:45 L-R Michael Green 53 yd punt return (Colin Corpe kick) 0 - 14

2:04 BC A. Clark 37 yd field goal, 10 plays, 45 yards, (4:34) 3 - 14

3rd QTR:

6:44 BC A. Reese 1 yd run (A. Clark kick failed), 8 plays, 66 yards,(4:12) 9 - 14

3:06 BC M. Gist 62 yd fumble recovery (A. Overholt pass from A. Reese)
17 - 14

4th QTR:

3:35 L-R Colin Corpe 25 yd field goal, 10 plays, 40 yards, (3:32) 17 - 17

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OVERTIME:

BC A. Clark 30 yd field goal 6 plays, 12 yards, 20 - 17

L-R Colin Corpe 33 yd field goal, 4 plays, 9 yards, 20 - 20

L-R Chris Robinson 15 yd run (Colin Corpe kick), 4 plays, 25 yards, 20 - 27

BC K. Jeter 1 yd run (A. Clark kick), 6 plays, 25 yards, 27 - 27

L-R Major Herron 25 yd run, 3 plays, 25 yards, 27 - 33

FIRST DOWNS: LRU 18, BC 15

TOTAL YARDS: LRU 321, BC 211

RUSHING YARDS: LRU 251, BC 106

PASSING YARDS: LRU 70, BC 105

TURNOVERS: LRU 2, BC 0

PENALTY YARDS: LRU 6-67, BC 5-36

POSSESSION TIME: LRU 29:10, BC 30:50

3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS: LRU 8-19, BC 2-15

4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS: LRU 1-2, BC 1-1

RUSHING:

LRU: HERRON 26-93-2TD

BC: REESE 16-45-TD

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PASSING:

LRU: HERRON 8-15-70
BC: REESE 10-22-105

RECEIVING:

LRU: GILMORE 6-40
BC: WATTS 8-79

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