

## **No.20 Bears Blank Mars Hill**

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (10-1, 6-0) won its seventh straight match, 4-0 over Mars Hill (4-9, 1-5) Wednesday evening in a South Atlantic Conference contest at the Ammons

Family Athletic Center and Meares Stadium. Sophomore defender Hanna Kiebel (Parker, Colo.) scored twice to lead L-R, which won its 16th consecutive conference regular season contest as well dating back to 2010.

The Bears, ranked No. 20 in NCAA Division II, also shut out their third straight opponent and outscored their opposition by a 16-0 count during the span.

Sophomore midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) opened the scoring for Lenoir-Rhyne in the 21st minute with her first goal of the year.

Donovan finished off a corner kick which was redirected in the box. Freshman midfielder Garcelle Alequine (Wilmington, Del.) and freshman defender Brianna Belsky (Egg Harbour Township, N.J.) were both credited with the assist.

Kiebel put the Bears up by a 2-0 score at the 28:50 mark of the first half thanks to a touch pass to the middle by freshman midfielder Casey Marlin (Floyds Knob, Ind.), who was credited with the assist.

L-R put the contest away when redshirt freshman forward Hallie Hilliard (Lenoir, N.C.) scored just 31 seconds into the second half. Alequine, who crossed past the goalkeeper, picked up the assist.

Kiebel rounded out the scoring for Lenoir-Rhyne with her second goal of the match with just 40 seconds remaining in the contest.

Lenoir-Rhyne senior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) was credited with the victory while Mars Hill's goalkeeper, Chelsea Parker (Richmond, Va.), suffered the loss despite making five saves on the night.

L-R returns home to face Carson-Newman in a conference contest this Saturday as part of Homecoming weekend at 5:00 p.m., at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex. Mars Hill hosts Newberry Saturday at 5:00 p.m., as well.

## **L-R Men Drops 3-1 Decision To No.19 Mars Hill**

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Soccer Team (5-5-2, 2-3-1) saw its four-match winning streak come to an end with a 3-1 loss to No. 19 Mars Hill (10-2, 5-1) Wednesday night at the Ammons Family Athletic Center and Meares Stadium in a South Atlantic Conference contest.

The Lions' Stephen Bivens (Douglasville, Ga.) scored twice as Mars Hill won its second straight match and took over sole possession of second place in the league standings.

Bivens opened the scoring at the 22:50 mark of the first half on a deflection off the post.

The contest remained 1-0 until Mars Hill's Shadi Harb (San Andres, COLUMBIA) scored on a penalty kick in the 52nd minute of the match.

Bivens scored Mars Hill's last goal of the night in the 63rd minute off a long pass from Chad Langley (Longview, Texas), who finished with a pair of assists in the match.

L-R avoided the shutout when freshman forward Santiago Asprilla (Gastonia, N.C.) scored his second goal in as many matches in the 81st minute. Freshman midfielder Raffaele Di Puerto (High Point, N.C.) was credited with the assist for the Bears.

Mars Hill's Zac Scott (Pittsboro, N.C.) notched the win in goal for the Lions as he allowed just one score while stopping four shots. L-R junior goalkeeper Stefan Dill (Southampton, BERMUDA) took the loss despite tallying 10 saves on the night.

Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Carson-Newman in a conference contest as part of Homecoming weekend on Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex. The match is also Senior Night for the Bears.

Mars Hill, meanwhile, remains at home to host league-rival Newberry on its Senior Night Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., as well.

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