

Eight Bears Earn All-SAC Honors

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team placed a league-high eight players on the 2012 All-South Atlantic Conference First and Second Teams as

league awards were announced today. In addition, first-year mentor Cally Morrill was named the SAC Coach Of The Year while forward Leah Mullins was tabbed the league freshman of the year. Mullins was one of six players to be named to the All-South Atlantic Conference First Team.

Joining Mullins on the first team were sophomore midfielder Hanna Kiebel (Parker, Colo.), senior midfielder Carley Griffin (Fresno, Calif.), freshman defenders Brianna Belsky (Egg Harbour Township, N.J.) and Amber Madriaga (Wailuku, Hawaii) and senior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.).

Mullins leads the team in goals scored (11) and total points (25) while Griffin earned All-SAC First-Team honors for the second straight year.

Kiebel, last year's league freshman of the year, has three goals and 10 points this fall en route to all-conference honors for the second consecutive season as well.

The trio of Belsky, Madriaga and Scruggs anchored a Bears' defense that has allowed just six goals all season including two in conference play.

Scruggs, a two-time first-team all-league honoree, has a 0.42 goals-against average with 63 saves and six shutouts entering this week's conference tournament.

L-R freshman forwards Garcelle Alequine (Wilmington, Del.) and Kendall Smith (Asheville, N.C.) were named to the all-conference second team. Both players are currently tied for second on the squad in goals scored with six.

Lenoir-Rhyne (13-1-2, 9-0) won its third consecutive league championship including second straight regular season crown outright this year. The Bear are also ranked No. 11 in NCAA Division II.

L-R, the top seed in the Food Lion SAC Tournament, will host eighth-seeded Mars Hill (6-12) in the quarterfinal round today at 4:00 p.m.

The semifinals and finals of the conference tournament will take place on Friday and Sunday, respectively, in Manchester Meadows in Rock Hill, S.C.

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FIRST TEAM

Forward

Jade Montgomery, Wingate

Tramicka James, Tusculum

Leah Mullins, Lenoir-Rhyne

Shelby Forza, Wingate*

Krystal Goss, Anderson*

Midfielder

Hanna Kiebel, Lenoir-Rhyne

Gabrielle Brodie, Newberry

Josefin Hedstrom, Lincoln Memorial

Carley Griffin, Lenoir-Rhyne

Defender

Kelly Moldenhauer, Wingate

Brianna Belsky, Lenoir-Rhyne

Amber Madriaga, Lenoir-Rhyne

Cassie Smith, Newberry

Goalkeeper

Caitlin Scruggs, Lenoir-Rhyne

SECOND TEAM

Forward

Garcelle Alequine, Lenoir-Rhyne

Juliana Conte, Catawba

Kendall Smith, Lenoir-Rhyne

Midfielder

Sophie Waller, Catawba

Alisha Pugh, Tusculum

Alyssa Morris, Mars Hill

Summer Miller, Anderson

Defender

Anna Toole, Catawba

Kourtney Kavic, Tusculum

Adrienne Lough, Anderson

Sam Adams, Lincoln Memorial

Goalkeeper

Kaitlyn Nepp, Anderson

* **Tied for final first-team forward spot**

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SAC Player of the Year: Jade Montgomery, Wingate

SAC Freshman of the Year: Leah Mullins, Lenoir-Rhyne

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Statistical Champions

Goals per Match: Jade Montgomery, Wingate (1.29)

Points per Match: Jade Montgomery, Wingate (3.00)

Assists per Match: Alyssa Morris, Mars Hill (0.44)

Goals Against Average: Caitlin Scruggs, Lenoir-Rhyne (0.42)

Save Percentage: Caitlin Scruggs, Lenoir-Rhyne (.913)

Shutouts: Marissa Williams, Tusculum (6)

Team Points per Match: Wingate (8.53)

Team Goals per Match: Wingate (3.00)

Team Assists per Match: Wingate (2.53)

Team Shutouts: Lenoir-Rhyne (10)

Team Goals Against Average: Lenoir-Rhyne (0.48)

Team Winning Percentage: Wingate (.900)

Fair Play Award: Lincoln Memorial

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