The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (0-1) suffered a 71-50 loss to Limestone (2-0) to open the 2012-13 campaign Wednesday evening at the

Timken Center. The Saints' Maria Young (Asheville, N.C.) led all scorers with 23 points while Tia Williams (Dacula, Ga.) also scored in double figures as she finished with 14 points to go along with seven rebounds as Limestone remained unbeaten on the year after two contests. Sophomore guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) was the lone player to score in double figures for Lenoir-Rhyne, tallying 12 points in the setback.

Limestone, which never trailed in the game, raced to a 33-20 halftime advantage and extended its lead to as much as 23 points on a lay-up by Stephanie Hayes (Hopkins, S.C.) for a 54-31 advantage with 11:56 remaining in the contest.

Senior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) added eight points for the Bears, who shot just 28 percent (19-of-69) from the field. Limestone also held a 53-45 advantage on the boards and forced 17 turnovers on the night.

Lenoir-Rhyne will next compete in the Comfort Suites Classic on the campus of Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. On the first day of the tournament on Friday, November 23, L-R will face Barton at 6:00 p.m., at Goodman Gymnasium.

Limestone, meanwhile, hosts Coker in a Conference Carolinas contest on Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

LIMESTONE 71, L-R 50

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 20 30 - 50
Limestone..... 33 38 - 71

L-R: BRINKLEY 2 (7 REBOUNDS), CULLER 8, CHRISTIAN 7, CHARLES 12, LAUGHTER 2, GUST 3, HIATT 6 (6 REBOUNDS), PATTON 2, JENNINGS 2, AWURUONYE 6. FG: 19-69, 3FG: 2-11, FT: 10-16. 45 REBOUNDS, 7 ASSISTS, 17 TURNOVERS.

LIMESTONE: BROOKINS 8 (10 REBOUNDS), ROBINSON 7, HAYES 9 (7 REBOUNDS, 6 ASSISTS), WILLIAMS 14 (7 REBOUNDS), YOUNG 23, ANSBORO 2, DIXON 2 (9 REBOUNDS), BROWN 6 (5 ASSISTS). FG: 26-70, 3FG: 6-25, FT: 13-16. 53 REBOUNDS, 13 ASSISTS, 17 TURNOVERS.

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