

## Bobcats Just Keep On Winning....

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The Lees-McRae College women's basketball team outscored North Greenville University by a 45-28 margin in the second half to overcome a four-point halftime deficit, extending its winning streak to five

games with a 71-58 victory over the Crusaders in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday evening in Williams Gymnasium.

Lees-McRae (6-5, 4-4 CC) celebrated the dedication of the McNair & Debi Tornow court in style with the Avery County Chamber of Commerce also in attendance, following the halftime ceremony with a stellar second half that featured a 51.9 percent clip from the floor, as the Bobcats held North Greenville (2-9, 0-7 CC) to a field goal percentage of 35.9 percent on the night. The Bobcats edged the Crusaders by a 41-38 margin on the glass, including a 29-25 advantage on the defensive boards, while converting 21 North Greenville miscues into 23 points.

Layana De Souza (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) led the way for Lees-McRae with a game-high 21 points, connecting on 8-of-16 attempts from the floor while hauling in five rebounds and notching three steals. Lauren Lewis (Concord, N.C.) added 18 points of her own with a 6-for-12 night from the field, knocking down a pair of three-pointers while grabbing six boards.

Kabrina Truesdale (Wilmington, N.C.) chipped in team-highs of eight rebounds and five assists to go along with 11 points, while Kerri Belcher (Ronaoke, Va.) posted six markers and six boards. Alyssa Munson (Summerfield, N.C.) added six boards and a game-high two blocks. Alisha Hope paced the Crusaders with 13 points and three assists, while Aliyah Stokes and Tyler Powers each added eight markers. Timisty Nelson chipped in a game-high nine rebounds, as Ciara Anderson recorded seven points and five boards.

Lees-McRae would open the first half on a 10-3 run before the Crusaders responded, claiming a 21-16 advantage following a Powers jumper at the 5:40 mark to cap an 18-6 surge. The Bobcats would close the gap with a 6-2 spurt, cutting the lead to 23-22 on a nifty give-and-go by Tayler Collins (Fayetteville, N.C.) and De Souza with 3:38 left on the clock.

North Greenville answered once again with a 7-1 run, pushing the lead to 30-23 on a Stokes trey before Candace Flowers (Charlotte, N.C.) knocked down a buzzer-beating trifecta to cut the advantage to 30-26 heading into the intermission.

The Bobcats then joined the men's team and several College administrators, including President Dr. Barry M. Buxton and Director of Athletics Craig McPhail, to welcome the three people primarily responsible for their new playing surface. McNair and Debi Tornow, who donated the funding for the project, as well as Al Posadas, the owner of Performance Flooring Services which sanded, painted and finished the floor, joined the Bobcats as part of the halftime dedication ceremony for the McNair and Debi Tornow Court.

Lees-McRae carried the momentum into the second half, opening the period with a 14-10 run to even the score at 40-40 on a pair of freebies by Tracia Johnson (Conway, S.C.) with 11:49 to play. Lewis gave Lees-McRae the lead 18 seconds later, knocking down her first triple of the game to kick-start a 14-4 run that was bookended by her second trifecta at the 8:13 mark, which gave the Bobcats a 54-44 advantage.

North Greenville countered with a 14-9 run over the next seven minutes, cutting the margin to

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63-58 following a Hope jumper with 1:30 left on the clock. Munson and Belcher answered for the Bobcats, combining for a trio of free throws to push the lead to 66-58 with 53 seconds to go. De Souza would cap the scoring at the buzzer, intercepting the inbound after a Truesdale layup and knocking down the jumper to equal the final margin of 71-58.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Hartsville, S.C. to take on Coker College in conference play at 2 p.m.

### LMC 71, NORTH GREENVILLE 58

#### Score By Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
North Greenville	30	28	58
Lees-McRae	26	45	71

#### North Greenville Lees-McRae

Pts: Alisha Hope - 13    Pts: Layana De souza - 21

Reb: Timisty Nelson - 9    Reb: Kabrina Truesdale - 8

Ast: 2 Players (Hope, Edwards - 3)    Ast: Kabrina Truesdale - 5

#### Team Statistics

	North Greenville	Lees-McRae
Field Goal %	35.9% (23-64 )	40.7% (22-54 )
Rebounds	38	41
Assists	10	11

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Turnovers	21	20
Pts off Turnovers	15	23
2nd Chance Pts	10	13
Pts in the Paint	36	28
Fastbreak Pts	6	8
Bench Pts	31	10

### Crusaders Hold Off Bobcats, 84-69

The North Greenville University men's basketball team outscored Lees-McRae College by a 50-31 margin in the first half, and held off a late Bobcat rally en route to an 84-69 victory in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday evening in Williams Gymnasium.

Prior to the contest, the Bobcats joined the women's team and several College administrators, including President Dr. Barry M. Buxton and Director of Athletics Craig McPhail, at halftime of the women's game to welcome the three people primarily responsible for their new playing surface. McNair and Debi Tornow, who donated the funding for the project, as well as Al Posadas, the owner of Performance Flooring Services which sanded, painted and finished the floor, joined the Bobcats as part of the dedication ceremony for the McNair and Debi Tornow Court.

North Greenville (5-6, 2-5 CC) shot an even 40 percent from the field on the night, knocking down nine three-pointers while holding Lees-McRae (0-13, 0-7 CC) to a field goal percentage of 35.4 percent in the contest. The Crusaders won the battle on the glass by a 57-46 margin, including a 19-13 advantage on the offensive boards, as the Bobcats held a slim edge in the paint, 46-40.

Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia) paced the Bobcats with 18 points, as Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.) added 11 markers and Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) and DJ Brown (Anderson, S.C.) each chipped in 10 points. DeAndre Tillman (Charlotte, N.C.) posted a team-high nine rebounds, while Lamot dished out three assists.

Tyshawn Patterson led the way for North Greenville with 24 points on 10-of-21 shooting, knocking down a trio of three-pointers while Jamal Pryor added a double-double with 12 markers and a game-high 13 rebounds. Chris Dean and Keith Johnson chipped in 16 and 10 points, respectively, while Phillip Brown posted 10 boards.

The Bobcats started strong, opening the game with an 8-3 run before taking a 14-9 advantage following a Sepokas lay-in with 12:21 left in the first half. North Greenville would answer with a

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13-2 surge, claiming a 22-16 lead on a Johnson trifecta at the 8:42 mark.

The Crusaders continued to dictate the tempo over the final eight minutes of the half, closing the period with a 15-2 run to take a 50-31 advantage into the intermission following a buzzer-beating jumper by Tim Franklin.

North Greenville carried the momentum into the second half, opening the period with a 12-4 spurt to push the lead to 62-35 with 13:28 to play following a Patterson layup. The Crusaders would hold on from there, surviving a spirited rally by the Bobcats that cut the lead to 84-69 on a late throw-down by Jeremi King (Fort Myers, Fla.).

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Hartsville, S.C. to take on Coker College in conference play at 4 p.m.

### NORTH GREENVILLE 84, LMC 69

#### Score By Periods 1st 2nd Total

North Greenville	50	34	- 84
Lees-McRae	31	38	- 69

#### North Greenville Lees-McRae

Pts: Tyshawn Patterson - 24 Pts: Daniel Sepokas - 18

Reb: Jamaal Pryor - 13 Reb: DeAndre Tillman - 9

Ast: 2 Players (Franklin, Johnson - 5) Ast: 2 Players (Young, Lamot- 3)

#### Team Statistics North Greenville Lees-McRae

Field Goal %	40.0% (30-75)	35.4% (28-79)
Rebounds	57	46
Assists	17	9

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Turnovers	16	12
Pts off Turnovers	17	19
2nd Chance Pts	18	12
Pts in the Paint	40	46
Fastbreak Pts	19	14
Bench Pts	22	22

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