

## King Knocks Off Bobcats, 74-69

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The King College women's basketball team placed three players in double figures, and rallied from a 10-point deficit late in the second half en route to a 74-69 win over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday evening in Williams Gymnasium.

King (12-9, 8-9 CC) posted a field goal percentage of 47.2 percent in the contest, including a 54.8 percent clip in the first half, while holding Lees-McRae (8-12, 6-11 CC) to a mark of 39 percent on the night. The Tornado won the battle on the glass by a 42-33 margin, including a 32-23 advantage on the defensive boards, while knocking down 6-of-13 attempts from beyond the arc.

Lauren Lewis (Concord, N.C.) and Layana De Souza (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) each posted a game-high 16 points to pace the Bobcats, as De Souza recorded squad-bests of six assists and four steals. Alyssa Munson (Summerfield, N.C.), Kerri Belcher (Roanoke, Va.), and Kabrina Truesdale (Wilmington, N.C.) each added eight markers; Munson and Belcher both chipped in a team-high eight rebounds.

Stephanie Brantley led the way for King with 15 points off the bench, while Alley Sprouse added a double-double with 10 markers and a game-high 10 rebounds. Chelsea Bowling chipped in 11 markers, as Bonnie Durrett and Brooke Johnson each posted nine points. Johnson also recorded a game-high seven assists for the Tornado.

King jumped out to an early 10-6 lead before the Bobcats responded, taking a 14-12 advantage on a Lewis triple with 13:34 to play in the half to cap an 8-2 spurt. The Tornado would counter with an 11-5 run, reclaiming the lead at 23-19 following a layup and a trey from Brantley with 11:06 left on the clock.

After Lees-McRae answered with a 4-0 spurt to even the tally at 23-23, King responded with an 8-2 run to claim a 31-25 lead on a Kelly Jackson jumper at the 6:39 mark. Candace Flowers (Charlotte, N.C.) quickly countered with a triple to kick-start an 11-4 run for the Bobcats, a spurt which was capped by a trio of Lewis free throws to give LMC a 36-35 advantage with 2:43 left on the clock.

King responded once again with an 8-4 spurt, taking a 43-40 lead into the intermission following a late Durrett triple and a buzzer-beating lay-in by Mikki Oliver. Lees-McRae would answer in the early moments of the second half, opening the period with an 11-4 run to claim a 51-47 advantage on a Lewis trey with 15:01 to play.

The Bobcats would push the margin to 62-53 on a Flowers triple at the 11:25 mark, and after Brantley countered with a three-point play, responded with a 4-0 spurt to stretch the lead to a game-high 10 points at 66-56 following a Truesdale layup with 8:44 to play.

King answered with a 12-3 run, cutting the advantage to 69-68 on an Oliver jumper with 3:33 to go, before taking its first lead of the second half following a freebie by Allison Bosse at the 1:13 mark. The Tornado would close out the win from there, knocking down four late free throws to equal the final margin of 74-69.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Wilson, N.C. to take on Barton College at 5:30 p.m. in conference play.

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## KING 74, LMC 69

### Score By Period 1st 2nd Total

King (Tenn.)	43	31	- 74
Lees-McRae	40	29	- 69

### King (Tenn.) Lees-McRae

Pts: Stephanie Brantley - 15 Pts: 2 Players (Lewis, De Souza - 16)

Reb: Alley Sprouse - 10 Reb: 2 Players (Munson, Belcher - 8)

Ast: Brooke Johnson - 7 Ast: Layana De souza - 6

### Team Statistics King (Tenn.) Lees-McRae

Field Goal %	47.2% (25-53)	39.0% (23-59)
Rebounds	42	33
Assists	12	15
Turnovers	20	14
Pts off Turnovers	16	18
2nd Chance Pts	9	8
Pts in the Paint	32	34
Fastbreak Pts	8	9
Bench Pts	32	13

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## King Surges By LMC, 88-64

The King College men's basketball team placed four players in double figures, and outscored Lees-McRae College by a 53-30 margin in the second half en route to an 88-64 victory in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday evening in Williams Gymnasium.

King (16-6, 11-5 CC) shot 42.9 percent from the floor on the night, including a 53.6 percent clip in the second half, while holding Lees-McRae (2-19, 2-13 CC) to a field goal percentage of 39.3 percent in the final 20 minutes. The Tornado won the battle on the glass by a 40-32 margin, including a 17-9 advantage on the offensive boards, while converting 21 Bobcat miscues into 25 points.

Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia) poured in a game-high 28 points to pace the Bobcats, knocking down 11-of-19 attempts from the floor and going 3-for-5 from three-point range. The senior guard also pulled down a team-high six rebounds, as DJ Brown (Anderson, S.C.) added 10 points and four assists.

Logan Lyle led the way for King with 26 points on 8-of-10 shooting, including a 6-for-8 night from beyond the arc, as Eddie Piccinini added 10 markers and a game-high six assists. Michael Fortune chipped in 15 markers, while Jason Seymore posted 12 points and a game-high seven rebounds.

Lees-McRae got off to a strong start in the first half, taking a 16-6 lead following a seven-point solo run by Sepokas that was capped by a steal and a lay-in at the 13:01 mark. King would respond with a 4-0 spurt, trimming the margin to 16-10 before the Bobcats answered with an 8-3 run, pushing the advantage to 24-13 following a layup by DeAndre Tillman (Charlotte, N.C.) at the 7:14 mark.

King countered with a 17-3 surge, taking a 30-27 lead on a Fortune triple with 2:20 to play in the half. The teams would trade baskets over the next two minutes, capping the period with answering treys by Seymore and Sepokas to send the Tornado into the intermission with a narrow 35-34 advantage.

The Tornado carried the momentum into the second half, opening the period with a 13-0 run to push the margin to 48-34 with 15:09 to play. King would continue to dictate play over the next several minutes, stretching the lead to 70-45 following a four-point play by Lyle with 8:53 left on the clock.

Lyle and the Tornado would close out the win from there, holding off a late push by the Bobcats that included a strong 10-2 run that was capped by a dunk from Sepokas with just over three minutes to play. King then countered with a 5-2 spurt to equal the final margin of 88-64.

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### KING 88, LMC 64

#### Score By Period

	1st	2nd	Total
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King (Tenn.) 35 53 - 88

Lees-McRae 34 30 - 64

#### King (Tenn.) vs Lees-McRae

Pts: Logan Lyle - 26 Pts: Daniel Sepokas - 28

Reb: Brandon Crompton - 8 Reb: Daniel Sepokas - 6

Ast: Eddie Piccinini - 6 Ast: Dj Brown - 4

#### Team Statistics King (Tenn.) vs Lees-McRae

Field Goal % 42.9% (27-63 ) 43.6% (24-55 )

Rebounds 40 32

Assists 13 13

Turnovers 11 21

Pts off Turnovers 25 12

2nd Chance Pts 20 2

Pts in the Paint 30 28

Fastbreak Pts 8 10

Bench Pts 18 18

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