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The Lincoln Memorial University softball team held Lees-McRae College to just five hits en route to a doubleheader sweep in non-conference play on Thursday afternoon.

Lincoln Memorial (4-6) won the first game in five innings by a score of 8-0, before shutting out Lees-McRae (0-10) by a margin of 11-0 through five frames of play in the night cap. The Railsplitters tallied 21 hits in the twin-bill, including six extra-base hits, while holding Lees-McRae to five base knocks on the afternoon.

Hanna Huckabee (Oak Ridge, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with a 2-for-4 day, including a double, as Kristen Oakes (Lenoir, N.C.), Jessica Smith (Gastonia, N.C.), and Kierstie Moon (Oxford, Ga.) each picked up a base hit in the twin-bill. Oakes took the ball in game one for the Bobcats, walking three and surrendering six earned runs in four innings of work. Hollie Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.) got the nod in game two, allowing six earned runs and striking out four through four frames.

Game One: Lincoln Memorial 8, Lees-McRae 0 – Five innings (Box Score)

Lincoln Memorial got on the board early in game one, plating four runs in the first inning on a wild pitch and a three-run homer by Cierra Mudd. The Railsplitters would add three in the second to take a 7-0 lead, before stretching the margin to eight on a solo shot by Kirstin Toole in the fourth.

The Bobcats fought hard throughout the contest, putting runners on first and second with two outs in the fifth before the Railsplitters quelled the rally with a force out to end the game.

Game Two: Lincoln Memorial 11, Lees-McRae 0 – Five innings (Box Score)

The Railsplitters struck early once again in the night cap, plating eight runs on seven hits and a Bobcat miscue in the second to take an 8-0 advantage following a two-run double by Toole. Lincoln Memorial would add three in the third, pushing the margin to 11-0 before Huckabee answered for the Bobcats in the fourth, stroking a one-out double to right and advancing to third on the next play. The Railsplitters would quell the rally with a fly out to right, as Samantha Smith retired the final four batters she faced en route to a two-hit shutout.

Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Wednesday, February 20 when the Bobcats travel to Jefferson City, Tenn. to take on Carson-Newman College in non-conference play at 2 p.m.