

Eagles Sweep Twin-Bill From Bobcats

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The Carson-Newman College softball team held visiting Lees-McRae College to two runs on six hits en route to a doubleheader sweep in non-conference play on Wednesday afternoon.

Carson-Newman (10-2) won the opener by a tally of 12-2 in five innings, before blanking Lees-McRae (0-12) by a score of 8-0 through five frames in the night cap.

Hanna Huckabee (Oak Ridge, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with a 2-for-5 day, driving in a run as Kierstie Moon (Oxford, Ga.) added two base knocks of her own. Sadie Lagle (Harmony, N.C.) chipped in a run-scoring base hit, as Moon and Brooke Sheridan (Rosman, N.C.) each tallied a run. Hollie Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.) took the ball in game one, walking three and striking out one. Kristen Oakes (Lenoir, N.C.) got the nod in the night cap, surrendering nine hits and striking out one.

Brittany Hefner led the way for Carson-Newman with a 4-for-7 day, driving in eight runs to go along with three extra-base hits, including a home run in game one. Caitlyn Lance added four hits of her own, as eight Eagles posted multi-hit days.

Kaitie Sims got the nod in game one, allowing two unearned runs while striking out five. Cassie Lyons tossed a shutout in the night cap, scattering two hits and striking out seven.

Game One: Carson-Newman 12, Lees-McRae 2 – Five Innings

The Bobcats started off well, putting a pair of base runners on in the top of the first before Carson-Newman stranded a Bobcat on second following an inning-ending strikeout. The Eagles took advantage in the bottom of the frame, taking a 2-0 lead on a two-run double by Hefner. Carson-Newman would add five in the second, capping the inning with a bases-clearing triple by Hefner. The Bobcats answered in the fifth, cutting the lead to 7-2 on a pair of run-scoring singles by Huckabee and Lagle.

The Eagles closed out the victory in the bottom of the inning, plating five runs on three hits, including a walk-off three-run home run by Hefner to equal the final margin of 12-2.

Game Two: Carson-Newman 8, Lees-McRae 0 – Five Innings

Carson-Newman struck first in the bottom of the opening inning, plating four runs to take an early 4-0 lead following a two-run single by Cassie Elliott. The Eagles would add one in the second and two in the third, pushing the advantage to 7-0 before capping the scoring on a solo homer by Caitlyn Lance in the bottom of the fourth.

Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Monday, February 25 when the Bobcats travel to Brevard, N.C. to take on Brevard College in non-conference play at 1 p.m.