

Dillingham Has 19, Bears Lose To No.19 Lincoln Memorial

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The Lincoln Memorial Men's Basketball Team (20-4, 13-3) remained tied for first place in the South Atlantic Conference after downing Lenoir-Rhyne (17-7, 10-6), 73-64, Saturday night at Tex Turner Arena. Lincoln Memorial, ranked No. 19 in

NCAA Division II, was led by Vincent Bailey's (Jennings, Fla.) game-high 21 points in the win. Three players scored in double figures for Lenoir-Rhyne, led by sophomore guard Denzel Dillingham's (Hickory, N.C) 19 points, despite the loss. A three-pointer by Cam Carden (Clearwater, Fla.) pushed Lincoln Memorial's advantage to 41-28 with 17:18 remaining in the contest before Lenoir-Rhyne rallied to cut the lead to 46-45 midway through the second half. A lay-up by junior forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) cut the margin to a single point but the Bears could not take the lead. Jones finished with 14 points off the bench.

Lincoln Memorial slowly began to pull away and a pair of free throws by Lorenza Ross (Savannah, Ga.) pushed the Railsplitters' lead to 64-54 with just under five minutes left. From there, Lincoln Memorial did not let its advantage get below four points the rest of the way. Ross added 15 points on the night.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior guard R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.) scored 13 points and connected on 11-of-12 free throw attempts but the Bears shot just 34 percent (17-of-50) from the field.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to face Mars Hill on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., as part of Senior Night at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium in a conference game.

Lincoln Memorial remains tied with Wingate (17-7, 13-3) at the top of the league standings. The two squads play at Wingate on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Bears Remain One Game Behind Anderson With Win On Saturday

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (17-7, 12-4) stayed alive in the South Atlantic Conference race after notching a 60-51 road victory over Lincoln Memorial (14-12, 7-9) Saturday evening at Tex Turner Arena.

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) finished with a team-high 16 points and hit three treys as the Bears stayed one game behind Anderson (19-7, 13-3) in the league standings.

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The Trojans defeated Carson-Newman on the road today by a 58-51 score in Jefferson City, Tenn.

L-R junior guard Danielle Bongiorno (Wilmington, N.C.) came off the bench to score 12 points as the Bears swept the season series from the Lady Railsplitters and won their third straight game.

Lincoln Memorial's Kalasia Green (Laveen, Ariz.) led all scorers with 17 points but the Lady Railsplitters were held to just 32 percent shooting (18-of-57) from the field in the setback.

Lenoir-Rhyne, which never trailed in the contest, opened up a 30-17 halftime lead and extended its advantage to 15 points on a lay-up by senior guard Caroline Laughter (Hickory, N.C.) with 17:51 left for the first points of the second half.

Lincoln Memorial cut the margin to 56-51 on a three-pointer by Ralissa Nelson (Janesville, Wis.) with 49 seconds left but L-R iced the contest with four straight points from the free throw line. Nelson finished with 12 points in the losing effort.

L-R junior guard Krystal Patton (Chilhowie, Va.) nearly finished with a double-double - nine points and 10 rebounds - as well in the victory.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to host Mars Hill on Senior Night at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium while Lincoln Memorial next plays at Wingate. Both South Atlantic Conference games are scheduled for Wednesday beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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