

Hawks Rally For 14-9 Win Over Bobcats

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The Shorter College men's lacrosse team outscored Lees-McRae College by a 6-1 margin in the fourth quarter to rally for a 14-9 victory in non-conference play on Saturday afternoon at Watauga High School. Shorter (1-2) edged Lees-McRae (0-

5) by a 43-42 margin in shots, including a 24-19 advantage in the second half, as the Bobcats scoped up 48 ground balls and converted 3-of-8 man-up opportunities. The Hawks converted 25-of-30 clear attempts in the contest, while winning 15-of-27 face-offs and recording 42 ground balls.

Jeff White (Middle Township, N.J.) paced the Bobcats with four goals and six ground balls, causing three turnovers, as Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.) tallied two goals and Nick Meyer (St. Louis, Mo.) added one goal and one assist. Ryan Sparks (Hilton Head, S.C.) chipped in a game-high eight ground balls, while Ryan Harrison (Lake Mary, Fla.) posted 16 saves.

Kyle VanKauwenberg led the way for Shorter with four goals, as Matt Kristiansen and Patrick Foy each added a hat trick. Kristiansen chipped in a game-high three assists, while Joshua Skinner scoped up six ground balls and J.R. Willers posted 12 saves.

Shorter opened the scoring less than a minute into the first quarter, taking a 1-0 lead on VanKauwenberg's first strike of the afternoon at the 14:12 mark. The Bobcats would answer with five of the next nine goals, evening the tally at 5-5 on White's third of the game with 2:35 left in the second quarter.

After the Hawks responded with a Kyle Morris strike, and Lamb countered with a goal of his own at the 1:06 mark, Kristiansen sent Shorter into halftime with a narrow 7-6 lead on a last-second strike. The Bobcats answered in the third, taking an 8-7 advantage on Meyer's man-up goal with 7:13 left in the quarter.

Shorter responded with four consecutive goals, claiming an 11-8 lead following Foy's third goal of the game at the 6:26 mark in the fourth quarter. The Hawks would close out the win from there, scoring three late goals to counter White's fourth strike of the day and equal the final margin of 14-9.

Lees-McRae returns to action on Wednesday when the Bobcats host No. 4 Limestone College in their Conference Carolinas opener at 4 p.m.