The Belmont Abbey College women's tennis team swept doubles play and claimed the first four matches in singles action en route to a 7-0 win over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas play on Friday afternoon.

Belmont Abbey's (1-7, 1-3 CC) duo of Kirstie Jenkins and Katharine Miller opened doubles play with an 8-4 win over Lees-McRae's (0-5, 0-1 CC) tandem of Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) and Hilary Lutz (Shelby, N.C.), before Brooke Ingram and Bridget Franer defeated Taylor Bost (Jefferson, Ga.) and Stevie Harrell (Morganton, N.C.), 8-2. Paige French and Brigid Donohue pushed the Abbey lead to 3-0 with an 8-2 victory over LeeAnn Sullivan (Greensboro, N.C.) and Emily Jones (Leonardtown, Md.).
Jenkins kicked off singles play with a 6-2, 6-0 win against Wohlers, before Miller clinched the team victory for the Abbey with a 7-5, 6-0 victory over Lutz in the second flight. Ingram defeated Bost, 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 singles, while French posted a 6-1, 6-0 win over Harrell in the fourth flight.
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Abbey holds off Bobcats, 6-2

Freshman Taduez Poplawski (Asheville, N.C.) posted a win in both singles and doubles play to pace the Lees-McRae College men's tennis team on Friday afternoon, as the Bobcats fell to Belmont Abbey College by a score of 6-2 in Conference Carolinas play.
Belmont Abbey's (2-6, 1-3 CC) tandem of Connor McMann and Tom Wigley kicked off doubles play with a hard-fought 9-8 victory over Lees-McRae's (1-3, 0-1 CC) duo of Joao Araujo (Curitiba, Puerto Rico) and Carlos Pinel (Vitoria, Espírito Santo, Brazil), before Poplawski and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.) evened the tally for the Bobcats with a 9-8 win against Michael Van Dusen and Rodrigo Alatorre.
Idris Moy and Tim Tanko regained the lead for the Abbey in the third flight, defeating Adam Chivers (Wilbraham, Mass.) and Jesse Artrip (Cleveland, Va.), 8-1. McMann pushed the lead to 3-1 in the top singles match-up, registering a hard-fought 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-0) victory over Araujo before Poplawski answered with a 6-1, 6-1 win against Van Dusen in the second flight.
Wigley responded with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Pinel at No. 3 singles, as Gabriel Trombini and Moya posted 6-0, 6-0 victories over Artrip and Chivers, respectively, to clinch the 6-2 team victory for

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