

Newberry Upends L-R Women In Season Finale

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The Newberry Women's Basketball Team (19-9, 11-7) defeated Lenoir-Rhyne (18-8, 13-5), 64-59, Saturday afternoon in the regular season finale at Eleazer Arena.

The Wolves' Devanee Taylor (Chester, Va.) led all scorers with 18 points as Newberry swept the South Atlantic Conference series from the Lenoir-Rhyne this year. L-R junior forward Nneka Awuruonye (Charlotte, N.C.) scored a team-high 14 points but the Bears shot just 38 percent (23-of-61) for the contest in seeing their four-game winning streak come to an end.

Four players scored in double figures for Newberry, including Haylee Lepaio (Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia) with 17 points, in the win.

Lenoir-Rhyne held a 57-51 advantage with just under five minutes to go in regulation but could not hold on.

Newberry took control from there with an 11-0 run capped off by a pair of free throws from Taylor with 18 seconds left as the Wolves saw their two-game losing streak come to an end. Lenoir-Rhyne also received 12 points each from sophomore guard Jenni Gust (Colfax, Wis.) and junior guard Danielle Bongiorno (Wilmington, N.C.) but the Bears hit just one-of-eight shots (13 percent) from behind the three-point line.

L-R is guaranteed the No. 2 seed in the 2013 Food Lion SAC Women's Basketball Tournament, which begins on Wednesday with the quarterfinal round. Newberry is guaranteed a home contest as well in the first round of the conference tournament on Wednesday. Both Lenoir-Rhyne's and Newberry's games will begin at 7:00 p.m.

L-R Men Falls To Newberry, 85-83

The Newberry Men's Basketball Team (14-12, 10-8) ended the regular season on a four-game winning streak with an 85-83 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne (18-8, 11-7) Saturday afternoon at Eleazer Arena.

Mitch Riggs (Langwarrin, Victoria, Australia) scored a team-high 21 points and was one of five players to score in double figures for the Wolves in the victory. L-R sophomore guard Denzel Dillingham (Hickory, N.C.) led all scorers with 29 points with six treys while junior guard R.J.

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McClure (Canton, N.C.) added 20 points in the losing effort.

A three-pointer by McClure with 4:59 left gave the Bears a 77-76 lead, their last advantage of the contest.

Newberry responded with a 6-0 run and never trailed again in the game.

L-R got to within a point at 84-83 with 1:11 left on a pair of free throws by junior guard Jarvis Perry (Willingboro, N.J.) but the Wolves held on. Lenoir-Rhyne had a chance to win but missed a pair of three-point shots as time ran out.

The Wolves' Dondray Walker (Fountain Inn, S.C.) added 17 points and hit seven free throws on the day as Newberry avenged an earlier setback to Lenoir-Rhyne.

Perry scored 13 points and dished out a team-high six assists for the Bears, who shot 57 percent (31-of-54) for the contest despite the loss.

In the quarterfinal round of the 2013 Food Lion SAC Men's Basketball Tournament, L-R will be the fifth seed and face fourth-seeded Carson-Newman on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., in Jefferson City, Tenn. Newberry, the sixth seed, will visit third-seeded Wingate in the conference tournament first round on Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m., as well.

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