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The Adelphi University softball team rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat Lees-McRae College by a tally of 6-3 on Tuesday on the second day of the Rebel Spring Games, after the Bobcats' first game of

the day against Ashland University was canceled due to inclement weather. The teams combined for 16 hits, including seven base knocks by Lees-McRae (4-19), as Adelphi pushed across six runs on nine hits. Brooke Sheridan (Rosman, N.C.) and Kristen Oakes (Lenoir, N.C.) both went 2-for-4 on the day, as Hanna Huckabee (Oak Ridge, N.C.), Lauren Lewis (Concord, N.C.), and Alison Armstrong (Bellingham, Mass.) each picked up a base hit. Oakes drove in two runs, while Sheridan scored twice.

Hollie Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.) took the ball for the Bobcats, striking out two and walking two through seven innings of work.

Jeanine Leo led the way for Adelphi with a 2-for-3 day, launching two home runs and driving in three. Emily Dorko added two hits, while Jaclyn Binstock went 1-for-2 with a solo homer. Laurin Watts got the start for the Panthers, surrendering two earned runs on seven hits and striking out five.

The Bobcats got on the board early in the bottom of the first, taking a 2-0 lead when Oakes singled home Huckabee and Sheridan following a leadoff double by Huckabee. Adelphi answered in the top of the fourth, plating four runs on a two-run shot by Leo and an RBI double by Dorko to claim a 4-2 advantage.

The Panthers would push the lead to 6-2 with runs in the fifth and sixth innings on a pair of solo shots from Binstock and Leo. Lees-McRae began to rally in the bottom of the sixth, putting runners on first and second with one out before Watts forced back-to-back groundouts to end the innings.

The Bobcats got one back with a run in the seventh, when Sheridan stroked a one-out double to right center and scored on a Panther miscue to cut the lead to 6-3.

Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Wednesday when the Bobcats take on Ferris State University at 1 p.m., and Minnesota State Mankato at 3 p.m. on the third day of the Rebel Spring Games.

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