

Scots Upend Bobcats, 14-8

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Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.) and Jon Batsel (Raleigh, N.C.) each scored three goals to pace the Lees-McRae College men's lacrosse team on Sunday afternoon, as Ohio Valley University outscored the

Bobcats by a 9-3 margin in the second half en route to a 14-8 victory in non-conference action on Tate Field.

Ohio Valley (3-2) outshot Lees-McRae (0-9) by a 49-31 margin, including a 27-13 advantage in the first half, while winning 16-of-26 face-offs, scooping up 55 ground balls and converting 24-of-30 clear attempts. The Bobcats took 31 shots in the contest, converting 18-of-25 clearing tries and recording 43 grounders.

Lamb and Batsel each tallied a hat trick to pace the Bobcats, as Kyle Judge (Hampstead, Md.) added a pair of strikes and Jeff White (Middle Township, N.J.) dished out two assists. White scooped up a game-high 10 ground balls, while Benjamin Shifflett (Clemmons, N.C.) and Dillon Quinn (Greensboro, N.C.) each forced four turnovers.

Ryan Harrison (Lake Mary, Fla.) made 17 saves and grabbed five grounders, as Quinn scooped up eight ground balls in the contest.

Chris Kasper led the way for Ohio with four goals and one assist, as Stan Mackey added a hat trick to go along with nine ground balls and 13 face-off wins. Nathan Hodgins chipped in three goals, one assist, and seven grounders, while Greg Owen dished out a game-high three helpers. Keith Sweitzer scooped up a contest-best 10 ground balls, as Vince Bradburn forced four turnovers and Tyler Ross made 11 saves.

The Bobcats got off to an impressive start, taking an early 3-0 lead on Lamb's second of the contest at the 10:10 mark of the first quarter. Ohio Valley would answer quickly with a trio of strikes, evening the tally at 3-3 when Owen set up Kyle Aylesworth with 6:53 to go in the period. After Batsel gave the Bobcats a 4-3 advantage with just seconds to go in the first, and Ohio Valley countered with two in the second, Judge came up with perhaps the play of the game with just seconds to go in the half, forcing a turnover and finding the back of the net to even the score at 5-5 heading into the intermission.

The Scots responded in the third quarter, outscoring the Bobcats by a 4-1 margin to take a 9-6 lead on Donald Roda's last-second strike. Ohio Valley would carry the momentum into the fourth quarter, opening the period with four goals to push the margin to 13-6 before Lamb countered with his third of the afternoon to trim the lead to 13-7. Batsel then capped the day's scoring with a nifty finish to equal the final margin of 14-8 after a man-up strike from Kasper. Lees-McRae returns to action on Wednesday when the Bobcats travel to Young Harris, Ga. to take on Young Harris College in non-conference play at 3 p.m.

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North Georgia Sweeps Bobcats

The North Georgia College and State University women's tennis team swept singles and doubles play en route to a 9-0 victory over Lees-McRae College in non-conference play on Sunday afternoon on the campus of Catawba College.

North Georgia's (3-9) duo of Natalia Escobar and Mathilde Baartvedt opened the day with an 8-2 win against Lees-McRae's (0-7) tandem of Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) and Hilary Lutz (Shelby, N.C.), before Cameron Williams and Adalyn Hazelman defeated Taylor Bost (Jefferson, Ga.) and Stevie Harrell (Morganton, N.C.), 8-1. The Saints were awarded the third flight by default.

Williams gave the Saints a 4-0 advantage with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Wohlers at No. 1 singles, as Baartvedt clinched the team victory for North Georgia in the second flight with a 6-3, 6-1 decision against Lutz. Hazelman defeated Bost, 6-2, 6-2, while Nella Handac registered a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Harrell. Natasha Bertolucci posted a 6-1, 6-2 win against Emily Jones (Leonardtown, Md.) at No. 5 singles, as the Saints were awarded the sixth flight by default.

North Georgia College swept singles and doubles play en route to a 9-0 victory over Lees-McRae men's team in non-conference play on Sunday afternoon on the campus of Catawba College.

North Georgia's (5-6) tandem of Felipe Friedrich and Matheus Guida kicked off the day with an 8-1 victory against Lees-McRae's (0-6) duo of Joao Araujo (Curitiba, Puerto Rico) and Carlos Pinel (Vitoria, Espírito Santo, Brazil), before Giovani Santos and Sam Gantt defeated Taduez Poplawski (Asheville, N.C.) and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.), 8-2.

Ernesto Farinas and Andy McMaster gave the Saints a 3-0 advantage with an 8-1 decision against Jesse Artrip (Cleveland, Va.) and Adam Chivers (Wilbraham, Mass.). Friedrich defeated Araujo, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1 singles, as Santos clinched the team victory for the Saints with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Poplawski in the second flight.

Anthony Veryard registered a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Pinel in the third flight, while Gantt defeated Choi, 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4 singles. Matheus Pineda and Farinas then capped the day with a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins over Artrip and Chivers, respectively.

Lees-McRae returns to the courts on Wednesday when the Bobcats travel to Harrogate, Tenn. to take on Lincoln Memorial University in non-conference action at 2 p.m.