

First Half Surge Lifts Scots Over Bobcats

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The Edinboro University women's lacrosse team outscored Lees-McRae College by a 15-3 margin in the first half en route to a 19-3 victory in non-conference play on Saturday

afternoon on Tate Field. Edinboro (4-1) held a 38-14 advantage in shots in the contest, including a 29-8 margin in the first half, while Lees-McRae (3-3) scooped up 42 ground balls and controlled nine draws. The Fighting Scots recorded 47 grounders and converted 13-of-17 clearing attempts on the afternoon.

Katelin Rooney (Naples, Fla.) led the way for Lees-McRae with one goal and two assists, scooping up a game-high 10 ground balls and controlling five draws. Jessica MacConnell (Cary, N.C.) and Olivia Gudewich (Frederick, Md.) each added a goal, as Gudewich posted an assist and caused three turnovers.

Nicole Dupont (Fort Myers, Fla.) and Jenah Tracy (Naples, Fla.) both posted six ground balls, while Mia Emmerson (Orlando, Fla.) tallied a season-high 14 saves.

Shannon Rohrich paced the Scots with five goals and one assist, while Alexandria DeReamer and Katie Magee each added a hat trick. DeReamer and Rebecca Martin both dished out two assists, as Rebecca Zajac and Martin each scored two goals. Zajac chipped in team-highs of seven ground balls and six draw controls, while Alayna Davis forced a contest-best four turnovers. Autumn Held tallied nine saves for the Scots.

Edinboro jumped out to a 6-0 lead before the Bobcats responded, as Rooney set up MacConnell on the fast break for ninth tally of the season. After the Scots answered with a pair of strikes, Rooney countered for the Bobcats, notching her 18th of the campaign off an assist by Gudewich at the 8:52 mark.

Zajac and Rohrich responded with three tallies, pushing the lead to 11-2 before Gudewich got on the board, netting the Bobcats' third of the day from Rooney with 2:16 left in the first half.

Lees-McRae returns to action on Tuesday when the Bobcats travel to Spartanburg, S.C. to resume their Conference Carolinas schedule against Converse College at 5:30 p.m.

Trojans Win Defensive Battle Against LMC

Ryan Harrison (Lake Mary, Fla.) posted his third 20-save performance of the season, and the

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Lees-McRae College men's lacrosse team held Mount Olive College to a 32 percent shooting percentage in Conference Carolinas play on Saturday afternoon, as the Trojans held on for a 16-1 win on Tate Field.

Mount Olive (6-3, 2-0 CC) outshot Lees-McRae (0-11, 0-3 CC) by a stretch of 50-18, including a 29-3 advantage in the first half, while converting 21-of-22 clearing attempts and scooping up 48 ground balls. The Bobcats held the edge in face-off wins, controlling 10-of-19 draws, while recording 44 grounders.

Jeff White (Middle Township, N.J.) paced the Bobcats with his 12th goal of the season, as he and Harrison each scooped up a game-high seven ground balls. Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.) and Justin McLaughlin (Charlotte, N.C.) both recorded five grounders, while Matt Hanes (Ballwin, Mo.) and Benjamin Shiflett (Clemmons, N.C.) each forced a pair of turnovers.

Harrison turned in another fine performance between the pipes, making 21 saves.

Cameron Walsh led the way for Mount Olive, scoring four goals and adding an assist on six shots. Daniel and Matt Shields combined for two goals and seven assists, as Daniel dished out a game-high five helpers. Matt Shields, Matt Devoy and Jake Hancock each tallied a pair of strikes for the Trojans, while Curtis McMullen recorded four ground balls and forced four turnovers. Rocky Bowman, Eli Dodgson and Nico Shewey combined for seven saves in the contest.

The Bobcats battled hard throughout the contest, playing suffocating defense inspired by a career performance by Harrison, who made 12 of his 21 saves in the first half. Mount Olive would take a 9-0 lead into the half, adding four in the third and three in the fourth before White capped the day's scoring with an unassisted strike at the 5:36 mark.

Lees-McRae returns to action on Wednesday when the Bobcats travel to Charlotte, N.C. to continue their conference slate with a 4 p.m. matchup against Queens University of Charlotte.