

Bobcats Best Tornado For 6-3 win

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Hilary Lutz (Shelby, N.C.) posted two wins, including a hard-fought doubles victory with partner Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada), to lead the Lees-McRae College women's tennis team to a 6-3 win against King College in Conference Carolinas play on Tuesday afternoon at Avery County High School.

Lees-McRae's (1-11, 1-6 CC) duo of Wohlers and Lutz kicked off the day with an 8-5 victory over King College's (0-12, 0-6 CC) tandem of Naomi Reyes and Mariana Hosomi, before Karissa King and Amanda Huffaker answered for the Tornado with an 8-6 win against Taylor Bost (Jefferson, Ga.) and Stevie Harrell (Morganton, N.C.) in the second flight. The Bobcats were awarded the third flight by default, giving Lees-McRae a 2-1 advantage.

Reyes evened the tally for King at No. 1 singles, defeating Wohlers, 6-3, 6-0. Lutz then posted a hard-fought 6-4, 6-4 victory against Hosomi, as the Bobcats were awarded the third, fifth, and sixth flights by default, clinching the team win.

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King Sweep Bobcats, 9-0

The King College men's tennis team rallied for a pair of singles victories en route to a 9-0 win over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas play on Tuesday afternoon at Avery County High School.

King's (8-5, 2-3 CC) tandem of Rodrigo Avila and Pablo Vidal kicked off the day with an 8-3 victory over Joao Araujo (Curitiba, Puerto Rico) and Carlos Pinel (Vitoria, Espírito Santo, Brazil), as Patrick Jones and Leo Brigato battled to an 8-5 win against Taduez Poplawski (Asheville, N.C.) and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.). William Boyce and Rafael Francisco gave the Tornado a 3-0 lead with an 8-2 decision against Jesse Artrip (Cleveland, Va.) and Adam Chivers (Wilbraham, Mass.).

Avila opened singles play with a 6-4, 6-2 victory against Araujo, before Vidal rallied for a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 win over Poplawski in the second flight. Brigato held on for a three-set victory at No. 3 singles, edging Pinel, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Jones defeated Choi, 6-1, 7-6 in the fourth flight. Francisco won the fifth flight with a 6-0, 6-2 decision against Artrip, as Boyce capped the day with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Chivers.

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