

Royals sweep Bobcats In Tennis

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The Queens University of Charlotte women's tennis team swept both singles and doubles play en route to a 9-0 victory over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas play on Saturday afternoon at Avery County High School. Queens' (9-3, 6-2 CC) duo of Christina Rustscheff and Erin Williams opened the day with an 8-1 victory over Lees-McRae's (1-13, 1-8 CC) tandem of Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) and Hilary Lutz (Shelby, N.C.). Amanda Poole and Morgan Roberts defeated Taylor Bost (Jefferson, Ga.) and Stevie Harrell (Morganton, N.C.), 8-3 at No. 2 doubles, as Queens was awarded the third flight by default. Rustscheff pushed the lead to 4-0 with a 6-0, 6-1 decision against Wohlers in the first flight, before Roberts clinched the team victory by defeating Lutz, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Williams posted a 6-0, 6-0 win over Bost in the third flight, while Poole registered a 6-3, 6-0 victory against Harrell. Farina Rafig defeated Emily Jones (Leonardtown, Md.), 6-2, 6-0 at No. 5 singles, as the Royals were awarded the sixth flight by default.

For the men, Taduez Poplawski (Asheville, N.C.) posted an impressive victory in singles play to pace the Lees-McRae College men's tennis team on Saturday afternoon, but Queens University of Charlotte defeated the Bobcats 8-1 in Conference Carolinas action at Avery County High School.

Queens' (6-4, 4-3 CC) tandem of Per-Erik Soler and Jacob Meum opened the afternoon with an 8-4 victory over Joao Araujo (Curitiba, Puerto Rico) and Carlos Pinel (Vitoria, Espírito Santo, Brazil), as Andre Bafume and Gustavo Munhoz defeated Poplawski and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.), 8-2. Bryce Boothby and Nizar Kuseybi posted an 8-0 win against Jesse Artrip (Cleveland, Va.) and Adam Chivers (Wilbraham, Mass.) in the third flight.

After Soler kicked off singles play with a 6-3, 6-4 victory against Araujo, Poplawski answered for the Bobcats in the second flight, cutting the advantage to 4-1 with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Meum. Bafume defeated Pinel, 6-2, 6-0 in the third flight, as Boothby rallied for a hard-fought victory at No. 4 singles, battling back for a 5-7, 7-6, 7-5 win over Choi.

Munhoz posted a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Artrip in the fifth flight, while Kuseybi capped the day with a 6-0, 6-1 decision over Chivers.

Lees-McRae returns to the courts on Sunday when the Bobcats host Limestone College in league play at 12 p.m. at Avery County High School in Newland, N.C.