

Limestone Pulls Off Sweep Against LMC

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Hilary Lutz (Shelby, N.C.) posted an impressive win in the second singles flight to pace the Lees-McRae College women's tennis team on Saturday afternoon, as Limestone College held on for an 8-1 win over the Bobcats in Conference Carolinas play at Avery County High School.

Limestone's (13-6, 8-1 CC) tandem of Paige Palinkas and Jessica Reyes Varela kicked off the afternoon with a hard-fought 8-6 victory against Lees-McRae's (1-14, 1-9 CC) duo of Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) and Lutz, as Segolene Ollivier and Julia Moreira defeated Taylor Bost (Jefferson, Ga.) and Stevie Harrell (Morganton, N.C.), 8-0.

Lauren Bolender and Ariel Svantesson posted an 8-1 victory over LeeAnn Sullivan (Greensboro, N.C.) and Emily Jones (Leonardtown, Md.) in the third flight to give the Saints a 3-0 lead. After Palinkas defeated Wohlers, 6-2, 6-0 in the top singles matchup, Lutz answered for the Bobcats with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Varela in the second flight.

Ollivier won the third flight with a 6-0, 6-2 decision against Bost, as Bolender posted a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Harrell. Moreira defeated Sullivan, 6-0, 6-0 in the fifth flight, while Svantesson capped the day with a 6-1, 6-2 win against Jones.

In the men's match, the Limestone College men's tennis team swept both singles and doubles play en route to a 9-0 win over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas action on Saturday afternoon at Avery County High School.

Limestone's (13-7, 7-1 CC) duo of Carlos Yanes and Rafael Ferla opened the day with an 8-2 victory over Lees-McRae's (0-14, 0-10 CC) tandem of Joao Araujo (Curitiba, Puerto Rico) and Carlos Pinel (Vitoria, Espírito Santo, Brazil), before Lucas Guinski and Antoine Le Dore earned a hard-fought 8-6 win against Taduez Poplawski (Asheville, N.C.) and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.). Daniel Lopez and Austin McAlister defeated Jesse Artrip (Cleveland, Va.) and Adam Chivers (Wilbraham, Mass.), 8-1, in the third flight.

Yanes kicked off singles play with a 6-1, 6-0 decision against Araujo, as Ferla clinched the team victory with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Poplawski in the second flight. Guinski defeated Pinel, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 singles, while Le Dore posted a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Choi. Benji Lascari Diaz won the fifth flight, 6-0, 6-0 against Artrip, as Lopez defeated Chivers, 6-0, 6-0 in the sixth matchup. Lees-McRae returns to the court on Tuesday when the Bobcats host NCAA Division I Gardner-Webb University at Avery County High School in their regular season finale at 2:30 p.m.