

## Cardinals Blast Bobcats

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Nick Netting (Arlington, Va.) forced a team-high three turnovers to pace the Lees-McRae College men's lacrosse team on Sunday afternoon, as Wheeling Jesuit University outscored the Bobcats by a 6-1 margin in the second half en route to a 15-3 victory in non-conference play on Tate Field.

Lees-McRae (0-13) celebrated its seniors with a special ceremony prior to the opening face-off, honoring Netting, Justin McLaughlin (Charlotte, N.C.) and Jon Batsel (Raleigh, N.C.) for their contributions to the men's lacrosse program.

Wheeling Jesuit (7-5) outshot the Bobcats by a 54-20 margin in the contest, including a 27-10 advantage in the first half, as Lees-McRae converted 14 clears and won eight face-offs. The Cardinals scooped up 46 grounders and converted 18 clearing attempts, while the Bobcats posted 31 ground balls.

Ryan Harrison (Lake Mary, Fla.) turned in another strong performance between the pipes for the Bobcats, making 21 saves while adding four grounders and one caused turnover. Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.), Nick Meyer (St. Louis, Mo.), and Jeff White (Middle Township, N.J.) each found the back of the net in the contest, as White added five grounders and one assist. McLaughlin chipped in four ground balls and one caused turnover, as Netting and Alex Poole (Winston-Salem, N.C.) each forced three changes of possession.

Jared Sims and Connor Summers paced the Cardinals with two goals and one assist each, as Rob Mills and Matt DeVries both added two strikes of their own. Bryce Brochu posted a game-high two assists, while Evan Hodel scooped up a contest-best six grounders and won 11-of-14 face-offs. Zach Crabtree and Nick Messner forced four and three turnovers, respectively.

Wheeling Jesuit jumped out to an early 2-0 lead before the Bobcats responded, halving the advantage to 2-1 on a strike by Meyer at the 10:32 mark. The Cardinals would answer with seven straight goals, pushing the margin to 9-1 following Sims' man-up strike with 4:21 to play in the second quarter.

White countered for the Bobcats, trimming the lead to 9-2 heading into the intermission before Lamb opened the scoring in the second half, cutting the margin to 9-3 at the 10:39 mark of the third quarter.

The Lees-McRae defense picked up its intensity in the second half, forcing 10 of the Cardinals' 15 turnovers over the final 30 minutes of play as Harrison keyed the Bobcats with 11 saves. The Bobcats would hold Wheeling Jesuit to six goals in the second half, including four in the fourth quarter, as Lees-McRae's defense allowed just three more goals to the Cardinals than third-ranked Limestone College.

Lees-McRae returns to action on Wednesday when the Bobcats host Belmont Abbey College at 4 p.m. on Tate Field in their final home game of the season.