

Curry, Cleveland Pace LMC At Conference Finals

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Senior Iesha Poindexter (Jetterville, Va.) set a new school record in the 100-meter dash, and Sarah Monday (Lexington, N.C.) placed second in the pole vault to lead the Lees-McRae College women's track and field team to a strong performance on the second day of the Conference Carolinas Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday. King College rallied to claim the team title, scoring 103 points on day two, as Queens University of Charlotte finished second with 113.50 points. Mount Olive College was third with 86 points, followed by Limestone College (82.50), Barton College (66), Lees-McRae (55), North Greenville University (45), and Belmont Abbey College (42).

Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.J.) scored her second straight podium in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing third with a time of 15.66 seconds. Poindexter followed in the 100-meter dash, placing third while setting a new school record in the event with a time of 12.43 seconds.

Thornton and Poindexter teamed with Monday and Jessica McEnaney (Cary, N.C.) to post a strong performance in the 4x100-meter relay, crossing the line with a time of 50.92 seconds to finish sixth. Monday and Taryn Moorhead (Deer Park, Wash.) claimed two of the three spots on the podium in the pole vault for the Bobcats, placing second and third, respectively, with marks of 2.60 and 2.45 meters.

Auburn Lowe (Swain County, N.C.) put together a season-best performance in the long jump, leaping to a campaign-long distance of 4.42 meters. Rachele Cleveland (Moyock, N.C.) led the way for the Bobcats in the shot put, posting a mark of 10.78 meters to finish ninth, as Jamara Cook (Claremont, N.C.) and Kayla Frazier (Chesterfield, S.C.) claimed the 10th and 11th spots, respectively.

Cook paced the Bobcats in the discus throw, placing 10th with a season-best mark of 31.71 meters. The senior added a seventh-place performance in the hammer with a toss of 34.37 meters. Curry opened the scoring for the Bobcats on Friday, clearing 1.55 meters with her final jump to sweep the high jump in both the indoor and outdoor season. Persephanie McRae (Brooklyn, N.Y.) gutted out a second-place performance, battling through injury and the weather to finish second with an identical mark of 1.55 meters.

Cleveland followed in the javelin, taking the conference title with a mark of 32.55 meters. Moorhead, Genay Miller (Woodstock, Ga.), and Frazier claimed the seven through nine spots with throws of 23.96, 23.75, and 22.77 meters, respectively.

Lees-McRae is expected to return 13 letter-winners from this year's squad, including rising seniors Curry, McRae, Moorhead, and Heather Peterman (Buford, Ga.).

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