

No.7 LRU Falls 2-1

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In a contest of two of the top NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Teams, third-ranked Florida Tech (4-0) prevailed over No. 7 Lenoir-Rhyne (1-1) by a 2-1 score Friday evening at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex.

The Panthers remained undefeated on the season thanks to goals by Kelly Whittaker (Coopersburg, Pa.) and Carly Hunt (Merritt Island, Fla.). Whittaker tallied a goal two minutes before intermission when she picked up the ball off a corner kick and lobbed a shot over the Bears' goalkeeper for the score. Hunt made it 2-0 in the 84th minute when she scored from the right side after one-touching the ball in the box and connecting on the goal. Lenoir-Rhyne's lone goal of the match came with just 4:38 remaining which cut the margin in half on a penalty kick by senior All-American midfielder Catherine Hauck (Lake Mary, Fla.) but Florida Tech was able to hold on for the win. L-R also snapped a nine-game winning streak at home dating back to 2009 and lost for the first time since October 23, 2010, a span of 10 contests. Florida Tech's Mist Eliasdottir (Keflavik, ICELAND) picked up the win in goal after allowing just one score and making eight saves while Lenoir-Rhyne senior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) suffered the loss. Scruggs tallied five saves in the losing effort. Lenoir-Rhyne next travels to Misenheimer, N.C., to face Pfeiffer Monday at 4 p.m. Florida Tech visits Catawba on Sunday for a match beginning at Noon.

LRU Volleyball Splits Pair At Tusculum Fall Classic

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Volleyball Team (3-3) split its two matches Friday on the first day of the Tusculum Fall Classic. L-R defeated Francis Marion, 3-1, before falling to Lees-McRae by a 3-1 score.

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Lenoir-Rhyne 3, Francis Marion 1

The Bears upended the Patriots by scores of 25-14, 22-25, 25-22 and 25-19 in their first match of the tournament Friday morning.

L-R was led by senior outside hitter Brooke Christenbury (Mooresville, N.C.) with a match-high 13 kills to go along with 16 digs.

Freshman outside hitter Whitney Brinkley (Asheville, N.C.) added a double-double (12 kills and 13 digs) as well for the Bears, who broke a one-all tie by winning both the second and third sets. Francis Marion was led by Ashlee Crook (Parker, Colo.) with eight kills and Nicole Bennett (Round Hill, Va.) with 26 assists.

Lees-McRae 3, Lenoir-Rhyne 1

The Bobcats downed the Bears by scores of 22-25, 25-16, 25-19 and 25-23 during the afternoon.

Lees-McRae's Taylor Clendenin (Statesville, N.C.) led the way with a match-high 17 kills while Megan Mitchell (Minden, Nev.) added 45 assists and 11 digs as the Bobcats rallied from a 1-0 deficit to take the win.

L-R freshman middle blocker Haley Rhyne (Statesville, N.C.) finished with a team-high 11 kills while junior setter Meredith Lutz (Newton, N.C.) tallied 16 assists and eight digs in the losing effort.

Lenoir-Rhyne takes on Montevallo (11:00 a.m.) and King (7:00 p.m.) on the final day of the tournament Saturday.

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