

No. 8 LRU Women's Soccer Cruises To A 4-1 Win

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The eighth-ranked Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (3-1) rolled to a 4-1 win over Belmont Abbey (1-3) Wednesday night at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex.

Junior forward Carley Griffin (Fresno, Calif.) scored a goal and tallied an assist while senior midfielder Mariel Mena (Gainesville, Fla.) added a pair of assists as the Bears won their second consecutive match.

Griffin opened the scoring in the 18th minute when she scored just outside the top of the box from about 20 yards out.

Griffin helped push the Bears margin to 2-0 at the 21:47 mark when she passed to senior All-American midfielder Catherine Hauck (Lake Mary, Fla.) for the goal.

Hauck stepped to right and fired over the head of the Crusader goalkeeper for her team-leading third goal of the season.

Belmont Abbey cut the margin to 2-1 in the 52nd minute when Anada Gebreyesus (Alameda, Calif.) scored right in front of the net off a deep cross from the right by Alana Ryczek (Huntersville, N.C.).

L-R, however, quickly took control again after freshman midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) scored just three minutes later when she finished off a corner kick. Mena was credited with the assist.

Senior midfielder Kaelia Frazier (Cedar Falls, Iowa) rounded out the scoring at the 60:17 mark of the contest with a rocket shot from about 25 yards out.

The goals were Donovan and Frazier's first of the season.

Senior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) won for the Bears, who out-shot the Crusaders by a 19-7 count. Meanwhile, Hannah Kohls (Cincinnati, Ohio) suffered the loss in goal despite making six saves.

L-R opens league play this Saturday when it travels to Anderson, S.C., to take on Anderson beginning at 1 p.m. Belmont Abbey plays at Limestone Saturday at 2 p.m.

LRU Men's Soccer Holds On For A 1-0 Win

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's Soccer Team (2-3) made it two wins in a row with a 1-0

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victory over North Georgia (2-2-1) Wednesday evening at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex. L-R junior forward Sven Picton (Lenoir, N.C.) scored the lone goal of the match in the 80th minute when he broke free down the left side on a counter attack and finished off a pass from sophomore midfielder Karakilinc Mehmet (Lanester, FRANCE) with a shot into the top corner of the net.

Mehmet was credited with the assist while the goal was Picton's first of his Lenoir-Rhyne career.

North Georgia held an 18-4 advantage in shots taken but Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore goalkeeper Stefan Dill (Southampton, BERMUDA) kept the Saints scoreless with the shutout win.

Dill stopped six shots including the potential game-tying score with just under two minutes remaining in the contest.

The Bears also shut out their second straight opponent.

North Georgia's Rade Tanaskovic (Barzilovica, SERBIA) suffered the loss in goal despite allowing just one goal.

Lenoir-Rhyne opens South Atlantic Conference play Saturday against Anderson on the road beginning at 3:00 p.m. North Georgia next hosts UNC Pembroke Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Tornado hold off fierce Bobcat rally, 4-3

The King College men's soccer team withstood a furious rally by Lees-McRae College on Wednesday evening, holding on for a narrow 4-3 win in Conference Carolinas action.

King (1-2-1, 1-1 CC) took advantage with two early goals, carrying a 3-1 lead into the interval despite Lees-McRae (3-2, 1-1 CC) holding a 25-19 margin in attempts at goal. Tom Winspear paced the Tornado with three goals and one assist, opening the evening's scoring just 3:44 into the match. Zach Caracciolo added a goal of his own, while Shoval Failer, Sam Nicol, and Zachary Clark each tallied an assist.

Freshman James Smith (Eastbourne, England) and senior David Palmer (South Shields, England) led the way for Lees-McRae with a goal and an assist each, as James Galvani (High Wycombe, England) added a goal of his own. Luke Staats (Almere, Netherlands) and Preston Shahdad (Charlotte, N.C.) each chipped in an assist, as Thomas Rusling (Sheffield, England) stopped seven attempts at goal for the Bobcats.

Winspear opened the scoring for King in the fourth minute, delivering the finish off a quick pass from Nicol following a Bobcat turnover to give the Tornado an early 1-0 lead. Caracciolo doubled the advantage to 2-0 in the 10th minute, slotting the finish into the back of the net from

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Winspear and Failer.

Palmer halved the advantage to 2-1 late in the 31st minute, delivering the free header into the back off the net after Smith flicked on a free kick from Staats. Winspear regained the two-goal advantage for the Tornado less than 30 seconds before the interval, slotting the finish past the keeper off a through ball from Clark to send King into the break with a 3-1 lead.

The score remained 3-1 until the 74th minute, when Winspear completed the treble from the penalty spot to push the margin to 4-1. Lees-McRae continued to fight, trimming the margin to 4-2 early in the 84th minute when Smith delivered the finish from point blank range following a Palmer corner and a flick on by Shahdad. Galvani kept the rally going in the 89th minute, taking advantage of a loose ball in the area and slotting home the finish to cut the margin to 4-3.

King preserved the margin from there, as Tornado goalkeeper Patrick Milfred denied Galvani's equalizing chance midway through the 90th minute to seal the victory.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Saturday when the Bobcats host North Greenville University in a conference matchup. Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m. at Tate Field.

Second half surge lifts LMC Women over Tornado, 4-0

The Lees-McRae College women's soccer team scored three goals in the second half, including a brace from sophomore MaryBeth Sullivan (Greensboro, N.C.), en route to a 4-0 win over King College in Conference Carolinas action on Wednesday afternoon.

Lees-McRae (2-2, 2-0 CC) outshot the Tornado (1-3, 0-2 CC) by a 35-9 margin, including a 20-4 advantage in the second half, en route to its second straight win which propelled the Bobcats to the top of the league table.

Sullivan posted her second consecutive brace, scoring her two goals just 41 seconds apart late in the final period. Freshman Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.J.) tallied her second goal of the season early the first half for what would prove to be the match-winner.

Senior Brooke Santerre (Port Republic, Md.) added a goal of her own, as Vickie Rich (Arlington Heights, Ill.) and Mary Gibson (Hendersonville, Tenn.) each chipped in an assist. Kaitlyn Briggs (Oviedo, Fla.) made two saves to notch her first career clean sheet. King's Abbey Kitts notched 11 saves, as Jamie Grigsby paced the Tornado with three attempts at goal.

Thornton opened the scoring at the death of the 17th minute, delivering a masterful finish into the upper 90 after a well-placed through ball by Rich to put the Bobcats up 1-0. Lees-McRae carried the narrow advantage into the second half, doubling the margin to 2-0 late in the 47th minute when Santerre found the back of the net via the woodwork off a free kick.

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The Bobcats maintained the two-goal margin into the 86th minute when Sullivan scored her first of two, slotting home the rebound off Gibson's initial attempt at goal to push the lead to 3-0. The sophomore forward added the final tally of the afternoon 41 seconds later, finishing off the right post following a turnover deep in King's defensive third.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Saturday when the Bobcats host North Greenville University to continue their conference schedule. Kickoff is slated for 4 p.m. at Tate Field.