

Epperson Leads Bobcats Over Limestone

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Megan Epperson (St. John, Ind.) tallied a match-high 12 kills and a blistering .455 hitting percentage to lead the Lees-McRae College women's volleyball team to a straight-set win over Limestone College in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday night.

Lees-McRae (13-6, 8-0 CC) ran its win streak to 11 matches overall and 39 in conference play, posting a .252 hitting percentage while holding Limestone (9-9, 6-3 CC) to a .032 clip on the attack. Epperson continued her strong play for the Bobcats with 12 kills and a .455 hitting percentage on 22 swings, while Dana Oliver (Davie, Fla.) and Taylor Clendenin (Statesville, N.C.) each chipped in nine kills. Megan Mitchell (Minden, Nev.) posted a match-high 34 assists, as Sariah Suryadevara (Cincinnati, Ohio) posted a contest-best 14 digs and two service aces. Jessica Singewald (Port St. Lucie, Fla.) also chipped in three blocks.

Emmaleigh Halweg paced the Saints with six kills, as Brittany Henderson and Jordan Preville each tallied five smashes. Danielle Seibert added 22 assists, while Holli Dawson, Seibert, and Preville posted 12, nine, and eight digs, respectively.

The first set proved to be a tightly contested affair, as neither team claimed more than a two-point advantage until the Bobcats took control midway through the frame, launching a 6-0 run to open a 13-9 margin on a kill by Epperson. Lees-McRae would hold the lead for the remainder of the set, closing out the frame on a Surydevara ace to cap a 9-3 run.

The Bobcats carried the momentum into the second set, opening a 12-8 lead on an Epperson kill before Limestone responded, launching a 9-5 run to even the score at 17-17 on a Preville smash. After the teams traded points to keep the scoreboard even at 18-18, the Bobcats went on a 7-2 run to close out the set on a block by Singewald and Oliver to take a commanding 2-0 lead in the match.

Lees-McRae continued to dictate play in the third set, taking an early 11-4 lead on a service ace by Taylor Pritchett (Apex, N.C.). The Bobcats maintained the comfortable margin throughout the remainder of the frame, taking a 23-15 lead before closing out the set and the match on a kill by Lauren Fox (Garland, Texas).

The Bobcats return to the court on Friday when they host Converse College in a conference matchup at 7 p.m. in Williams Gymnasium.