

Sullivan leads Bobcats past Abbey, 1-0

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Sophomore MaryBeth Sullivan (Greensboro, N.C.) found the back of the net early in the first half to lead the Lees-McRae College women's soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Belmont Abbey College in a pivotal Conference Carolinas matchup on Wednesday night on Tate Field.

Lees-McRae (9-2-1, 8-0 CC) outshot Belmont Abbey (7-7, 6-2 CC) by a 13-5 margin, including an 8-1 advantage in the second half, as the Bobcats took a one-game lead in the conference standings with Queens University of Charlotte's 2-1 victory over Mount Olive College. Sullivan tied freshman Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.J.) for the team-lead with her ninth goal of the season, as Brooke Santerre (Port Republic, Md.) tallied her fourth assist of the campaign.

Sullivan tallied the lone goal of the match late in the 14th minute, taking a headed through ball from Santerre and sending a brilliant finish over the keeper to give the Bobcats a 1-0 lead. The score line read 1-0 for the duration of the match, as the Bobcats nearly doubled the advantage to 2-0 in the 65th minute when Thornton made a terrific run into the area before sending the finish just wide of the woodwork.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Mount Olive, N.C. for a pivotal conference clash with Mount Olive at 7 p.m.

Galvani lifts Bobcats over Abbey, 2-0

Sophomore James Galvani (High Wycombe, England) extended his goal-scoring streak with a sensational brace on Wednesday night, lifting the Lees-McRae College men's soccer team to a 2-0 victor over Belmont Abbey College in Conference Carolinas play on Tate Field.

Lees-McRae (9-3-1, 6-1 CC) outshot Belmont Abbey (5-7-1, 3-4 CC) by a 20-8 margin, including a 13-3 advantage in the first half, en route to its fifth straight victory. Galvani netted his sixth and seventh goals of the season, while Luke Duffy (Wakefield, England) tallied an assist on the winner early in the second half. Sophomore Thomas Rusling (Sheffield, England) kept a clean sheet with six saves on the night, including several sensational stops to preserve the shutout.

The match remained scoreless until the opening seconds of the 52nd minute when Duffy

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whipped a free kick from 35 yards out to the top of the area, finding Galvani for a sensational header into the bottom corner to give the Bobcats a 1-0 advantage.

Galvani doubled the margin to 2-0 midway through the 63rd minute, making a run in from the left flank and delivering a cracking strike into the far top corner from 20 yards out for his second of the evening. The sophomore forward nearly completed the treble five minutes later, sending a floating chip shot just wide of the woodwork after making a brilliant run into the area.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Mount Olive, N.C. for a conference clash with Mount Olive College at 4 p.m.