

Bears Blast Mars Hill, 51-21

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Football Team (4-3, 3-1) knocked No. 21 Mars Hill College (6-2, 4-1) from the ranks of the unbeaten in the South Atlantic Conference with a 51-21 win Saturday afternoon at Meares Stadium.

The Bears finished with a season-high 589 yards of total offense including 429 on the ground as Lenoir-Rhyne won at Mars Hill for the first time since 1989.

Senior quarterback Major Herron (Kingsland, Ga.) led Lenoir-Rhyne with 129 yards rushing and two scores to go along with 147 yards through the air with a pair of touchdown passes as the Bears snapped the Lions' five-game winning streak.

L-R jumped on Mars Hill early by scoring on its first five possessions en route to the win.

On the game's opening drive, Herron found senior wide receiver Nick Stutts (Statesville, N.C.) for a 32-yard touchdown reception just 1:40 into the contest.

Senior halfback Jasper Thomas (High Point, N.C.) gave the Bears a 14-0 advantage midway through the first quarter on a 32-yard touchdown run.

Senior placekicker Colin Corpe (Ocala, Fla.) sandwiched a 41-yard field goal between two Mars Hill touchdowns at the 1:10 mark of the first quarter.

Mars Hill running back Jonas Randolph (Daleville, Ala.) scored from 13 yards out early in the second quarter to cut Lenoir-Rhyne's deficit to 17-14 but the Lions couldn't get any closer the rest of the way.

Lenoir-Rhyne held Randolph, the NCAA Division II's leading rusher, to just 48 yards on 13 carries.

Thomas (16 yards) and Herron (one yard) scored on the ground to push L-R's lead to 30-14 before Mars Hill scored just before halftime on Anthony Lewis' (Jonesboro, Ga.) five-yard fumble return.

Lenoir-Rhyne then put the contest away by scoring touchdowns on its first three drives of the second half, all in the third quarter.

L-R redshirt freshman fullback Isaiah Whitaker (Salisbury, N.C.) scored from 40 yards out while Herron ran for a score and threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to sophomore halfback Graham Duncan (Gainesville, Ga.).

Whitaker added 96 yards rushing while Stutts caught five passes for a game-high 104 yards in the victory.

On defense, the Bears limited the Lions to just 251 yards of total offense. Mars Hill came into the game averaging over a league-high 480 yards.

Lenoir-Rhyne, which has now beaten two nationally-ranked teams this season, returns home to face Wingate (5-3, 4-1) in a South Atlantic Conference showdown on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m.

Mars Hill plays at Tusculum (2-6, 1-3) in a league contest next Saturday in Greeneville, Tenn., beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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	1	2	3	4	Score
Lenoir-Rhyne	17	13	21	0	51
Mars Hill	7	14	0	0	-21

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 13:20 L-R Nick Stutts 32 yd pass from Major Herron (Colin Corpe kick), 4 plays, 65 yards, TOP 1:40 7 - 0

8:48 L-R Jasper Thomas 32 yd run (Colin Corpe kick), 6 plays, 51 yards, TOP 2:36 14 - 0

6:35 MHC Josh Young 14 yd pass from Jon Richt (M. Pinkerton kick), 6 plays, 63 yards, TOP 2:06 14 - 7

1:10 L-R Colin Corpe 41 yd field goal, 10 plays, 56 yards, TOP 5:20 17 - 7

2nd 14:33 MHC Jonas Randolph 13 yd run (M. Pinkerton kick), 4 plays, 50 yards, TOP 1:26 17 - 14

10:28 L-R Jasper Thomas 16 yd run (Colin Corpe kick), 10 plays, 80 yards, TOP 4:06 24 - 14

6:35 L-R Major Herron 1 yd run (Colin Corpe kick failed), 8 plays, 36 yards, TOP 3:44 30 - 14

1:48 MHC Anthony Lewis 5 yd fumble recovery (M. Pinkerton kick) 30 - 21

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3rd 08:56 L-R Isaiah Whitaker 40 yd run (Colin Corpe kick), 9 plays, 83 yards, TOP 4:05 37 - 21

6:04 L-R Major Herron 25 yd run (Colin Corpe kick), 3 plays, 80 yards, TOP 0:45 44 - 21

4:34 L-R Graham Duncan 26 yd pass from Major Herron (Colin Corpe kick), 1 play, 26 yards, TOP 0:07 51 - 21

TOTAL YARDS: LRU 589, MARS HILL 251

RUSHING YARDS: LRU 429, MARS HILL 54

PASSING YARDS: LRU 160, MARS HILL 197

FIRST DOWNS: LRU 29, MARS HILL 17

TURNOVERS: LRU 2, MARS HILL 2

TIME OF POSSESSION: LRU 38:54, MARS HILL 21:06

3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS: LRU 6-13, MARS HILL 4-13

4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS: LRU 2-3, MARS HILL 0-2

RUSHING:

LRU: HERRON 21-129-2TD, WHITAKER 8-96-TD

MARS HILL: RANDOLPH 13-56-TD

PASSING:

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LRU: HERRON 9-12-147-2TD
MARS HILL: RICHT 13-26-139-TD, CRUZ 7-12-58

RECEIVING:

LRU: STUTTS 5-104-TD
MARS HILL: HOLMES 8-71, YOUNG 4-57-TD

No. 6 LRU Women's Soccer Wins 13th Straight

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Women's Soccer Team (14-1, 8-0) became the lone undefeated and untied team in the South Atlantic Conference after holding off Wingate University (11-3, 6-2), 4-3, Saturday evening at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex.

The Bears, ranked No. 6 in NCAA Division II, have now won a school-record 13 consecutive matches and snapped the Bulldogs' 10-match winning streak in the process.

Senior All-American midfielder Catherine Hauck (Lake Mary, Fla.) scored twice as the Bears

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clinched at least a share of their second straight league regular season championship.

Wingate's Jade Montgomery (Monroe, N.C.) scored the match's first goal just 3:32 into the contest as she headed in a long throw-in from Kelly Adams (Matthews, N.C.).

Lenoir-Rhyne then proceeded to score the match's next four goals.

L-R junior midfielder Carley Griffin (Fresno, Calif.) tied the score in the 21st minute when she drove to the center of the field and fired a shot from about 25 yards out.

The goal was the first given up by Wingate against a conference opponent all year.

Hauck then gave L-R the lead for good when she connected from the left side with a 30-yard shot to the back of the net at the 34:30 mark of the first half.

The Bears made it 3-1 in the 49th minute when senior defender Jessica Schob (Ione, Calif.) scored right in front of the goal after collecting a saved shot by senior forward Laura Linehan (San Diego, Calif.).

After Hauck pushed L-R's advantage to 4-1 just two minutes later with a header into the net, Wingate responded with two quick goals but the Bears held on for the win.

Wingate's Kelly Moldenhauer (Charlotte, N.C.) scored on a penalty kick in the 53rd minute before Montgomery's second goal of the night on another header at the 55:31 mark of the match.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) notched the win after stopping five shots while Wingate's Ashlyn Hardie (Summerfield, N.C.) suffered the loss in goal.

Both Hauck and Griffin are now tied for the team lead in goals this year with 10.

L-R hosts Tusculum on Senior Day in the league match next Saturday at 5 p.m., while Wingate returns home to host Lincoln Memorial Monday beginning at 2 p.m.

LRU's Griewisch Wins SAC XC Title

Lenoir-Rhyne senior Kate Griewisch (Banner Elk, N.C.) won the 2011 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Women's Cross Country Championship race, which took place Saturday morning at Panther Creek State Park.

Griewisch, a two-time NCAA Division II All-American (2009-10) in women's cross country, ran an 18:09 over the 5K course and finished 25 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor.

Griewisch also won the league individual title for the second time in three years and earned first-team all-conference accolades all four seasons of competition.

Griewisch was named the SAC Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete Of The Year for the third straight time as well. Griewisch also led Lenoir-Rhyne to a runner-up finish as a team

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behind Anderson, who captured its second straight SAC Women's Cross Country Championship.

Joining Griewisch on the All-SAC First Team was L-R sophomore Ashley Kale (Maiden, N.C.), who finished sixth with a time of 20:29.

On the men's side, Lenoir-Rhyne placed fourth overall while Mars Hill won its 15th straight league title. Mars Hill edged Anderson by two points to win the crown.

The Lions' Justin Gragg claimed the men's title as he finished with a 26:31 over the 8K course while freshman Mike York (Kannapolis, N.C.) was the Bears' top runner.

York placed third overall with a time of 26:49 and was named the South Atlantic Conference Men's Cross Country Freshman Of The Year in addition to garnering first-team all-league honors.

Sophomore Aaron Nelson (Mayodan, N.C.) finished 17th overall with a time of 27:31 for the Bears as well.

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams next compete in the 2011 NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championship on Saturday, November 5, in Charlotte, N.C., at McAlpine Park. Queens University will serve as the host institution.

2011 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Cross Country Championships Morristown, Tenn. - Panther Creek State Park October 22, 2011

MEN

1. Mars Hill 46
2. Anderson 48
3. Wingate 98
- 4. Lenoir-Rhyne 101**

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5. Brevard 142
6. Lincoln Memorial 176
7. Newberry 197
8. Catawba 204
9. Carson-Newman 230
10. Tusculum 249

Lenoir-Rhyne's Individuals

3. Mike York 26:49
17. Aaron Nelson 27:31
23. Zack Queen 27:50
28. Jakob Maidens 28:13
32. Mike Ryan 28:17
36. Caleb Kingery 28:43
39. Ripken LaMarsh 28:56
49. James Palaniuk 29:51
78. Gustav Meyners 34:29

All-SAC First Team

Justin Gragg, Mars Hill

Christian Crifasi, Catawba

Mike York, Lenoir-Rhyne

Parks Edwards, Anderson

Eric Blackburn, Mars Hill

Derrick Lindsay, Lincoln Memorial

Steve Hammond, Wingate

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All-SAC Second Team

Alex Pena, Anderson

Deniz Hay, Anderson

Christopher Powell, Mars Hill

Josh Mower, Brevard

Kyle Koby, Anderson

Biniam Ateka Belachew, Wingate

Josh Greenfield-Tuttle, Mars Hill

SAC All-Freshman Team

Mike York, Lenoir-Rhyne

Maurice Riden, Mars Hill

Bart Merkel, Brevard

Justin Golay, Newberry

David Cooper, Tusculum

SAC Runner of the Year: Justin Gragg, Mars Hill

SAC Freshman of the Year: Mike York, Lenoir-Rhyne

SAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Justin Gragg, Mars Hill

SAC Coach of the Year: Mike Owens, Mars Hill

WOMEN

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1. Anderson 60
- 2. Lenoir-Rhyne 63**
3. Wingate 74
4. Carson-Newman 119
5. Mars Hill 125
6. Lincoln Memorial 129
7. Brevard 162
8. Newberry 217
9. Catawba 243
10. Tusculum 288

Lenoir-Rhyne's Individuals

1. Kate Griewisch 18:09
6. Ashley Kale 20:29
17. Tiffany Payne 21:04.0
18. Laura Rhyne 21:04.8
21. Elizabeth Chaffee 21:19
24. Amanda Barnes 21:28
29. Hanna Ramirez 21:43
38. Alyse Childress 21:55
45. Alyson Brenner 22:34
57. Amber Bowles 23:49
63. Rosa Reyes 24:22
72. Megan Carper 25:43

All-SAC First Team

Kate Greiwisch, Lenoir-Rhyne

Whitney Bishoff, Anderson

Keeley Wood, Wingate

Madison Hill, Brevard

Sofia Lopez Mimendi, Lincoln Memorial

Ashley Kale, Lenoir-Rhyne

Hannah Reese, Carson-Newman

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All-SAC Second Team

Jessica Viscusi, Mars Hill

Hannah Robles, Anderson

Brianna Stevens, Wingate

Angela Canale, Brevard

Cassie Adamson, Mars Hill

Amber Stoerp, Lincoln Memorial

Amanda Johnson, Anderson

SAC All-Freshman Team

Madison Hill, Brevard

Jessica Viscusi, Mars Hill

Sydney Hazel, Anderson

Rebecca Eddy, Newberry

Hanna Ramirez, Lenoir-Rhyne

SAC Runner of the Year:Kate Griewisch, Lenoir-Rhyne

SAC Freshman of the Year: Madison Hill, Brevard

SAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year:Kate Griewisch, Lenoir-Rhyne

SAC Coach of the Year: Randy Greer, Anderson