

## Bears Too Much For Wingate, 52-28

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Football Team (5-3, 4-1) stayed in the thick of the South Atlantic Conference race with a 52-28 win over Wingate University (5-4, 4-2) Saturday afternoon at Moretz Stadium.

Redshirt freshman fullback Isaiah Whitaker (Salisbury, N.C.) led the way for the Bears with a

career-high 177 yards rushing and three touchdowns as Lenoir-Rhyne snapped a six-game losing streak to the Bulldogs.

Senior wide receiver Nick Stutts (Statesville, N.C.) added six receptions for 125 yards and a touchdown to spearhead a Lenoir-Rhyne attack which put up 442 yards of total offense.

L-R took control with two touchdowns early in the first quarter. Whitaker capped the game's opening drive with a four-yard touchdown run before senior quarterback Major Herron (Kingsland, Ga.) followed with a one-yard scoring run to give the Bears a 14-0 advantage just under five minutes into the contest.

Herron's touchdown run was set up after Stutts blocked a Wingate punt which gave Lenoir-Rhyne the ball at the Bulldogs' five-yard line.

Wingate cut the lead to 14-10 when Richie Kazazian (Apex, N.C.) returned a fumble 66 yards for a score late in the opening stanza.

Each squad scored 12 points in the second quarter as the Bears headed into a halftime with a 26-22 lead.

Wingate quarterback Cody Haffly (Locust Grove, Ga.) threw a pair of touchdown passes while Stutts caught a 21-yard touchdown reception in the second stanza. Haffly finished with 268 yards passing and two scores in the losing effort.

A one-yard touchdown run by the Bulldogs' Josh Covington (Charlotte, N.C.) cut Lenoir-Rhyne's lead to 33-28 midway through the third quarter but Wingate couldn't get any closer.

Whitaker scored two more rushing touchdowns in the third quarter while L-R tallied the game's final 19 points en route to the win.

Herron finished with 145 yards passing and a touchdown while rushing for 53 yards and two scores for the Bears.

On defense, Lenoir-Rhyne junior defensive lineman Brandon Martin (Roebuck, S.C.) had an outstanding day. Martin sacked the Wingate quarterback for a safety, returned a blocked extra point attempt for two points and forced a fumble. Freshman linebacker Tanner Botts (Lawrenceville, Ga.) led the Bears with nine tackles as well.

For Wingate, Chris Bowden (Forsyth, Ga.) caught nine passes for 88 yards and Bryan Caffrey (Bayside, N.Y.) added seven receptions for 78 yards and a score.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains a half-game behind Mars Hill (7-2, 5-1) in the conference standings.

Mars Hill downed Tusculum by a 47-37 score on the road Saturday.

Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Newberry for Senior Day and the Bishops Trophy next Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. Wingate returns home to take on North Greenville next Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

### **Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Tops Tusculum, 2-1, To Clinch SAC Regular Season Title Outright**

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (15-1, 9-0) rolled through a perfect South Atlantic Conference Regular Season with a 2-1 victory over Tusculum (10-7-1, 5-4) Saturday evening on Senior Day at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex.

The Bears, who ran their winning streak to a school-record 14 matches, rallied from a 1-0 halftime deficit to take the win.

Senior forward Laura Linehan (San Diego, Calif.) scored the game-winning goal for Lenoir-Rhyne, who is ranked No. 5 in NCAA Division II.

The Bears also claimed their first conference title outright in school history after sharing the championship with Carson-Newman last year.

Kim Brown (Scarborough, Ontario, CANADA) gave the Pioneers a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute after scoring from 15 yards out off a pass from Amy Neltner (Wilder, Ky.).

Tusculum held a one-goal advantage until Lenoir-Rhyne scored twice in a two-minute span to take the lead for good early in the second half.

L-R senior midfielder Mariel Mena (Gainesville, Fla.) tied the match at one at the 55:39 mark of the contest with a goal from about 45 yards out. Senior midfielder Kaelia Frazier (Cedar Falls, Iowa) was credited with the assist.

The Bears took the lead for good when Linehan scored just under two minutes later with a goal 12 yards out from the right. The goal was Linehan's team-tying 10th of the season.

Junior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) notched the win for L-R, who held a 31-4 advantage in shots taken. Tusculum's Marissa Williams (Canton, Mich.) suffered the loss in goal despite totaling 11 saves.

Lenoir-Rhyne will be the No. 1 seed in next week's 2011 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament. The Bears will host a first round match next Wednesday. Tusculum will also compete in next week's tournament.

### **Lenoir-Rhyne Swimming Competes Saturday At The Boo Bash Relays**

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's and Women's Swimming Teams got back into action Saturday at the Boo Bash Relays at the Abernathy Physical Education Center on the campus of Catawba College.

Both squads finished fourth while Limestone won the women's side and Catawba placed first in the men's competition.

For Lenoir-Rhyne, the women's team won the 400-meter individual medley relay with a time of 4:21.75. The squad consisted of junior Gina Glenn (Matthews, N.C.), freshman Chelsea Kyle (Knoxville, Tenn.), sophomore Caroline Mills (Cary, N.C.) and freshman Tara Baitsholts (Raleigh, N.C.).

The Bears also placed second in 3 X 100-yard butterfly relay with a time of 3:07.90.

On the men's side, Lenoir-Rhyne set a team record in the 400-yard medley relay (3:43.35) under the quartet of freshmen Deaton Wright (Southern Pines, N.C.), Kyle Hites (Lenoir, N.C.) and Jay Stancliff (Advance, N.C.) and junior Teddy Esch (Lenoir, N.C.).

The men's squad placed second in the 3 X 100-yard breaststroke relay with a time of 3:09.71 as well.

Both the Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Swimming Teams will next compete in a dual meet on Saturday, November 5, against Mars Hill College on the road in Mars Hill, N.C.