

Werner Tops Podium At Nationals

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Kerry Werner (Birdsboro, Pa.) and Bradford Perley (Kennebunkport, Maine) grabbed the top two spots in the men's Division I individual omnium standings to lead the Lees-McRae College cycling team to a fourth-place performance at the USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships on Sunday afternoon.

Fort Lewis College took the team omnium title with

644 points, narrowly beating out the University of Colorado at Boulder's total of 636 markers. Lindsey Wilson College finished third with 449 points, edging Lees-McRae's total of 442 markers, as California Polytechnic - San Luis Obispo placed fifth with 439 points.

Werner captured the individual omnium title with 291 points, beating out Perley's second-place total of 254 markers, as Fort Lewis' Dylan Stucki finished third with 222 points. Erica Zaveta (Erwinna, Pa.) finished fifth in the women's Division I individual omnium standings with 303 points.

Eric Bercume (Barre, Mass.) turned in the top performance for the Bobcats in the dual slalom race, finishing 18th. Werner and Perley finished 35th and 44th, respectively, to wrap up the top two spots on the overall podium. Zaveta finished 13th in the women's dual slalom to clinch the fifth spot on the women's podium.

Lees-McRae returns to the course on Saturday, November 5 when the Bobcats travel to Tallahassee, Fla. to take part in Florida State University's Cyclocross event to kick off their cyclocross season.

Bobcats set to host Erskine in conference quarterfinals

The Lees-McRae College women's soccer team, fresh off capturing the program's first Conference Carolinas regular season championship since 2000, is the top seed in this week's Conference Carolinas Women's Soccer Tournament and will host eighth-seeded Erskine

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College on Monday evening.

Lees-McRae

Lees-McRae (12-4-1, 11-1 CC) nearly posted an unblemished record in conference play this season, emerging victorious from its first 11 matches in league action to clinch the top seed in the conference tournament. The Bobcats rolled through conference play in dominating fashion, outscoring their opponents by a 51-6 margin while keeping nine clean sheets in the span of 12 matches.

The Bobcat attack is led by a trio of lethal finishers, as freshman Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.J.), sophomore MaryBeth Sullivan (Greensboro N.C.), and senior Vickie Rich (Arlington Heights, Ill.), who have combined for 28 goals, 15 assists, and 10 of the Bobcats' 11 match-winners in conference play this season. Lees-McRae enters the conference tournament ranked among the national leaders in several statistical categories, including fourth in scoring offense (3.47) and seventh in shutout percentage (0.733).

Senior Brooke Santerre (Port Republic, Md.), junior Emily Jones (Leonardtown, Md.), and sophomore Kaitlyn Kerrigan (Lakewood Ranch, Fla.) have been a tremendous part of the Bobcats' success in the midfield this season, combining for eight goals, 15 assists, and one match-winner in conference play this fall as Rich and Kerrigan wrapped up the regular season tied for the league lead with eight assists.

Senior Mary Dorn (Shallotte, N.C.) and the Bobcat backline have stifled opposing attacks throughout the season, keeping nine clean sheets in conference play while allowing a total of six goals in 12 matches against league opponents. Freshman goalkeeper Kaitlyn Briggs (Oviedo, Fla.) has enjoyed a tremendous rookie season with the Bobcats, posting a 10-1 record in league play to go along with six clean sheets and a 0.55 goals against average.

The Bobcats appear primed for a run at the conference tournament title in search of the program's first ticket to the NCAA Tournament, earning the right of playing on their home pitch throughout the league's postseason competition.

Erskine

Erskine (6-10, 5-7 CC) battled its way into the conference tournament as the eighth and final seed, posting a pair of pivotal one-goal victories over fourth-seeded Limestone College and Barton College down the stretch. Junior Kimrey Angotti-Smith leads the Flying Fleet attack with seven points this season, scoring a team-high three goals and adding an assist.

Fellow junior Molly Harpe and sophomore Victoria Bruce have each tallied six points thus far, as Harpe leads the team with four assists while Bruce is tied with Angotti-Smith for the squad-lead with three goals. Junior forward Erin Gray has put together a solid season for the Fleet, recording one goal and three assists as Casey Craft has chipped in a pair of helpers.

Freshman goalkeeper Katie Lyle has performed well in her rookie season with the Fleet, posting a 5-5 record in league play to go along with three clean sheets and a .789 save percentage.

The Duluth, Ga. native allowed one goal or less on seven occasions in conference play this season, holding St. Andrews, Converse, Barton, and Belmont Abbey off the scoreboard this fall. Monday's quarterfinal matchup will mark the second meeting between the Bobcats and Flying Fleet this season, as Lees-McRae recorded a 4-0 win over Erskine on October 19th to celebrate its senior day by clinching a share of the conference regular season title. The Bobcats and Fleet will kick off at 7 p.m. on Tate Field.

Bobcats ready for rematch with King in conference quarters

The Lees-McRae College men's soccer team is primed for a late run in this week's Conference Carolinas Tournament, drawing the second seed and a rematch with seventh-seeded King College on Tuesday evening on Tate Field.

Lees-McRae

Lees-McRae (12-4-1, 9-2 CC) has not skipped a beat in Lee Squires' first year at the helm, finishing second in the conference standings and winning the Eastern Division title with a 9-2 record in league play. The Bobcats were the lone conference side to upend regular season champion Coker College this fall, defeating the then-No. 7 Cobras in extra time on Oct. 22. Sophomore James Galvani (High Wycombe, England) put together a strong season in conference play this fall, leading the Bobcats with nine goals and three deciding strikes while going on a torrid five-match goal-scoring streak against Carson-Newman, Queens, Pfeiffer, Belmont Abbey, and Mount Olive.

The story of the season for the Bobcats, however, has been the play of their freshmen, as rookies James Smith (Eastbourne, England), Scott Alford (Hillsborough, N.C.), and Preston Shahdad (Charlotte, N.C.) have combined for eight goals, eight assists, and a trio of match-winners in conference play. Smith has shined in the midfield for the Bobcats, recording one goal and ending the regular season tied for second in the league with six assists in conference play.

Seniors Luke Duffy (Wakefield, England) and Luke Staats (Almere, Netherlands) have led the Bobcat backline to a solid season in conference play this fall, helping Lees-McRae keep four clean sheets against league opponents while combining for one goal and four assists in the attacking third. Sophomore goalkeeper Thomas Rusling (Sheffield, England) posted a 7-2 record in league play this season, keeping four clean sheets to go along with a 1.26 goals against average against conference opponents.

King

King (5-9-2, 5-5-1 CC) put together a solid first season in Conference Carolinas, posting victories over Lees-McRae, Mount Olive College, North Greenville University, Belmont Abbey College, and Barton College in league play. The Tornado were the conference's third-best offense in the regular season, averaging 2.3 goals per match as senior Tom Winspear paced King's attack with 13 goals, three assists, and three deciding strikes in league play.

Sophomores Joe Mayer and Sam Nicol each finished the regular season tied for second in the conference with six assists, as Mayer also scored a pair of goals in league play this fall. Fellow sophomore Zach Caracciolo closed out the regular season ranked second on the team behind Winspear with six goals against conference opponents to provide another facet in King's balanced attack.

Senior Patrick Milfeld and freshman Stefan Kwiatkowski split time between the pipes in the

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regular season, as Milfeld posted a 4-2-1 record in league play while recording a clean sheet against Queens.

Lees-McRae is looking to reverse the result from its early-season meeting against King, when the Tornado held on for a 4-3 win over the Bobcats to hand LMC one of its two conference loses of the fall. The Bobcats and Tornado will take the Tate Field pitch at 7 p.m. on Tuesday with a berth in the semifinal round of the conference tournament up for grabs.

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