

Bobcats Ranked Fifth Nationally In Aces Per Set

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The Lees-McRae College women's volleyball team is ranked fifth in the nation in aces per set, and enters the week listed in 10 individual and team categories in the latest edition of the NCAA Division II women's volleyball statistics, announced NCAA officials Tuesday. Lees-McRae (22-8, 16-0 Conference Carolinas)

has continued its dominance in conference play this season, winning each of its first 16 matches against league opponents to run its conference winning streak to 47 straight contests dating back to 2009. The Bobcats will take the court on Wednesday with a chance to wrap up the program's 13th Conference Carolinas regular season championship, having clinched at least a share of the title on Saturday against St. Andrews.

The Bobcats enter the week ranked fifth in the nation in aces per set (2.64), while also being listed 49th in winning percentage (0.733), 61st in assists per frame (11.93), 69th in kills per set (12.79), and 75th in hitting percentage (0.208).

Junior Megan Mitchell (Minden, Nev.) continues to be listed among the nation's leaders in aces per set, entering the week ranked 15th with an average of 0.60, while freshman Sariah Suryadevara (Cincinnati, Ohio) is listed 19th with a mark of 0.59 aces per frame. Freshman Taylor Pritchett (Apex, N.C.) is also ranked 62nd in aces per set (0.48).

Mitchell also enters the week ranked 56th in assists per set (9.94), recently becoming the first player in program history to breach the 3,000-helper plateau. Suryadevara is also ranked 41st in digs per set (5.02), while senior Megan Epperson (St. John, Ind.) enters the week ranked 44th in points per set (4.34) and 63rd in kills per frame (3.68).

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Wednesday when the Bobcats travel to Belmont, N.C. to take on Belmont Abbey College in a conference tilt at 7 p.m. with the outright conference title within their grasp.