

## **Bobcats hold off Tornado, 2-1**

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The second-seeded Lees-McRae College men's soccer team scored twice in the final five minutes of the first half, and held on for a 2-1 win over seventh-seeded King College in the quarterfinal round of the Conference Carolinas Tournament on Tuesday night on Tate Field. Lees-McRae (13-4-1) outshot King (5-10-2) by a 16-13 margin, including a 7-4 advantage in the first half, while holding a 7-4 edge

in corner kicks. With the win, the Bobcats advance to the semifinal round for the fifth straight season.

Scott Alford (Hillsborough, N.C.) and Ryan Gillespie (Holly Springs, N.C.) each tallied a goal for the Bobcats, while TC Stephens (Fuquay-Varina, N.C.) and James Smith (Eastbourne, England) both recorded an assist. Sophomore goalkeeper Thomas Rusling (Sheffield, England) made five saves between the pipes for Lees-McRae.

Sam Nicol scored the lone goal for King, as Colby Childress was credited with an assist and Patrick Milfeld made seven saves between the pipes.

The match remained scoreless until midway through the 42nd minute, when Alford nodded home a lovely ball from Stephens for his sixth goal of the season and a 1-0 Bobcat advantage. Gillespie doubled the advantage to 2-0 just before the interval, when his header off a cross from Smith deflected off a defender and past the keeper at the 44:49 mark, sending the Bobcats into halftime with a two-goal lead.

King cut the margin in half late in the 58th minute, when Childress sent a cross into the area from just short of the end line, finding Nicol for the finish into the bottom corner from 10 yards distance. King's Tom Winspear nearly leveled proceedings in the 84th minute, putting his head to a perfect ball from Erik Douglas that sailed just wide of the near post.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Friday when the second-seeded Bobcats host sixth-seeded Erskine College in the semifinal round at 7 p.m. on Tate Field. The Flying Fleet won the regular season matchup between the sides by a 3-1 score line in Banner Elk on Oct. 19.

## **Bobcats ranked sixth in NSCAA Southeast Region poll**

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The Lees-McRae College men's soccer team is ranked sixth in this week's NSCAA/Continental Tires NCAA Division II Southeast Region Poll, announced NSCAA officials Tuesday.

Lees-McRae (12-4-1, 9-2 Conference Carolinas) wrapped up the regular season with a 2-1 come-from-behind win in extra time over Limestone College, earning the second seed in this week's Conference Carolinas Tournament. The Bobcats have been ranked among the region's top six teams for each of the least three weeks, sitting as high as fifth.

Conference Carolinas regular season champion and No. 5 Coker College (15-2-0, 10-1 CC) sits atop the region, followed by No. 11 Anderson University (14-3-0), No. 19 Flagler College (12-3-2), Mars Hill College (11-4-1), and University of Montevallo (10-3-4). Lees-McRae is sixth, followed by North Georgia College & State University (9-6-1), Lander University (8-6-2), University of North Carolina at Pembroke (10-4-2), and Erskine College (9-7-1, 6-5 CC).

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## NSCAA/Continental Tires NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Southeast Region Poll

### Rk.School Record

- 1.Coker 15-2-0
- 2.Anderson 14-3-0
- 3.Flagler 12-3-2
- 4.Mars Hill 11-4-1
- 5.Montevallo 10-3-4
- 6.Lees-McRae 12-4-1**
- 7.North Georgia 9-6-1
- 8.Lander 8-6-2
- 9.UNC Pembroke 10-4-2
- 10.Erskine 9-7-1

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## **Bobcats fall to 10th in NSCAA Southeast Region Poll**

The Lees-McRae College women's soccer team is tied for 10th in this week's NSCAA/Continental Tires NCAA Division II Southeast Region Poll, announced NSCAA officials Tuesday.

Lees-McRae (13-4-1, 11-1 Conference Carolinas) has won 13 of its last 16 matches this season, entering the Conference Carolinas Tournament as the regular season champion and top overall seed for the first time in the program's history as a member of Conference Carolinas. The Bobcats opened the tournament with a narrow 2-1 win over eighth-seeded Erskine College to advance to the semifinal round for the third straight season.

Lenoir-Rhyne University (15-1-0) is ranked first in the region and fifth in the nation, while North Georgia College & State University (14-1-1) is tied for second in the region and 13th in the country. No. 19 Armstrong Atlantic State University (12-2-3) is tied with North Georgia for second in the region, followed by Columbus State University (13-3-2), and Lander University (12-4-1).

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (9-5-3) is sixth, followed by Tusculum College (10-7-1), Flagler College (9-7-1), and Newberry College (11-6-0). Limestone College (12-5-0), Lees-McRae, and Belmont Abbey College (11-7-0) are all tied for 10th.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Thursday when the Bobcats host third-seeded Limestone in the semifinal round of the conference tournament at 7 p.m. on Tate Field. The Saints won the teams' regular season matchup on Oct. 25 in Gaffney, S.C. by a score of 2-0.

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- 2.North Georgia 14-1-1
- 2.Armstrong Atlantic 12-2-3
- 4.Columbus State 13-3-2
- 5.Lander 12-4-1
- 6.UNC Pembroke 9-5-3
- 7.Tusculum 10-7-1
- 8.Flagler 9-7-1
- 9.Newberry 11-6-0
- 10.Limestone 12-5-0
- 10.Lees-McRae 12-4-1**
- 10.Belmont Abbey 11-7-0