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The top-seeded Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (16-1) advanced to the semifinals of the 2011 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament with a 2-1 victory over Carson-Newman (5-11-1), the No. 8 seed, Wednesday evening at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex.

L-R will face fourth-seeded Anderson in the tournament semifinals on Friday at Manchester Meadows in Rock Hill, S.C., beginning at 6 p.m.

Lenoir-Rhyne, ranked No. 5 in NCAA Division

II and second in the region, received two second-half goals from junior midfielder Carley Griffin (Fresno, Calif.) and redshirt freshman defender Hanna Kiebel (Parker, Colo.) en route to the win.

After a scoreless first half, the Bears finally broke through when Griffin finished off a cross from senior midfielder Kaelia Frazier (Cedar Falls, Iowa) in the 60th minute for her team-leading 11th goal of the year.

Kiebel made it a 2-0 Lenoir-Rhyne advantage with a penalty kick at the 67:24 mark of the second half before Carson-Newman cut the deficit in half with a goal in the 77th minute.

The Eagles' Trenna Howell (Oak Ridge, Tenn.) scored her team-leading 13th goal of the season after receiving a long pass down the right side from Lizeth Munguia (Wilmington, N.C.) and turning and scoring from the corner.

Munguia was credited with the assist on the play but the Bears were able to hold on for the win. Lenoir-Rhyne also held a 28-9 advantage in shots taken in notching its school-record 15th straight victory.

L-R junior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) was credited with the win while Carson-Newman's Sarah Tompkins (Franklin, Wis.) suffered the loss in goal despite tallying 11 saves on the evening.

## **Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Picked Second In The 2011-12 Preseason SAC Coaches Poll**

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Women's Basketball Team was voted to finish second in the 2011-12 South Atlantic Conference Preseason Coaches Poll, league officials announced today.

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The Bears received a total of 82 points including one first-place vote.

Wingate, which finished as the runner-up in last year's conference tournament and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II Playoffs, received seven first-place votes and was picked to win the regular season title.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns four starters and seven of its top eight scorers from a squad which finished 14-13 last year (11-7 in league play) and tied for third in the conference standings.

L-R is led this year by senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.), who earned All-SAC First-Team honors last season after leading the squad in points (17.9 ppg), free throw percentage (.801), three-pointers made (49) and steals (50). Sealey was a preseason all-conference selection.

Lenoir-Rhyne also welcomes back its second and third-best scorers from 2010-11 in sophomore forward Whitney Brinkley (Asheville, N.C.) and junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) at 9.0 and 8.8 points per game, respectively.

Lenoir-Rhyne is receiving votes (three) in the 2011-12 USA Today/ESPN NCAA Division II Top 25 Preseason Poll as well.

Other South Atlantic Conferences schools receiving votes include Wingate (54) and Tusculum (three).

Lenoir-Rhyne opens the 2011-12 season on Friday, November 11, when it hosts Pfeiffer at 8 p.m., as part of the Lenoir-Rhyne Invitational at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

### 2011-12 South Atlantic Conference Women's Basketball Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Wingate (7) 94
- 2. Lenoir-Rhyne (1) 82**
3. Newberry 72
4. Tusculum 61 (1)
5. Catawba 58 (1)
6. Carson-Newman 56
7. Mars Hill 45
8. Lincoln Memorial 44
9. Anderson 25
10. Brevard 13

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### **2011-12 All-South Atlantic Conference Preseason Teams**

#### **FIRST TEAM**

Zoriah Williams, Carson-Newman

Dana Hicks, Catawba

**Cameron Sealey, Lenoir-Rhyne**

Dayshalee Salaman, Lincoln Memorial

Taylor Deal, Mars Hill

Kurie Washington, Wingate

#### **SECOND TEAM**

Micheala Watkins, Brevard

Anna Schlobohm, Brevard

Tyler Carlson, Mars Hill

Shannon Depew, Carson-Newman

Simone Rutledge, Wingate

Janitsha Williams, Wingate

### **2011-12 USA Today/ESPN NCAA Division II Top 25 Preseason Poll**

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1. Clayton State (Ga.) 35-1
2. Bentley (Mass.) 28-5
3. Michigan Tech 31-3
4. Arkansas Tech 30-3
5. Delta State 28-4
6. Fort Lewis (Colo.) 28-3
7. Metro State (Colo.) 30-3
8. Shaw (N.C.) 25-12
9. Wayne State (Neb.) 26-4
10. Lander (S.C.) 29-4
11. Washburn (Kan.) 22-7
12. Alaska-Anchorage 27-7
13. California-San Diego 20-11
14. Grand Canyon (Ark.) 29-3
15. Northwest Missouri State 29-5
16. Wisconsin-Parkside 24-7
17. USC Aiken 27-6
18. Holy Family (Pa.) 24-5
19. California State Tech - Pomona 28-5
20. Tarleton State (Texas) 25-5
21. Grand Valley State (Mich.) 20-8
22. Franklin Pierce (N.H.) 24-8
23. Edinboro (Pa.) 26-4
24. Northeastern State (Okla.) 25-5
25. Drury (Mo.) 20-10

**Other Receiving Votes:** Dixie State College of Utah 123; Barton College (N.C.) 120; Rollins College (Fla.) 103; Emporia State University (Kan.) 96; Quincy University (Ill.) 93; Fort Valley State University (Ga.) 82; Saint Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 81; Western Washington University 63; Johnson C Smith University (N.C.) 62; Wingate University (N.C.) 53; University of Central Oklahoma 39; Florida Southern College 38; University of Charleston (W.Va.) 31; University of Tampa (Fla.) 31; University of Arkansas - Fort Smith 29; West Texas A&M University 26; Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania 23; Seattle Pacific University (Wash.) 18; Ashland

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University (Ohio) 12; Assumption College (Mass.) 12; Winona State University (Minn.) 12; California State University - Monterey Bay 11; California University of Pennsylvania 9; Concordia University (Minn.) 9; Limestone College (S.C.) 9; Augustana College (S.D.) 7; Valdosta State University (Ga.) 7; Northern Kentucky University 6; Ouachita Baptist University (Ark.) 6; West Liberty University (W.Va.) 4; Glenville State College (W.Va.) 3;

### **Lenoir-Rhyne University (N.C.) 3;**

Tusculum College (Tenn.) 3; Columbus State University (Ga.) 2; Concord College (W.Va.) 2; Miles College (Ala.) 2; Texas Woman's University 1; University of Central Missouri 1.

## **Lenoir-Rhyne's Allan Jones Earns All-SAC Preseason Honors In Men's Basketball**

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) was named to the 2011-12 All-South Atlantic Conference Men's Basketball Preseason Second Team, league officials announced today.

Meanwhile, the Bears were picked eighth in the league's preseason coaches poll.

Lincoln Memorial received six first-place votes and was selected to repeat as conference regular season champions. The Railsplitters, 27-3 last season, are also ranked No. 5 in the 2011-12 NABC/NCAA Division II Top 25 Preseason Poll.

Jones was the Bears' leading scorer last year, averaging 13.6 points and a team-high 5.3 rebounds per outing. Jones was even better in league play in 2010-11 as he averaged 14.9 points and 6.2 rebounds against SAC foes.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns all five starters including senior forward Jeff Thomas (Efland, N.C.), who averaged a third-best 11.4 points per contest.

Last year, Jones was joined on the South Atlantic Conference All-Freshman Team by sophomore guard Bryce Hawkins (Charlotte, N.C.). Hawkins averaged 6.8 points per game in 2010-11.

Lenoir-Rhyne plays Thursday at Appalachian State (7:00 p.m.) and Saturday at Davidson (7:00 p.m.) in a pair of exhibition contests against NCAA Division I competition.

L-R (4-22, 3-15 last year) opens the regular season against Queens in the South Atlantic Conference/Conference Carolinas Tip-Off Classic on Friday, November 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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### 2011-12 South Atlantic Conference Men's Basketball Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Lincoln Memorial (6) 96
2. Wingate (3) 92
3. Anderson 68
4. Newberry 60
5. Carson-Newman 50
6. Catawba (1) 49
7. Tusculum 48
- 8. Lenoir-Rhyne 46**
9. Mars Hill 29
10. Brevard 12

### 2011-12 All-South Atlantic Conference Men's Basketball Preseason Teams

#### **FIRST TEAM**

Gaither Hendrix, Brevard

Keon Moore, Catawba

Desmond Johnson, Lincoln Memorial

Sammy Emile, Mars Hill

Odell Turner, Wingate

Jaime Vaughn, Wingate

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### **SECOND TEAM**

Denzail Jones, Anderson

Ishmael Sanders, Carson-Newman

**Allan Jones, Lenoir-Rhyne**

Brandon Armstrong, Lincoln Memorial

Cam Carden, Lincoln Memorial

Justin Steigerwald, Tusculum