

Queens Takes Down LRU 69-61, In The Season Opener

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The Queens Men's Basketball Team (1-0) opened the season with a 69-61 win over Lenoir-Rhyne (0-1) Friday evening in the 2011 Conference Carolinas/SAC Challenge at the Timken Center.

The Royals' Brent Evans (Beaufort, S.C.) led all scorers with

25 points while Daniel Bailey (Irmo, S.C.) added 17 points and 10 rebounds as Queens prevailed in the first regular season contest of the year.

L-R sophomore forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) finished with a team-high 16 points while freshman guard Denzel Dillingham (Hickory, N.C.) added 15 points for the Bears in the losing effort.

Lenoir-Rhyne held a 34-28 advantage with 17:44 remaining in the contest on a lay-up by senior forward Jeff Thomas (Chapel Hill, N.C.), but Queens responded with a 12-2 run and never trailed again.

The Royals pushed their margin to 13 points on a dunk by Brandon Nichols (Fayetteville, N.C.) for a 58-45 lead with 7:23 left and the Bears never got within five points the rest of the way.

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore guard R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.) added 10 points for the Bears, who shot just 31 percent (five-for-16) from behind the three-point line.

On the second day of the challenge Saturday evening, L-R takes on Limestone at 7:30 p.m., while Queens faces Wingate in the first contest beginning at 5:30 p.m. Limestone edged Wingate by a 67-66 score in the second game Friday.

LRU Women's Prevails In Overtime In Season Opener

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (1-0) opened the 2011-12 season with an 84-82 overtime victory against Pfeiffer (0-1) Friday night in the L-R Invitational at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

Senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) and freshman guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) each scored 19 points as the Bears rallied from a four-point deficit with 1.6 seconds left in the second half to force overtime and come out on top.

Junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) added a double-double - 15 points and 13

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rebounds - for the Bears, who held a 55-39 advantage on the boards en route to the win. Pfeiffer lost despite a combined 52 points from Brittany Cox (Winston-Salem, N.C.) and Christina Harvey (Locust Grove, Va.). Cox led all scorers with 30 points including 20 after halftime while Harvey added 22 points in the losing effort.

L-R junior guard Caroline Laughter (Hickory, N.C.) hit a key three-pointer with one second left in the second half to cut the margin to one point before Sealey forced overtime tied at 71 with a free throw.

Laughter, who finished with 10 points, then hit a lay-up with 27 seconds left in the overtime period that proved to be the game-winner.

On the final day on the invitational Saturday, Mars Hill plays Pfeiffer at 4 p.m., before Limestone takes on Lenoir-Rhyne beginning at 6 p.m.