

LRU Women's Soccer Advances To Southeast Regional

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (17-2-1) advanced in penalty kicks, 5-3, over Columbus State (16-4-3) Sunday in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Tournament at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex. The match was scoreless after two overtimes. Lenoir-Rhyne, the second seed in the region, will move on to face top-seeded Armstrong Atlantic State (16-2-3) in the Southeast Regional Championship match next Friday in Savannah, Ga. Armstrong Atlantic State defeated North Georgia, 2-0, in the second round on Sunday as well. The 13th-ranked Bears will also be making their second straight trip to the Round of 16. Columbus State, ranked No. 20 in NCAA Division II, held a 23-12 advantage in shots taken but Lenoir-Rhyne junior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) kept the Cougars without a goal for 110 minutes of action while tallying nine saves. The shutout was also Scruggs' six of the season.

Columbus State's goalkeeper, Mary Mancin (Gainesville, Ga.), also registered the shutout as she stopped four Bear shots on the afternoon.

Lenoir-Rhyne and seventh-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State will be facing each other in the regional championship for the second straight year. In 2010, the Bears shut out the Pirates by a 1-0 score in Tampa, Fla.

Tusculum Downs LRU Volleyball In SAC Quarterfinals

The Tusculum Volleyball Team (18-11) advanced to the semifinals of the 2011 Food Lion SAC Tournament with a 3-1 win over Lenoir-Rhyne (17-15) Friday afternoon at Mars Gymnasium. The Pioneers prevailed by scores of 25-23, 18-25, 25-16 and 25-18.

Tusculum will face top-seeded and No. 14 Wingate (28-0) on Saturday in the round of four beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Pioneers were led by Sam Underwood (Muncie, Ind.) with 13 kills and 11 digs while Kassie Voelker (Morristown, Tenn.) and Bailee Price (Fort Wayne, Ind.) added 11 kills each as Tusculum defeated L-R for the third time this season.

Ashley Sarmiento (Dayton, Ohio) dished out 46 assists and tallied 13 digs for a double-double as well for the Pioneers.

Senior middle blocker Chelsea Hill (Lexington, N.C.) led the Bears with 11 kills while sophomore setter Kaitlyn Burton (Mills River, N.C.) added 16 assists and 10 digs in the loss.

Junior setter Meredith Lutz (Newton, N.C.) finished with 19 assists and eight digs as well for the

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Bears, who suffered their fifth straight loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne, the eighth-ranked squad in the NCAA Division II Southeast Region Poll this week, will await to see if it earns a berth to the national tournament.