## **Bears Close Out Shark Invite in Record Fashion**

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's and Women's Swimming Teams concluded the Nova Southeastern Shark Invitational with another stellar performance Monday at the NSU Aquatics Center.

Freshman Kyle Hites (Lenoir, N.C.) joined junior Alec Reitzel (Hickory, N.C.) and freshman Chelsea Kyle (Knoxville, Tenn.)

in posting an NCAA Division II "B" cut time. Hites earned the mark in the 200-yard breaststroke with a school-record 2:06.81 and finished fourth overall.

Hites, Reitzel and Kyle all have the opportunity to compete in the 2012 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championship on March 14-17 in Mansfield, Texas. In addition, senior Lindsay Atkin (Hickory, N.C.) set her second school record in as many days Monday with a program-best 2:26.26 in the 200-yard breaststroke. Atkin's time was also good enough for a fifth-place finish.

Freshman Deaton Wright (Southern Pines, N.C.) established a new individual Lenoir-Rhyne mark for the second day in a row as well when he timed a 1:59.63 in the 200-yard backstroke. The Lenoir-Rhyne men's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Reitzel, freshmen Chris Tilque (Charlotte, N.C.) and Jay Stancliff (Advance, N.C.) and junior Teddy Esch (Lenoir, N.C.) set a school-record in 3:12.98 in the final men's event of the day.

Overall, the men's squad place fifth overall while the women's team finished sixth for the Bears. Tampa won both the men's and women's competition.

Lenoir-Rhyne next hosts a tri-meet on Saturday, January 7, against Limestone and Queens at the Shuford Physical Education Center in Hickory, N.C.