

Cobras hold off Bobcats, 70-56

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The Virginia Intermont College women's basketball team placed four players in double figures en route to a 70-56 non-conference win over visiting Lees-McRae College on Friday evening. Virginia Intermont (7-6) posted a field goal percentage of

53.8 percent on the night, including a 60 percent clip in the second half, while holding Lees-McRae (4-2) to an overall mark of 29 percent in the contest. The Cobras won the battle on the glass by a 37-33 margin, including a 28-18 advantage on the defensive boards, while converting 25 Bobcat turnovers into 24 points.

Megan Tate (High Point, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with 17 points on 6-of-15 shooting, including a 5-for-10 night beyond the arc, as Icey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.) and Amber Coleman (Alexandria, Va.) each added eight markers. Chloe Parker (Chicago, Ill.) chipped in team highs of eight rebounds and three steals.

Rainey Story led the way for Virginia Intermont with a game-high 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting, as Teonika Webb added 12 markers. Shelby May and Ashley Grimm each chipped in 10 points, as May added game-highs of six steals and four assists.

The Cobras got off to a strong start in the first half, opening the contest with a 20-9 run over the initial 10 minutes of action. Lees-McRae answered with a quick 7-2 spurt to trim the margin to 22-16 on a Coleman triple, and after the Cobras stretch the lead to 26-16 with a pair of quick buckets, closed out the half with a 12-4 run to cut the advantage to 30-28 heading into the intermission.

Virginia Intermont responded in the second half, opening the period with a 22-14 run to claim a 52-40 advantage on back-to-back jumpers by Webb and Story at the 9:12 mark. The Bobcats would answer with a 16-10 spurt over the next six minutes, trimming the margin to 62-56 before the Cobras shut the door from there, closing out the game with an 8-0 run to equal the final score of 70-56.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Tuesday when the Bobcats host Belmont Abbey College to open their Conference Carolinas schedule with a 5:30 p.m. matchup in Williams Gymnasium.

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	1st	2nd	Total
Lees-McRae.....	28	28	- 56
Virginia Intermont.....	30	40	- 70

LMC: PARKER 5, WHITAKER 3, TATE 17, PATTERSON 8, SMITH 2, COLEMAN 8, CAKAREVIC 2, FALTUS 2, FLOWERS 3, HAYNES 3, WATERS 3. FG: 20-69, 3FG: 9-28, FT: 7-10. 33 REBOUNDS, 25 TURNOVERS, 12 ASSISTS.

VIC: LANE 2, AUTUKAITE 4, MAY 10, BRYANT 2, WEBB 12, GRIMM 10, ORRICK 6 (9 REBOUNDS), STORY 24. FG: 28-52, 3FG: 0-5, FT: 14-21. 37 REBOUNDS, 23 TURNOVERS, 17 ASSISTS.

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