

## **Pfeiffer Surges To 73-63 Win Over Lady Bobcats**

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The Pfeiffer University women's basketball team outscored Lees-McRae College by a 37-27 margin over the final 20 minutes to break a halftime deadlock, and defeat the Bobcats 73-63 in Conference Carolinas play.

Pfeiffer (7-5, 1-1 CC) posted a field goal percentage of 42.9 percent on the afternoon, including

a 52.6 percent clip from outside the arc, while limiting Lees-McRae (5-4, 1-2 CC) to a 37.5 percent mark from the floor. The Falcons edged the Bobcats by a 45-39 margin on the glass, including a 30-25 advantage on the defensive boards, as Pfeiffer's bench outscored LMC's reserves, 41-22.

Sophomore Paige Whitaker (Harrisburg, N.C.) and freshman DeAnna Waters (Upper Marlboro, Md.) paced the Bobcats with 14 points each, while Kerri Belcher (Roanoke, Va.) and Icey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.) both added 10 markers of their own. Chloe Parker (Chicago, Ill.) chipped in eight rebounds and a game-high five steals, while Belcher and Waters each posted a team-best nine rebounds.

Brittany Cox led the way for Pfeiffer with a game-high 17 points, as Vontreece Hayes and Sam Craven added 15 and 14 markers, respectively. Haley Grimsley chipped in 12 points, as Cox nearly recorded a double-double with a game-high nine rebounds.

The Falcons jumped out to an early 18-12 lead in the first half on Grimsley's jumper at the 12:50 mark. Pfeiffer held the lead until the waning moments of the period, when Lees-McRae put together a 13-7 spurt over the final five minutes to send the game into the intermission tied at 36-36.

The Bobcats opened the second half with an 8-4 run, claiming a 44-40 lead on a Waters jumper at the 15:54 mark before Pfeiffer responded with a 15-0 surge, snatching a 55-44 advantage on Craven's jumper with 11:09 to play. The Falcons would hold on from there, stretching the lead to as much as 22 points before the Bobcats closed out the game an 11-1 run over the final four and a half minutes, equaling the final margin of 73-63.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Tuesday when the Bobcats host Erskine College in conference play at 5:30 p.m. in Williams Gymnasium.

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### Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Pfeiffer.....	36	37	- 73
Lees-McRae.....	36	27	- 63

**PFEIFFER:** REESE 1, COX 17 (9 REBOUNDS), WILLIAMS 2, RHONEY 3, LEMONS 9, GRIMSLEY 12, CRAVEN 14 (7 REBOUNDS), HAYES 15. FG: 24-56, 3FG: 10-19, FT: 15-27. 45 REBOUNDS, 20 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

**LMC:** PARKER 6 (8 REBOUNDS), BELCHER 10 (9 REBOUNDS), WHITAKER 14, COLEMAN 1, PATTERSON 10, FLOWERS 4, SMITH 4. FG: 24-64, 3FG: 3-11, FT: 12-17. 39 REBOUNDS, 17 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

### Bobcats hold off Falcons, 70-61

The Lees-McRae College men's basketball team placed three players in double figures, outscoring Pfeiffer University by a 44-25 margin in the first half and holding on for a 70-61 victory in Conference Carolinas play on Saturday afternoon in Williams Gymnasium.

Lees-McRae (2-9, 2-1 CC) shot 52.8 percent from the floor on the evening, including a blistering 63 percent clip in the first half, while holding Pfeiffer (8-5, 2-1 CC) to a field goal percentage of 29.2 percent in the contest. The Bobcats edged the Falcons by a 33-32 margin on the glass, including a 24-19 advantage on the defensive boards, while converting 16 Pfeiffer miscues into 21 points.

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Junior DJ Brown (Anderson, S.C.) paced the Bobcats with 14 points on 4-of-8 shooting from outside the arc, as Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) and BJ Battle (Orlando, Fla.) chipped in 12 and 11 markers, respectively. Henry and Battle each posted game-highs of eight rebounds and four assists, while DeAndre Tillman (Charlotte, N.C.) added a contest-best three blocks.

The Bobcats never trailed in the game, opening an early 14-7 lead in the first half on Brown's triple at the 14:42 mark before Pfeiffer cut the margin to 25-21 with a 14-11 spurt over the next six minutes. Lees-McRae would answer with a 19-4 run over the final eight minutes of the half, taking a 44-25 lead into the intermission following a pair of freebies by Henry with less than a minute to go.

Pfeiffer began to chip away at the lead over the first 10 minutes of the second half, cutting the margin to 51-39 on a pair of Hollinger free throws at the 10:09 mark. After Brown knocked down a triple to push the lead to 54-39, Pfeiffer answered with a 9-0 run to trim the margin to 54-48 on and four free throws and a jumper from Hollinger with 7:21 to play.

The Bobcats would push the margin to 59-48 before the Falcons countered once again, scoring eight quick points to cut the lead to 59-56 on a Hollinger jumper at the 4:03 mark. Sophomore Will Lopez (Sydney, Australia) knocked down a clutch three-pointer for the Bobcats a minute later, pushing the lead to 63-57 before a layup by Pfeiffer's Danny Smith cut the margin back to three at 63-60.

A foul and a subsequent technical by the Falcons swung the momentum back in Lees-McRae's favor 30 seconds later, as Brown and Lopez converted three of four free throws to push the margin to 66-60 with less than two minutes to play. The Bobcats would hold on from there, converting four additional opportunities at the line to equal the final margin of 70-61.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Tuesday when the Bobcats host Erskine College in conference play at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Gymnasium.

## LMC 70, PFEIFFER 61

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Pfeiffer.....	25	36	61
Lees-McRae.....	44	26	70

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**PFEIFFER:** SMITH 9, THOMAS 3, GIBSON 6, HOLLINGER 21, ANUNA 6, ANTLEY 1, WALLACE 3, KEMP 2, MATTHEWS 10. FG: 14-48, 3FG: 7-23, FT: 26-34. 32 REBOUNDS, 16 TURNOVERS, 8 ASSISTS.

**LMC:** TILLMAN 6, BATTLE 11, HENRY 12 (6 REBOUNDS), LAMOT 6, SEPOKAS 8, LOPEZ 7, YOUNG 1, BROWN 14, EPPLEY 5. FG: 24-46, 3FG: 9-19, FT: 13-24. 33 REBOUNDS, 19 TURNOVERS, 17 ASSISTS.

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