

## Brown, Bobcats Sink Fleet In 82-68 Victory

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Junior DJ Brown (Anderson, S.C.) poured in a game-high 22 points, going a perfect 6-for-6 from behind the arc, to lead the Lees-McRae College men's basketball team to an 82-68 win over

Erskine College on Tuesday night in Conference Carolinas play.

Lees-McRae (3-9, 3-1 CC) posted a blistering field goal percentage of 62.2 percent in the contest, including a scorching 15-for-19 night from beyond the arc, while dominating the battle on the glass by a 31-16 margin. Erskine (3-10, 1-3 CC) had a superb night from the floor as well, posting a field goal percentage of 50 percent, while knocking down 10-of-19 attempts from three-point range. The Flying Fleet also converted 16 Bobcats miscues into 31 points, while the Bobcat bench held a 27-23 scoring edge.

Brown led all scorers with 22 points, going a perfect 6-for-6 from the floor (all from three-point range) and converting 4-of-4 attempts at the free throw line off the bench. BJ Battle (Orlando, Fla.) added 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting, including a perfect 3-for-3 night from downtown, as Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.) added 15 markers.

Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia) and Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) chipped in 11 and 10 points, respectively, as Henry recorded a double-double with a game-high 11 rebounds. Corey Young (Bluff City, Tenn.) added a game-high six assists, while Sepokas chipped in five helpers of his own. Sophomore DeAndre Tillman (Charlotte, N.C.) also posted a contest-best three blocks for the Bobcats.

Corey Sorrell paced the Fleet with 21 points, going 6-for-11 from the floor and converting 7-of-11 attempts at the charity stripe. Mike Gabbard added 15 points and a game-high six assists, while Travis Liner chipped in 12 markers with a perfect 4-for-4 night from downtown. Sorrell also posted a team-high six rebounds.

The Bobcats rallied from an early 6-0 deficit in the first half, going on a 15-0 run to take a 15-6 lead on Battle's second three-pointer of the game at the 15:15 mark. Erskine countered with a 13-5 spurt, closing the gap to 20-19 on a Gabbard jumper before the Bobcats responded, closing out the period with a 25-12 run over the final 10 minutes to take a 45-31 lead into the intermission.

Erskine would answer in the second half, opening the period with a 20-13 run to cut the margin to 58-51 on Gabbard's layup with 10:39 to play. After the Fleet trimmed the lead to 64-59 on a Liner triple at the 6:28 mark, Young and Battle knocked down back-to-back three-pointers to stretch the lead to 70-59 with less than five minutes left on the clock. The Bobcats took control from there, closing out their third straight win with a 10-5 run over the last two and a half minutes of play to equal the final margin of 82-68.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Mount Olive, N.C. to take on Mount Olive College in a pivotal conference matchup at 4 p.m.

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### LMC 82, ERSKINE 68

#### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

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| Erskine.....    | 31 | 37 | - | 68 |
| Lees-McRae..... | 45 | 37 | - | 82 |

**ERSKINE:** COREY SORRELL 21 (6 REBOUNDS), CASEY SORRELL 3, GABBARD 15, HALL 6, WILLIAMSON 1, LINER 12, QUARLES 2, HASLAM 8. FG: 24-48, 3FG: 10-19, FT: 10-17. 16 REBOUNDS, TURNOVERS 10, ASSISTS 13.

**LMC:** TILLMAN 2, BATTLE 17, HENRY 10 (11 REBOUNDS), LAMOT 15, SEPOKAS 11, LOPEZ 2, YOUNG 3, BROWN 22. FG: 28-45, 3FG: 15-19, FT: 11-14. 31 REBOUNDS, 16 TURNOVERS, 19 ASSISTS.

### Fleet Holds Off Bobcats, 67-60

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The Erskine College women's basketball team placed four players in double figures, and held Lees-McRae College to a field goal percentage of 32.9 percent on Tuesday night en route to a 67-60 victory in Conference Carolinas play in Williams Gymnasium. Erskine (4-8, 2-3 CC) shot 42 percent from the floor on the night, including a 45.8 percent clip in the second half, while limiting Lees-McRae (5-5, 1-3 CC) to a 32.9 percent mark in the contest. The Bobcats won the battle on the glass by a 45-41 margin, including a 19-7 advantage on the offensive boards, while converting 23 Flying Fleet turnovers into 21 points. DeAnna Waters (Upper Marlboro, Md.) paced the Bobcats with a double-double, posting team-highs of 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Ikey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.) added contest-bests of eight steals and seven assists; Pattenon's steal total was also a career-high. Megan Tate (High Point, N.C.) chipped in 10 points, while Chloe Parker (Chicago, Ill.) and Kerri Belcher (Roanoke, Va.) each added six markers and seven boards. Elizabeth Tatum poured in a game-high 20 points to lead the way for the Flying Fleet, while nearly recording a double-double with nine rebounds. Sha'Niqua Whitley added a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Jana Dixon chipped in a double-double of her own with 10 markers and a game-high 11 boards. Porsha Morgan also recorded 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting, while dishing out a squad-best five assists. The Bobcats started off strong, taking an early 18-10 lead on a Parker jumper at the 7:05 mark before the Fleet responded with an 18-4 run, claiming a 28-22 advantage on Dixon's layup with 1:28 to go in the half. Erskine would take a 30-26 lead into the intermission following a last-second jumper from Waters that trimmed the margin to four. The Fleet carried the momentum into the second half, opening the period with a 9-3 spurt to claim a 39-29 lead following a steal and a layup from Morgan at the 17:29 mark. Lees-McRae would answer with a 15-3 run, taking a 44-42 lead on a Tate jumper with 12:56 to play. Erskine countered with a 14-4 surge of its own over the next three minutes, opening a 56-48 lead on Morgan's fast break layup at the 9:49 mark. The Bobcats would trim the margin to 56-51 before the Fleet regained control, pushing the lead to 64-52 following Tatum's jumper on the heels of an 8-1 run. Lees-McRae climbed back with an 8-0 spurt, closing the gap to 64-60 before Erskine closed out the win with a trio of late free throws. Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Mount Olive, N.C. to take on Mount Olive College in a pivotal conference matchup. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m.

**ERSKINE 67, LMC 60**

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### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Erskine..... 30 37 - 67

Lees-McRae..... 26 34 - 60

**ERSKINE:** DIXON 10 (11 REBOUNDS), TATUM 20 (9 REBOUNDS), MORGAN 16 (5 ASSISTS), WHITLEY 14 (10 REBOUNDS), TURKNETT 2, POWELL 5. FG: 21-50, 3FG: 2-18, FT: 23-31. 41 REBOUNDS, 23 TURNOVERS, 8 ASSISTS.

**LMC:** WHITAKER 6, PARKER 6 (7 REBOUNDS), BELCHER 6 (7 REBOUNDS), COLEMAN 4, PATTERSON 7 (7 ASSISTS), TATE 10, FLOWERS 2, SMITH 5, WATERS 14 (10 REBOUNDS). FG: 24-73, 3FGT: 4-18, FT: 8-16. 45 REBOUNDS, 20 TURNOVERS, 20 ASSISTS.

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