

## Bears Pull Out A 75-71 Victory Over Wingate

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (6-8, 2-3) won its second consecutive South Atlantic Conference game Wednesday night, 75-71, over Wingate (7-8, 3-2) at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

L-R, which won back-to-back league games for the first time

in two years, was led by sophomore forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.). Jones led all scorers with 20 points while senior forward D.J. Blackmon (Albemarle, N.C.) added 18 points and seven rebounds in the victory.

Four players scored in double figures for Wingate, led by Jaime Vaughn (Tallahassee, Fla.) and Quan Alexander (Charlotte, N.C.) with 16 points, despite the loss.

After falling behind by a 4-0 score to start the game, Lenoir-Rhyne reeled off 10 straight points and never trailed again.

Wingate rallied from a 40-33 halftime deficit and cut the lead to one point at 66-65 on a three-pointer by Paidrick Matilus (Boynton Beach, Fla.) with 3:28 remaining but L-R responded with five straight points. Matilus finished with 14 points for the Bulldogs.

Trailing 73-71 with 27 seconds left, the Bulldogs had a chance to tie but a jump shot fell short and Blackmon closed the game with a lay-up as time expired.

Lenoir-Rhyne shot 53 percent (31-of-59) from the field while Wingate hit 50 percent (26-of-52) of its shots for the contest.

Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Brevard in a South Atlantic Conference game Saturday evening at 6 p.m., while Wingate returns home to face Mars Hill in a league contest Saturday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.

### LRU 75, WINGATE 71

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

Wingate..... 33 38 - 71

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 40 35 - 75

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**WINGATE:** MATILUS 14, TURNAM 10 (6 REBOUNDS), KINCAID 3, TURNER 8, VAUGHN 16, ALEXANDER 16, SMITH 1, LEWIS 3. FG: 26-52, 3FG: 4-14, FT: 15-18. 28 REBUONDS, 12 TURNOVERS, 12 ASSISTS.

**LRU:** DAVIS 9, McCLINTOCK 5, BLACKMON 18 (7 REBOUNDS), BEASLEY 11, JONES 20, THOMAS 4, HAWKINS 6, KUNZ 2. FG: 31-59, 3FG: 0-10, FT: 13-17. 28 REBOUNDS, 8 TURNOVERS, 17 ASSISTS.

## **Wingate Takes Down LRU WOMEN, 63-57**

The Wingate University Women's Basketball Team (8-5, 2-3) came out on top with a 63-57 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne University (11-3, 3-2) Wednesday evening in a South Atlantic Conference game at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

Wingate's Tiffany Brown (Cartersville, Ga.) scored a game-high 13 points while Simone Rutledge (Atlanta, Ga.) added a double-double - 12 points and 11 rebounds - as the Bulldogs snapped a two-game losing streak.

Freshman guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) was the lone player to score in double figures for Lenoir-Rhyne as she finished with 10 points and the Bears saw their four-game winning streak come to an end.

Senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) and junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) added nine points each for L-R, who suffered its first loss at home this season.

Wingate held a 35-32 advantage at intermission and never trailed the rest of the way as the Bulldogs limited the Bears to just 33 percent shooting (19-of-57) for the contest and forced 28 turnovers in the win.

The Bulldogs also held a 46-37 advantage in rebounding and blocked seven shots en route to the victory.

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Wingate opened up a 10-point lead in the second half on a lay-up by Sarah Mollett (Raleigh, N.C.) for a 53-43 advantage at the 9:04 mark of the second half and never let Lenoir-Rhyne get within six points the rest of the way.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains at home to host Brevard in a South Atlantic Conference game on Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. Wingate, meanwhile, hosts league-foe Mars Hill Saturday at 2 p.m.

## WINGATE 63, WINGATE 57

### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

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|-------------------|----|----|---|----|
| Wingate.....      | 35 | 28 | - | 63 |
| Lenoir-Rhyne..... | 32 | 25 | - | 57 |

**WINGATE:** BROWN 13, WOLLETT 8, RUTLEDGE 12 (11 REBOUNDS), LOGAN 4, WASHINGTON 10 (6 REBOUNDS), BONNER 2, DUNBAR 2, WILLIAMS 4, BURTON 6, BOSTON 2. FG: 24-67, 3FG: 1-9, FT: 14-19. 47 REBOUNDS, 26 TURNOVERS, 13 ASSISTS.

**LRU:** BONGIORNO 8, SEALEY 9, CULLER 9 (7 REBOUNDS), BRINKLEY 4, CHARLES 10, KATT 4, PATTON 6, LAUGHTER 7 (6 REBOUNDS). FG: 19-57, 3FG: 2-10, FT: 17-20. 39 REBOUNDS, 28 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

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