

LRU Women Hold Off Brevard, 69-66

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (12-3, 4-2) held on to defeat Brevard (5-9, 0-6), 69-66, Saturday in a South Atlantic Conference game at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium. In the process, seventh-year Head Coach Todd Starkey became the winningest coach in school history

with his 115th victory.

Sophomore guard Krystal Patton (Chilhowie, Va.) led the Bears with a career-high 19 points while junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) added 17 points and eight rebounds as Lenoir-Rhyne improved its all-time mark against Brevard to 12-0.

Brevard's Lindsay Brendle (High Point, N.C.) paced all scorers with 20 points and Anna Schlobohm (Greensboro, N.C.) came off the bench to score 13 points despite the loss. Brevard jumped out to a 23-12 lead midway through the first half on a three-point play by Micheala Watkins (Forest City, N.C.) but Lenoir-Rhyne roared back to take a 34-31 advantage entering halftime.

The Tornados wouldn't go away and started the second half on an 11-4 run and held a 42-38 advantage with 12:33 remaining in the contest.

The game, which had six ties and 11 lead changes, went back-and-forth the rest of the way before senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) gave L-R the lead for good with a lay-up at the 5:09 mark of the second half which made the score 56-55 in the Bears' favor. Brevard tried to force overtime but a three-point attempt rimmed out as time ran out and Lenoir-Rhyne held on for the win.

The Bears limited the Tornados to just 35 percent shooting (25-of-71) for the game and improved to 6-1 on the season at home. L-R sophomore forward Whitney Brinkley (Asheville, N.C.) added a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds as well.

Starkey surpasses former mentor and 2010 L-R Hall Of Fame inductee Pat Smith. Smith (1977-82) notched a 114-32 mark as Lenoir-Rhyne Head Women's Basketball Coach.

Lenoir-Rhyne hits the road to take on long-time rival Catawba while Brevard hosts Lincoln Memorial. Both South Atlantic Conference games are set to begin at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday.

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Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Brevard.....31 35 - 66

Lenoir-Rhyne.....34 35 - 69

BREVARD: FLIPPO 11 (6 REBOUNDS), WATKINS 6 (7 REBOUNDS), BRENDLE 20, WATKINS 8 (6 REBOUNDS), SINGLETARY 6, MACK 2, SCHLOBOHM 13. FG: 25-71, 3FG: 3-21, FT: 13-21. 41 REBOUNDS, 15 TUROVERS, 7 ASSISTS.

LRU: BONGIORNO 6, SEALEY 9, CULLER 17 (8 REBOUNDS), BRINKLEY 10 (11 REBOUNDS), KATT 2, PATTON 19, JOHNSON 1, LAUGHTER 5 (7 REBOUNDS). FG: 22-54, 3FG: 1-4, FT: 24-38. 49 REBOUNDS, 24 TURNOVERS, 15 ASSISTS.

Bears Win Third Straight SAC Game

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (7-8, 3-3) made it three South Atlantic Conference victories in a row with a 56-45 win over Brevard (2-13, 1-5) Saturday evening at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) led the Bears in scoring for the second straight game, finishing with 13 points while senior guard Kevin Davis (Charlotte, N.C.) added 12 points and seven rebounds in the win.

Brevard's Drew Schauss (Greens Fork, Ind.) led all scorers with 17 points but the Tornados shot just 27 percent (15-of-55) from the field in suffering their second straight loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne fell behind by an 11-2 score to start the game but took control from there in building a 36-23 advantage entering break. The Bears held the Tornados without a field goal for the final 7:28 of the first half.

In the second half, L-R built its lead to as much as 20 points with a 53-33 advantage on a lay-up by Jones with 7:13 left en route to the easy win.

In all, Lenoir-Rhyne kept Brevard without a field goal for 10:14 which spanned both halves and held a 43-28 advantage in rebounding. Sophomore guard Hunter McClintock (Durham, N.C.) added 11 points for L-R.

The Bears won their third consecutive league contest for the first time since the latter part of the 2009-10 season and snapped a four-game losing streak to the Tornados.

Lenoir-Rhyne plays Catawba in a South Atlantic Conference game on the road Wednesday in Salisbury, N.C., beginning at 8:00 p.m. Brevard, meanwhile, hosts Lincoln Memorial on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., as well.

LRU 56, BREVARD 45

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Brevard.....	23	22	- 45

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Lenoir-Rhyne.....36 20 - 56

BREVARD: HENDRIX 13, VASILJEVIC 6, MOOSE 6, SCHAUSS 17 (7 REBOUNDS), MORRISON 3. FG: 15-55, 3FG: 3-16, FT: 12-20. 28 REBOUNDS, 13 TURNOVERS, 5 ASSISTS.

LRU: DAVIS 12 (7 REBOUNDS), McCLINTOCK 11 (7 REBOUNDS), BLACKMON 6, BEASLEY 6, JONES 13, McCLURE 2, BROWN 2, HAWKINS 2, KUNZ 2. FG: 19-43, 3FG: 3-12, FT: 15-23. 43 REBOUNDS, 23 TURNOVERS, 12 ASSISTS.

Bears Track Wraps Up At Dick Taylor Invitational

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Team completed competition at the 2012 Dick Taylor Invitational Saturday at the Eddie Smith Field House at the University of

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North Carolina.

On the women's side, freshman Haley Rhyne (Statesville, N.C.) placed 27th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.85 while senior Tiffany Payne (Painted Post, N.Y.) was Lenoir-Rhyne's top runner in the 800-meter run. Payne finished in 2:38.15, good for 25th place overall.

In a distance event, freshman Hanna Ramirez (Charlotte, N.C.) ran the women's one mile in 5:51.49 and placed 20th overall.

L-R junior Tasha Herman (Hickory, N.C.) and freshman Kiaya Robinson (Chapel Hill, N.C.) placed 23rd and 24th overall in the shot put with throws of 9.03 and 8.61 meters, respectively.

For the Lenoir-Rhyne men's team, senior James Pone (Wilson, N.C.) placed 14th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.30 while freshman Daryel Morris (Rome, Ga.) finished 27th in the 400-meter run (53.33).

In the men's one-mile run, sophomore Aaron Nelson (Mayodan, N.C.) finished with a time of 4:40.72 and placed 20th while freshman Mike York (Kannapolis, N.C.) was two spots behind with a 4:42.52.

Lenoir-Rhyne University next competes in East Tennessee State's Niswonger Invitational on Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28, in Johnson City, Tenn.

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