

## Bears, Davis Down Tusculum, 51-47

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (9-9, 5-4) bounced back with a 51-47 victory over Tusculum (7-10, 4-5) Wednesday night at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium in a South Atlantic Conference game. Lenoir-Rhyne senior guard Kevin Davis (Charlotte, N.C.) led the way

for the Bears with a double-double - a game-high 17 points and 12 rebounds - including 11 points before intermission in the win. L-R junior forward B.J. Beasley (Charlotte, N.C.) finished with 12 points and sophomore guard Hunter McClintock (Durham, N.C.) scored 10 points and hit three treys as the Bears held the Pioneers to a season low in points.

Tusculum's Tommy Klempin (Reynoldsburg, Ohio) scored a team-high 16 points and Nicholas Spinks (Greensboro, N.C.) also scored in double figures with 11 points in the losing effort. Lenoir-Rhyne's defense helped the Bears build a 42-30 advantage with 6:08 left in the second half when Beasley connected on a lay-up but Tusculum closed the gap with an 11-2 run to cut the margin to 44-41 with just over a minute-and-a-half left.

However, the Bears hit five free throws in the final 39 seconds to hold on for the win.

Lenoir-Rhyne also limited Tusculum to just 11 percent (one-out-of-nine) from behind the three-point line and forced 13 turnovers in the victory.

L-R next travels to Mars Hill, N.C., to face Mars Hill on Saturday in a South Atlantic Conference game beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tusculum plays at conference-foe Newberry Saturday at 4:00 p.m., as well.

## LRU 51, TUSCULUM 47

### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Tusculum.....	23	24	-	47
Lenoir-Rhyne.....	27	24	-	51

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**TUSCULUM:** DAVIDSON 8 (8 REBOUNDS), VEST 2, STEIGERWALD 5, KLEMPIN 16 (7 REBOUNDS), SPINKS 11 (5 REBOUNDS), GREY 1, CARTER 4, FG: 16-42, 3FG: 1-9, FT: 14-25. 37 REBOUNDS, 13 TURNOVERS, 9 ASSISTS.

**LRU:** DAVIS 17 (12 REBOUNDS), McCLINTOCK 10, BLACKMON 2, BEASLEY 12 (5 REBOUNDS), HAWKINS 3, JONES 7. FG: 14-42, 3FG: 4-14, FT: 19-28. 30 REBOUNDS, 9 TURNOVERS, 6 ASSISTS.

## **Tusculum Prevails Over Lenoir-Rhyne, 68-65**

The Tusculum College Women's Basketball Team (13-4, 7-2) remained tied for first place in the South Atlantic Conference standings after defeating Lenoir-Rhyne University (13-5, 5-4), 68-65, Wednesday evening at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

Kendal Baxter (Sevierville, Tenn.) and Jama Hammontree (Greenback, Tenn.) each scored 11 points to lead Tusculum, who won its sixth straight contest and stayed in a first-place tie with league-foe Catawba.

Three players scored in double figures for Lenoir-Rhyne, led by senior guard Cameron Sealey's (Mount Holly, N.C.) game-high 18 points, despite the loss.

Tusculum jumped out to a 19-6 advantage to start the game with Ashley Thurman's (Nashville, Tenn.) lay-up at the 13:43 mark of the first half.

However, the Bears reeled off the next 10 points to close the gap before Pioneers went into the break holding a 37-32 edge.

Lenoir-Rhyne kept the pressure on to start the second half and a 14-0 run gave the Bears their biggest lead of the contest at 48-41 on a lay-up by sophomore guard Danielle Bongiorno (Wilmington, N.C.) with 13:35 remaining in the game.

Tusculum quickly hit back-to-back three-pointers to close the margin to one and the two squads

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battled to take a 57-all tie with 3:46 left on a lay-up by L-R sophomore forward Whitney Brinkley (Asheville, N.C.). Brinkley finished with seven points and nine rebounds.

The Pioneers took control from there with six straight points as Tusculum's Alishia Mosley (Cameron, N.C.) started the run with a lay-up that proved to be the game-winner.

Junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) and freshman guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Bears, who lost for the fifth consecutive time to the Pioneers.

In the next round of South Atlantic Conference games, Lenoir-Rhyne travels to Mars Hill while Tusculum visits Newberry. Both contest are scheduled to start on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

## TUSCULUM 68, LRU 65

### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Tusculum.....	37	31	-	68
Lenoir-Rhyne.....	32	33	-	65

**TUSCULUM:** BAXTER 11, AUGHBURNS 9 (7 REBOUNDS), McCANN 10 (5 ASSISTS), HICKS 4 (12 REBBOUNDS), HAMMONTREE 11, A. ANDERSON 3, MOSLEY 5, BURLESON 2, N. ANDERSON 5, THURMAN 8. FG: 27-64, 3FG: 7-23, FT: 7-11. 39 REBOUNDS, 14 TURNOVERS, 10 ASSISTS.

**LRU:** KATT 4 (9 REBOUNDS), BRINKLEY 7 (9 REBOUNDS), CHARLES 10, LAUGHTER 6,

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BONGIORNO 9, SEALEY 18, CULLER 11 (7 REBOUNDS). FG: 26-68, 3FG: 4-15, FT: 9-12. 46 REBOUNDS, 14 TURNOVERS, 16 ASSISTS.

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