

LMC closes out weekend at Niswonger Invitational

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The Lees-McRae College women's track and field team closed out a strong performance at East Tennessee State University's Niswonger Invitational on Saturday, a day after Lesha Poindexter (Jettersville, Va.) set a new program record in the 60-meter dash. Genay Miller (Woodstock, Ga.) placed 28th in the

weight throw with a mark of 11.19 meters, while Hannah Henderson (Canvas, W.Va.) finished 30th in the one-mile run with a time of 5:49.47. Crystal Fischer (Greer, S.C.) also finished 39th in the one-mile run with a time of 6:03.44.

Poindexter finished 23rd in the 60-meter dash with a school-record time of 8.16 seconds, while Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.J.) placed 16th in the 400-meter dash with a mark of 1:00.42. Sophomore Kortnie Curry (Lexington, N.C.) finished 10th in the high jump with a mark of 1.53 meters.

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Evan Webb (Salisbury, N.C.) and Kevin Dever (Leesburg, N.J.) each finished seventh in the pole vault, and Nazaire Saintine (Douglasville, Ga.) placed fifth in the high jump to lead the Lees-McRae College men's track and field team to an impressive performance on Saturday at East Tennessee State University's Niswonger Invitational.

Webb and Dever turned in identical marks of 4.30 meters in the pole vault to finish in a tie for seventh, while Saintine placed fifth in the high jump with a mark of 2.00 meters. Richard Lane (Concord, N.C.) finished 17th in the high jump with a mark of 1.85 meters, while Devan Mackey (Hickory, N.C.) placed 15th in the shot put with a throw of 13.30 meters.

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Highlanders edge Bobcats in four sets

The New Jersey Institute of Technology men's volleyball team battled to a hard-fought win over Lees-McRae College on Saturday evening, emerging victorious in four sets as the Bobcats' Jose Ribas (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico) tallied a match-high 20 kills.

NJIT (3-3) posted a hitting percentage of .295 on the night, recording seven blocks and five service aces, while holding Lees-McRae (1-3) to a .250 clip on the attack. The Bobcats tallied six service aces and five blocks in the match.

Ribas led the way for the Bobcats with 20 kills and a .350 hitting percentage, while John Lucas (Cincinnati, Ohio) and Chris Flood (Louisville, Ky.) added 11 and seven smashes, respectively. Lucas nearly tallied a double-double with a team-high nine digs, as Efrain Negrón (Caguas, Puerto Rico) dug out nine NJIT attacks of his own. Randy Ramirez (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico) chipped in a match-high 46 assists, while Matt Harpenau (Cincinnati, Ohio) recorded a contest-best three service aces.

The Highlanders' TJ Jurko equaled Ribas' match-high of 20 kills to pace NJIT, posting a .417 hitting percentage while Adam Gustafson nearly tallied a double-double with nine kills and a contest-best 14 digs. Herman Kantushov added 11 kills and a .385 attacking clip, as Brady Smith and Kevin Van Oss chipped in 11 digs and four blocks, respectively.

NJIT got off to a hot start in the first set, opening an early 13-5 lead on a block by Van Oss and Zak Robben before pushing the margin to 20-9 on a solo stuff by Doug Battersby. The Bobcats would cut the lead to 24-17 with an 8-4 spurt before Jurko closed out the set with a kill to give the Highlanders an early 1-0 advantage in the match.

Lees-McRae carried the momentum into the second set, claiming a 12-7 lead on a Lucas kill before NJIT answered with a 9-5 run, cutting the margin to 17-16 on a smash by Van Oss. After the Highlanders evened the tally at 19-19 on a Bobcat miscue, Lees-McRae responded with four quick points to take a 23-19 lead before closing out the frame with a Ribas kill to square the match at 1-1.

The Highlanders answered in the third, taking a 14-11 lead on back-to-back kills by Van Oss and Robben before the Bobcats countered with a 7-3 spurt, claiming a narrow 18-17 advantage on a Ramirez smash. NJIT would respond with a 6-3 run of its own, taking a 23-21 lead before closing out the 25-22 third-set win on a block by Battersby and Gustafson.

NJIT carried the momentum into the fourth frame, claiming an early 9-5 advantage on a Bobcat miscue before pushing the margin to 19-14 on the heels of a 5-2 spurt. The Bobcats would cut the lead to 22-19 on a Ribas kill before the Highlanders answered with a 3-1 surge, closing out the set and the match on a Gustafson smash.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Sunday when the Bobcats travel to Fairfield, Conn. to take on Sacred Heart University at 2 p.m.