

Bears Down Anderson, 72-60

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (15-5, 7-4) won its second consecutive game Wednesday evening with a 72-60 victory over Anderson (7-12, 4-7) in a South Atlantic Conference contest at the Abney Athletic Center. L-R senior guard

Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) led all scorers with 20 points while junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) added 15 points and 13 rebounds as the Bears completed the season sweep of the Trojans.

Anderson was led by Amanda Parris (Summerville, S.C.) with a team-high 17 points while Alissa Diaz (Coral Springs, Fla.) added 12 points despite the loss.

L-R opened up a 38-28 halftime lead and took a 49-33 advantage, its biggest of the contest, on a three-pointer by Sealey with 16:58 remaining in the game.

However, Anderson charged back and cut the deficit to 55-53 at the 9:20 mark of the second half on a three-point basket by Diaz. The play concluded a 20-6 run for the Trojans.

Lenoir-Rhyne took control from there and ended the contest with an 11-2 run. Anderson was held to two points in the final six minutes of regulation.

L-R also held a 42-35 advantage in rebounds and limited Anderson to just 32 percent shooting (21-of-65) from the field including 31 percent (nine-of-29) from behind the three-point line.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to face Newberry in a South Atlantic Conference game on Saturday beginning at 4:00 p.m. Anderson visits Mars Hill for a league contest Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

LRU 72, ANDERSON 60

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 38 34 - 72

Anderson..... 28 32 - 60

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LRU: SEALEY 20 (8 REBOUNDS), CULLER 15 (13 REBOUNDS), BRINKLEY 4, CHARLES 7, LAUGHTER 8, RISHEL 3, KATT 4, PATTON 5, JOHNSON 6. 42 REBOUNDS, 14 TURNOVERS, 10 ASSISTS.

ANDERSON: PARRIS 17, SIMPSON 2, DIAZ 12 (5 REBOUNDS), LAUREN WOODS 2, LESLEY WOODS 10, WILLOUGHBY 6, MOORE 4, SHANNON 3 (11 REBOUNDS), AHLIN 4. 35 REBOUNDS, 14 TURNOVERS, 8 ASSISTS.

Anderson Defeats LRU 79-66, Behind Second-Half Surge

The Anderson University Men's Basketball Team (15-4, 10-1) remained in sole possession of first place in the South Atlantic Conference with a 79-66 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne University (10-10, 6-5) Wednesday night at the Abney Athletic Center.

The Trojans' Denzail Jones (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) led the way with a game-high 31 points as Anderson rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit for the win.

After falling behind by a 43-33 score at halftime, Anderson outscored Lenoir-Rhyne, 46-23, in the second half to sweep the season series from Lenoir-Rhyne.

L-R lost despite a team-high 20 points from senior guard Kevin Davis (Charlotte, N.C.) and 15 points from sophomore reserve forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.).

Jones (13 points in the first half) helped stake Lenoir-Rhyne to the 10-point halftime lead.

A 14-2 run, capped off by a field goal from Kyle Sledge (Powder Springs, Ga.), put Anderson ahead at 51-50 with 10:30 remaining.

Both teams continued to battle back-and-forth before Anderson took the lead for good at 67-65 with 3:34 remaining in the contest on a pair of free throws by Jones. The free throws were part of a 14-1 Trojan run over the final 4:42 of the game as Anderson held L-R without a field goal for the duration.

Anderson shot 50 percent (25-of-50) from the field and 83 percent (24-of-29) from the free throw line. Jones was 14-of-16 from the charity stripe as well and hit three treys in the win.

Sophomore guard Bryce Hawkins (Charlotte, N.C.) added 10 points for the Bears, who saw

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their two-game winning streak snapped in the process.

Lenoir-Rhyne faces Newberry in a conference contest at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday beginning at 6:00 p.m. Anderson, meanwhile, takes on league-rival Mars Hill Saturday on the road at 4:00 p.m.

ANDERSON 79, LRU 66

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 43 23 - 66

Anderson..... 33 46 - 79

LRU: DAVIS 20 (7 REBOUNDS), BLACKMON 2, BEASLEY 8 (7 REBOUNDS), HAWKINS 10, McCLURE 7, JONES 15, KUNZ 4. FG:26-57, 3FG: 6-19, FT: 8-14. 31 REBOUNDS, 14 TURNOVERS, 14 ASSISTS.

ANDERSON: TRULL 4, LAMB 8 (9 REBOUNDS), McDOWELL 12, JONES 31, SHUGART 11, HASH 7, SLEDGE 4, COBB 2. FG: 25-50, 3FG: 5-16, FT: 24-29. 31 REBOUNDS, 9 TURNOVERS, 4 ASSISTS.

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