

Abbey Holds Off Bobcats, 59-50

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The Belmont Abbey College women's basketball team withstood a late rally by Lees-McRae College en route to a 59-50 win in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday evening in the Wheeler Center. Belmont Abbey (10-10, 6-5 CC) posted a field goal

percentage of 34.9 percent on the night, including a 40.7 percent clip in the second half, while holding Lees-McRae (6-11, 2-9 CC) to a 31.7 percent mark in the contest. The Abbey won the battle on the glass by a 46-41 margin, including a 31-26 advantage on the defensive boards, while converting 17 Bobcat miscues into 19 points.

Icey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.) paced the Bobcats with 13 points and a game-high four steals, while Paige Whitaker (Harrisburg, N.C.) and DeAnna Waters (Roanoke, Va.) added 12 markers each. Chloe Parker (Chicago, Ill.) also chipped in a game-high nine rebounds.

Melisa Foures led all scorers with 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting, while Paula Regalado and Caitlyn Ranson added 13 and 11 markers, respectively. Regalado and Ranson each posted a game-high four assists, while Foures and Candace Fox both chipped in a team-high eight rebounds.

Belmont Abbey got off to a strong start in the first half, launching a 13-2 run over a six-minute stretch to open a 27-15 lead on a freebie by Regalado at the 5:34 mark. After the teams traded baskets over the next four minutes, the Bobcats closed out the half with a Patterson jumper to cut the Abbey advantage to 29-19 heading into the intermission.

The Abbey answered with a 15-6 to start the second half, pushing the margin to 44-25 on a triple by Fox with 10:36 left on the clock. Belmont Abbey would maintain the advantage for the next seven minutes before the Bobcats gained the momentum, launching a 14-4 run over the remaining three and a half minutes to equal the final margin of 59-50 following a three-point play by Patterson.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Monday when the Bobcats host Limestone College in conference play at 5:30 p.m.

BELMONT-ABBEY 59, LMC 50

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Lees-McRae.....	19	31	- 50
Belmont Abbey.....	29	30	- 59

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LMC: PARKER 4 (9 REBOUNDS), WHITAKER 12, COLEMAN 2, PATTERSON 13, FALTUS 2, FLOWERS 5, WATERS 12 (7 REBOUNDS). FG: 20-63, 3FG: 3-12, FT: 7-11. 41 REBOUNDS, 17 TURNOVERS, 7 ASSISTS.

BELMONT-ABBEY: FOURES 17 (8 REBOUNDS), REGALADO 13, FOX 7 (8 REBOUNDS), BULLOCK 2, LONG 7 (6 REBOUNDS), RANSON 11 (6 REBOUNDS), OWEN 2. FG: 22-63, 3FG: 6-15, FT: 9-13. 46 REBOUNDS, 17 TURNOVERS, 16 ASSISTS.

Abbey surges past Bobcats, 84-63

Tyshawn Good and Kyle Phillips each posted at least 20 points to lead the Belmont Abbey College men's basketball team to an 84-63 win over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas play on Wednesday night in the Wheeler Center.

Belmont Abbey (13-7, 7-3 CC) posted a field goal percentage of 53.6 percent on the night, including a blistering 62.1 percent clip in the second half, while holding Lees-McRae (5-13, 5-5 CC) to a 34.4 percent mark from the floor in the contest. The Abbey won the battle on the glass by a 41-35 margin, including a 28-18 advantage on the defensive boards, while converting 16 Bobcat miscues into 22 points.

Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with 15 points (all in the second half) on 4-of-9 shooting, including a 5-for-6 night from the charity stripe, as BJ Battle (Orlando, Fla.) and Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) each added 10 markers. Lamot and Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia) each posted a team-best three assists, while DeAndre Tillman (Charlotte, N.C.) recorded a game-high three blocks. Tillman, Battle, Henry, and Lamot each posted a game-high five rebounds.

Good led all scorers with 27 points, going 7-for-10 from the floor and 12-for-14 at the free throw

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line while recording a game-high four steals. Phillips added 20 points on 9-of-15 shooting, as Jay Council chipped in 13 markers with a 5-for-8 night from the floor, including a perfect 3-for-3 mark beyond the arc. Terrone Sheffey posted a game-high four assists, as Council and Matthew Graves each notched a contest-best five boards.

The Abbey opened the game on a strong note, taking an early 13-8 lead on a jumper by Phillips at the 15:00 mark. After the Bobcats cut the lead to 13-11, Belmont Abbey answered with a 9-2 run to push the margin to 22-13 on a Good freebie with 8:07 to go in the half. The Bobcats would close the gap to 26-23 with a 10-4 run, cutting the lead to three on a jumper by Henry with less than two minutes left on the clock before a layup by Good sent the Abbey into the intermission with a 30-24 lead.

Belmont Abbey carried the momentum into the second half, pushing the margin to 37-27 on a dunk by Phillips at the 16:41 mark. After the Bobcats cut the lead to 38-32 on a triple by Battle, the Abbey answered with a 16-0 run, pushing the advantage to 54-32 following a Council layup with 11:16 to play. The Abbey would hold on from there, closing out the 21-point victory with a 13-9 spurt over the final three minutes.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Monday when the Bobcats host Limestone College in conference play at 7:30 p.m.

BELMONT-ABBEY 84, LMC 63

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lees-McRae.....	24	39	-	63
Belmont Abbey.....	30	54	-	84

LMC: TILLMAN 6, BATTLE 10 (5 REBOUNDS), HENRY 10 (5 REBOUNDS), LAMOT 15 (5 REBOUNDS), SEPOKAS 7, LOPEZ 7, BROWN 3, OJI 2, URBINA 2, SAINT MARC 1. FG: 21-61, 3FG: 5-21, FT: 16-26. 35 REBOUNDS, 16 TURNOVERS, 7 ASSISTS.

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BELMONT-ABBAY: GRAVES 4, PHILLIPS 20, SHEFFEY 2, GOOD 27, COUNCIL 13 (5 REBOUNDS), ORFORD 3, LONG 5, GATES 3, KUHLMAN 2, DURHAM 2, SOWELL 3. FG: 30-56, 3FG: 6-10, FT: 18-24. 41 REBOUNDS, 18 TURNOVERS, 13 ASSISTS.

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