

Tillman's Double-Double Lifts Bobcats

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DeAndre Tillman (Charlotte, N.C.) posted the first double-double of his career with 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds to lead the Lees-McRae College men's basketball team to a thrilling

66-64 victory over Limestone College in Conference Carolinas play on Monday night in Williams Gymnasium.

Lees-McRae (7-13, 6-5 CC) dominated the battle on the glass by a 42-25 margin, including a 15-5 advantage on the offensive boards, while sweeping the season series with Limestone (11-14, 4-9 CC) for the first time since the 2008-2009 campaign. The Bobcats posted a field goal percentage of 39.7 percent on the night, including a 44.8 percent clip in the second half, while converting 17-of-20 attempts at the charity stripe. Limestone shot 49 percent from the floor in the game.

Tillman paced the Bobcats with 10 points on 3-of-7 shooting, including a 4-for-5 night from the free throw line, while pulling down a game-high 12 rebounds. Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) led Lees-McRae with 15 points, posting a 4-for-9 night from the floor and converting 7-of-8 attempts at the charity stripe. Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.) added 13 points and three assists, while Henry pulled down seven rebounds.

Charles Blue led all scorers with 21 points to pace the Saints, knocking down 8-of-17 shots from the floor and going 3-for-5 from beyond the arc while posting a game-high three blocks. Phillip Moultrie and Josh Corry added 14 and 12 points, respectively, while Blue added a team-high six rebounds.

Limestone got off to a strong start in the first half, taking a 21-12 lead on a three-pointer by Ryan Bogdan at the 12:12 mark. The Bobcats would answer with a 10-2 run, trimming the margin to 23-22 on a Henry jumper before the Saints closed out the period with a 13-7 spurt to take a 36-29 lead into the intermission.

Lees-McRae countered with a 13-2 run to open the second half, taking a 42-38 lead on a pair of Henry freebies at the 14:25 mark. After Limestone answered with a 14-5 spurt to claim a 52-47 advantage, Lees-McRae rallied with a 12-2 run to regain the lead at 59-54 on a jumper by Gideon Oji (Imane in Kogi, Nigeria) with just under four minutes to play.

The Saints would respond with a Corry triple and a Nick Debnam layup to even the tally at 59-59 before the Bobcats answered with a 4-0 spurt of their own, snatching a 63-59 lead on a Henry jumper with 1:12 to play. After Corry knocked down a clutch three-pointer to cut the advantage to one, and Blue banked home a layup to give the Saints a 64-63 lead with 26 ticks left, Tillman cleaned up the offensive glass following a missed layup and dropped it in to put the Bobcats up 65-64 with 13 seconds remaining on the clock. Tillman then pulled down a clutch rebound on the ensuing Limestone possession, drawing the foul and sinking one of two free throws with three seconds left to ice the 66-64 victory.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Wednesday when the Bobcats travel to Due West, S.C. to take on Erskine College in conference play at 7:30 p.m.

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LMC 66, LIMESTONE 64

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Limestone.....	36	28	-	64
Lees-McRae.....	29	37	-	66

LIMESTONE: BLUE 21 (6 REBOUNDS), MOULTRIE 14, DEBNAM 8, CORRY 12, BOGDON 6, McNEILL 2, RAGA 1. FG: 24-49, 3FG: 9-17, FT: 7-14. 25 REBOUNDS, 15 TURNOVERS, 10 ASSISTS.

LMC: TILLMAN 10 (12 REBOUNDS), BATTLE 7, HENRY 15 (7 REBOUNDS), LAMOT 13, SEPOKAS 8, YOUNG 3, BROWN 2, EPPLEY 3, OJI 5. FG: 42 REBOUNDS, 12 TURNOVERS, 10 ASSISTS.

Saints Hold Off Bobcats, 63-56

Maria Young poured in a game-high 25 points to lead the league-leading Limestone College women's basketball team to a 63-56 win over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas play on Monday evening in Williams Gymnasium.

Limestone (18-6, 12-2 CC) posted a field goal percentage of 37.3 percent on the night, including a 42.9 percent clip in the first half, while limiting Lees-McRae (6-12, 2-10 CC) to a 39.3 percent mark from the floor in the contest. The Saints knocked down nine three-pointers and converted 16-of-20 attempts from the charity stripe, while winning the battle on the glass by a 38-33 margin, including a 28-24 advantage on the defensive boards.

Icey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.) and DeAnna Waters (Upper Marlboro, Md.) paced the Bobcats with 14 points each, while Paige Whitaker (Harrisburg, N.C.) chipped in 11 markers. Chloe Parker (Chicago, Ill.) and Kerri Belcher (Roanoke, Va.) each posted seven rebounds, while Patterson added three steals and a game-high four assists. Sophie Witte (Hamburg, Germany) also recorded a game-high three blocks.

Young led all scorers with 25 points on 8-of-17 shooting, as Stephanie Hayes and Tia Williams chipped in 13 and 11 markers, respectively. Hayes and Williams added game-highs of four assists and five steals, respectively, while Kaileigh West hauled down a contest-best eight rebounds.

Limestone jumped out to an early 13-4 lead in the first half, opening the nine-point advantage on a Young three-pointer with 15:58 to play in the period. The Bobcats would cut the lead to one on three occasions over the next seven minutes, trimming the margin to 27-26 before Patterson gave Lees-McRae a 28-27 advantage with a fast-break bucket at the 6:31 mark.

After Limestone regained the lead with a 6-0 run, the Bobcats closed out the period with back-to-back buckets to trim the margin to 33-32 heading into the intermission. The Saints responded with a 19-2 run to open the second half, pushing the lead to 52-34 on a Young three-pointer with 13:51 to play.

The Bobcats would slowly cut into the lead with a 15-3 run over the next nine minutes, trimming the margin to 55-49 on a Patterson lay-in with 5:53 to play. The Saints quelled the rally with a 5-2 spurt, pushing the lead to 60-51 on a Young three-pointer at the 2:54 mark to regain control. Limestone would hold on from there, closing out the win on a fast-break layup by Hayes with less than two minutes to go.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Wednesday when the Bobcats travel to Due West, S.C. to take on Erskine College at 5:30 p.m. The Flying Fleet edged the Bobcats by a 67-60 margin on Jan. 10 in Williams Gymnasium.

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LIMESTONE 63, LMC 56

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Limestone.....	33	30	- 63
Lees-McRae.....	32	24	- 56

LIMESTONE: BROOKINS 2, WEST 6 (8 REBOUNDS), PAGE 2, WILLIAMS 11, YOUNG 25, HAYES 13, ANSBRO 2, DIXON 2. FG: 19-51, 3FG: 9-23, FT: 16-20. 38 REBOUNDS, 20 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

LMC: PARKER 4 (7 REBOUNDS), BELCHER 6 (7 REBOUNDS), WHITAKER 11, COLEMAN 3, PATTERSON 14 (4 ASSISTS), WATERS 14 (3 ASSISTS). FG: 33 REBOUNDS, 18 TURNOVERS, 12 ASSISTS.

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