

Wingate, Washington Race Past LRU, 91-76

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The Wingate University Women's Basketball Team (14-7, 8-5) tallied a season-high in points and moved into a third-place tie in the South Atlantic Conference standings with a 91-76 victory over

Lenoir-Rhyne University (16-6, 8-5) Wednesday evening at Cuddy Arena. The Bulldogs' Kurie Washington (Marion, N.C.) led four players in double figures with a game-high 21 points while Nikki Burton (Charlotte, N.C.) added 14 points, six rebounds and six assists as the Bulldogs completed the season sweep of the Bears.

Lenoir-Rhyne lost despite a third straight double-double from junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.). Culler finished with a team-high 19 points and 12 rebounds while senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) added 16 points in the loss.

Wingate, which shot 51 percent (35-of-69) for the game, led by as many as 28 points when Tiffany Brown (Cartersville, Ga.) connected on a three-pointer with 16:39 remaining. Brown finished with 13 points as well. The play ended an 11-0 Wingate run to start the second half after Bulldogs held a 57-40 advantage entering intermission.

Sophomore guard Krystal Patton (Chilhowie, Va.) added 13 points off the bench for the Bears, who saw their three-game winning streak snapped. L-R shot just 38 percent (23-of-60) for the game and were forced into 27 turnovers on the night.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to take on Carson-Newman Saturday in a South Atlantic Conference match at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium beginning at 4:00 p.m. Wingate hosts Tusculum Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

WINGATE 91, LRU 76

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 40 36 - 76

Wingate..... 57 34 - 91

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LRU: CULLER 19 (12 REBOUNDS), LAUGHTER 5, BRINKLEY 1, SEALEY 16 (7 REBOUNDS), CHARLES 8, GUST 1, BONGIORNO 9, KATT 2, WHITMIRE 2, PATTON 13. FG: 23-60, 3FG: 3-14, FT: 27-34. 37 REBOUNDS, 27 TURNOVERS, 7 ASSISTS.

WINGATE: LOGAN 4, WASHINGTON 21, RUTLEDGE 10 (5 REBOUNDS), BROWN 13, BURTON 14, BONNER 4, DUNBAR 8 (5 REBOUNDS), WOLLETT 6, MOLTON 4, BOSTON 3, ANDERSON 4. FG: 35-69, 3FG: 8-14, FT: 13-18. 40 REBOUNDS, 27 TURNOVERS, 25 ASSISTS.

Wingate Handles Bears, 70-47

The Wingate Men's Basketball Team (13-10, 9-4) had four players score in double figures en route to a 70-47 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne (11-11, 7-6) Wednesday night in a South Atlantic Conference contest at Cuddy Arena. The Bulldogs' Chase Smith (Upper Marlboro, Md.) led the way with 16 points while Deion Turman (Pittsburgh, Pa.) added 14 points and 12 rebounds as Wingate avenged an earlier loss to Lenoir-Rhyne. Lenoir-Rhyne was led by sophomore forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) with 12 points and freshman guard A.J. McKenzie (Gastonia, N.C.) added 11 points but the Bears shot just 35 percent (15-of-50) for the game in the loss.

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The Bulldogs took control early as they scored the game's first eight points and never trailed in the contest. Wingate held a 32-23 advantage at halftime and never let its lead get below six points the rest of the way. The Bulldogs also closed the game with a 10-0 run and shot 53 percent (10-for-17) from behind the three-point line while remaining in sole possession of third place in the SAC standings.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to take on Carson-Newman Saturday at 6:00 p.m., at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium while Wingate hosts league-foe Tusculum Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

WINGATE 70, LRU 47

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lenoir-Rhyne.....	23	24	-	47
Wingate.....	32	38	-	70

LRU: BLACKMON 5, BEASLEY 1, DAVIS 8, McCLINTOCK 1, McKENZIE 11, THOMAS 7, JONES 12, KUNZ 2. FG: 15-50, 3FG: 2-10, FT: 15-21. 33 REBOUNDS, 13 TURNOVERS, 7 ASSISTS.

WINGATE: MATILUS 4, TURNER 12, TURMAN 14 (12 REBOUNDS), KINCAID 7 (6

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REBOUNDS), VAUGHN 11, ALEXANDER 3, SMITH 16, PARKER 3. FG: 26-54, 3FG: 8-15, FT: 10-17. 39 REBOUNDS, 13 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

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