

## Jones Scores 24, Bears Upend Carson-Newman

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (12-11, 8-6) received a career-high 24 points from sophomore forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) in an 82-70 win over Carson-Newman (14-10, 7-7) Saturday evening at Shuford Gymnasium in a South Atlantic Conference game. Jones, a preseason all-league pick, finished 11-of-16 from the field off the bench while senior forward D.J. Blackmon (Albemarle, N.C.)

and sophomore guard Bryce Hawkins (Charlotte, N.C.) added 14 points each for the Bears. Four players in all scored in double figures for Lenoir-Rhyne, who completed the season series sweep of Carson-Newman.

Carson-Newman's Marcellous Perez (Jacksonville, N.C.) led the Eagles with a team-high 19 points and Antoine Davis (Rustburg, Va.) added 15 points in the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne forged ahead to a 38-28 lead at halftime and never let its advantage get under seven points the rest of the way in the victory.

An 8-0 run by the Bears capped off by a field goal from senior forward Jeff Thomas (Chapel Hill, N.C.) increased L-R's margin to 59-44 with 11:48 remaining and the Bears were in total control the rest of the way.

Lenoir-Rhyne shot 53 percent (31-of-58) for the game and dished out 22 assists en route to its fifth consecutive victory at home.

In the next round of South Atlantic Conference games on Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m., Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Catawba while Carson-Newman visits Mars Hill.

### LRU 82, CARSON-NEWMAN 70

#### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Carson-Newman..... 28 42 - 70

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 38 44 - 82

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**CARSON-NEWMAN:** PEREZ 19, JACKSON 9, CRANE 3, DAVIS 15 (7 REBOUNDS), SANDERS 6, JOHNSON 2, LEATHERWOOD 4, LIKELY 5, POPE 3, McBEE 4. FG: 26-59, 3FG: 7-24, FT: 11-14. 33 REBOUNDS, 17 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

**LRU:** McKENZIE 4, DAVIS 7, BLACKMON 14 (9 REBOUNDS), BEASLEY 11, HAWKINS 14, McCLINTOCK 2, THOMAS 6, JONES 24. FG: 31-58, 3FG: 3-8, FT: 18-29. 35 REBOUNDS, 11 TURNOVERS, 22 ASSISTS.

## **Bears Score 20 Straight, Beat Carson-Newman**

Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Surges At The End To Defeat Carson-Newman, 74-61  
The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (17-6, 9-5) scored the game's final 20 points to take a 74-61 win over Carson-Newman (13-9, 7-7) in a South Atlantic Conference contest Saturday afternoon at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

L-R junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.) led the Bears with a team-high 18 points while sophomore guard Danielle Bongiorno (Wilmington, N.C.) added a season-high 17 points and three treys as Lenoir-Rhyne moved into a second-place tie in the league standings with Wingate and Tusculum.

Carson-Newman's Zorah Williams (Calera, Ala.) led all scorers with 22 points including 21 after halftime despite the loss.

However, Williams was the only Eagle to score in double figures and Carson-Newman turned the ball over 23 times in the loss.

Trailing 61-54 with 5:36 remaining, Bongiorno started the 20-0 run with a three-pointer and had

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eight points during the span to key the Bears' drive.

Lenoir-Rhyne also hit 29-of-35 attempts (83 percent) from the free throw line including 92 percent (23-of-25) in the second half in the win.

Senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) and junior guard Caroline Laughter (Hickory, N.C.) added 14 and 12 points, respectively, for the Bears, who swept the season series from the Eagles.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains at home to face first-place Catawba in a key league game while Carson-Newman plays at Mars Hill. Both South Atlantic Conference games are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday.

## LRU 74, CARSON-NEWMAN 61

### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Carson-Newman..... 28 33 - 61

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 27 47 - 74

**CARSON-NEWMAN:** WILLIAMS 22 (7 REBOUNDS), DYE 8, HUNTER 1, MOODY 9 (9 REBOUNDS) DEPEW 6, HOWARD 5, BATES 2, CAMPBELL 4, MILES 4. FG: 22-56, 3FG: 4-12, FT: 13-18. 35 REBOUNDS, 23 TURNOVERS, 12 ASSISTS.

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**LRU:** BONGIORNO 17, SEALEY 14 (7 REBOUNDS), KATT 4, CULLER 18, LAUGHTER 12, GUST 1, BRINKLEY 8. FG: 20-51, 3FG: 5-11, FT: 29-35. 34 REBOUNDS, 14 TURNOVERS, 12 ASSISTS.

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