

## Waters Paces Bobcats Over King

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DeAnna Waters (Upper Marlboro, Md.) tallied a double-double with 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds off the bench to lead the Lees-McRae College women's basketball team to a 65-54 win over King College in Conference Carolinas play on Tuesday evening

in Williams Gymnasium. Lees-McRae (8-13, 4-11 CC) shot an even 50 percent from the floor on the night, including a 52 percent clip in the first half, while holding King (4-20, 4-12 CC) to a field goal percentage of 27.4 percent in the contest. The Bobcats won the battle on the glass by a 45-33 margin, including a 37-22 advantage on the defensive boards, and outscoring the Tornado in the paint by a gap of 44-12.

Icey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.) led all scorers with 19 points on 9-of-14 shooting, recording game-highs of five steals and four assists, as she moved into eighth in program history with 147 career thefts. Waters and Kerri Belcher (Roanoke, Va.) each posted 16 points, as Waters recorded a game-high 11 rebounds to go along with three steals.

Alley Sprouse paced the Tornado with a double-double, recording 12 points and 10 rebounds as Jana Gross added 12 markers of her own. Kelly Jackson nearly posted a double-double of her own with nine points and nine rebounds, as Brooke Johnson chipped in four assists.

The Bobcats led wire-to-wire, opening a 12-5 lead in the first half on a Patterson jumper at the 15:11 mark. After King cut the margin to 19-17 on a triple by Brittany Kinser, Lees-McRae pushed the lead to 34-19 with a 15-2 run, capping the spurt with a three-point play by Waters at the 3:11 mark before taking a 34-21 advantage into the intermission.

King kept pace in the early moments of the second half, staying within striking distance and cutting the lead to 40-31 on a Jackson triple at the 15:01 mark. Lees-McRae responded with a 12-5 run, pushing the margin to 52-36 on back-to-back buckets by Patterson, the second of which coming with 9:17 to play. The Bobcats would hold on from there, stretching the margin to as many as 18 points before King closed out the contest with a 7-0 run over the final three minutes.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Charlotte, N.C. to take on Queens University of Charlotte in conference play at 2 p.m.

**LMC 65, KING 54**

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### Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

King.....	21	33	-	54
Lees-McRae.....	34	31	-	65

**KING:** SPROUCE 12 (10 REBOUNDS), GROSS 12, JACKSON 9 (9 REBOUNDS), KINSER 3, JOHNSON 7, KEITT 2, COLLINS 9. FGF: 17-62, 3FG: 8-19, FT: 12-16. 33 REBOUNDS, 16 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

**LMC:** WHITAKER 6, PARKER 4, BELCHER 16, COLEMAN 2, PATTERSON 19 (4 ASSISTS), FLOWERS 2, WATERS 16 (11 REBOUNDS), WITTE 1. FG: 26-52, 3FG: 1-4, FT: 12-20. 45 REBOUNDS, 23 TURNOVERS, 8 ASSISTS.

### King surges By Lees-McRae

The King College men's basketball team surged past Lees-McRae College with a 15-2 run in the second half en route to a 73-62 win in Conference Carolinas play on Tuesday night in

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Williams Gymnasium.

King (21-5, 13-1 CC) posted a field goal percentage of 39.7 percent on the night, including a 44 percent clip in the second half, while Lees-McRae (8-15, 7-7 CC) shot 40.3 percent from the floor in the contest. The Tornado edged the Bobcats by a 40-38 margin on the glass, including a 28-23 advantage on the defensive boards, while converting 19-of-22 attempts at the free throw line.

Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting, including a pair of clutch three-pointers to keep Lees-McRae within striking distance down the stretch. Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) added a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, as BJ Battle (Orlando, Fla.) chipped in 13 markers of his own.

Logan Lyle led the way for King with a double-double, recording game-highs of 19 points, 11 rebounds and four assists, as Brandon Goss added 19 markers and eight boards. Michael Fortune chipped in 10 points, while Goss and Lyle each posted a game-high three steals. The Bobcats started off strong, scoring the game's first six points and taking a 20-10 lead on a steal and slam by Battle at the 10:27 mark. King quickly answered with a 15-2 run, claiming a 25-22 advantage on a trio of freebies by Lyle at the 6:16 mark after he was fouled on an attempt from three-point range.

After the Bobcats evened the tally at 25-25 and Lyle gave the Tornado a 28-25 advantage with a triple, Lees-McRae knotted the score at 30-30 following a Lamot freebie with just under two minutes remaining in the period. King would answer with a 7-2 run, taking a 37-32 lead into the intermission following a pair of Henry free throws.

The Bobcats responded in the early moments of the second half, taking a narrow 44-43 lead on a Battle tip-in at the 13:48 mark on the heels of an 8-2 run. King would answer with a 15-2 surge, claiming a 58-46 advantage following a Lyle layup with 7:57 to play. The Bobcats began to chip away over the next four minutes, cutting the margin to 62-57 on back-to-back triples by Lamont, the second of which coming at the 4:28 mark.

After King stretched the margin to 65-57 and the Bobcats cut the lead to 65-60 on a freebie by Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia), King strung together an 8-2 run over the final minute and a half to hold on for the 73-62 victory.

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**KING 73, LMC 62**

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King..... 37 36 - 73

Lees-McRae..... 32 30 - 62

**KING:** GEDEON 8, PICCININI 5, HEWITT 8, LYLE 19 (11 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), GOSS 19 (REBOUNDS), FORTUNE 10, GREER 4. FG: 23-58, 3FG: 8-24, FT: 19-22. 40 REBOUNDS, 13 TURNOVERS, 11 ASSISTS.

**LMC:** TILLMAN 2 (6 REBOUNDS), BATTLE 13, HENRY 12 (10 REBOUNDS), LAMOT 15, SEPOKAS 7, BROWN 6, EPPLEY 2, OJI 2, URBINA 3. FG: 25-62, 3FG: 5-19, FT: 7-16. 38 REBOUNDS, 15 TURNOVERS, 8 ASSISTS.

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