

## Lees-McRae Set To Make Eeep Run In Conference Carolinas Tournament

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The Lees-McRae College men's basketball team wrapped up its Conference Carolinas regular season in impressive fashion last Tuesday, outscoring North Greenville University by an 18-3 margin in overtime en route to a 76-61 victory while clinching a spot in the Conference Carolinas Tournament. Lees-McRae (9-16, 8-8 CC) posted its best record in program history as a member of Conference Carolinas, finishing the

regular season with an 8-8 record to earn the third seed in the West Division and a spot in the Conference Carolinas Tournament. The Bobcats developed into a force to be reckoned with on their home floor this season, winning seven of their final eight games in Williams Gymnasium. The Bobcats received significant contributions from a trio of newcomers this season, as rookies Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.), BJ Battle (Orlando, Fla.), and DJ Brown (Anderson, S.C.) combined to average just under 29 points per game during the regular campaign. Lamot burst onto the scene this season as a freshman, averaging 10.3 points and 3.6 assists per game while recording a team-high 43 steals.

Battle emerged as a consistent force on both ends of the floor this season, delivering thunderous dunks and highlight reel plays on the offensive end, while using his disruptive hands on the defensive side of the ledger to rack up 30 steals. Brown provided a lethal threat from outside the three-point arc during the regular season, knocking down 60 treys and posting a 43.5 percent clip from downtown.

The Bobcats enter tonight's matchup with Mount Olive College (seeded second in the East Division) looking to avenge a mid-season loss to the Trojans on January 14, when Mount Olive defeated Lees-McRae by a margin of 72-60. With its strong play of late heading into the second season, Lees-McRae looks primed to make a run at the program's first Conference Carolinas Tournament title.

Lees-McRae and Mount Olive will tip off at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinal round of the Conference Carolinas Tournament on Tuesday.

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