

Carson-Newman Eliminates Bears In OT

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The Carson-Newman Women's Basketball Team (17-10) prevailed in overtime over Lenoir-Rhyne (19-9), 82-75, Wednesday in the First Round of the 2012 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament at

Shuford Gymnasium. The Eagles are the No. 5 seed and the Bears were seeded fourth. Carson-Newman, which forced overtime tied at 66 on a three-pointer by Shannon Depew (Newport, Tenn.) with 1.1 seconds remaining, will face top-seeded Wingate in the semifinals on Saturday at Catawba Valley Community College beginning at 5:30 p.m. Depew and Zoriah Williams (Calera, Ala.) each scored 21 points while Depew hit five three-pointers as the Eagles defeated the Bears in the first round of the tournament on the road for the second straight year.

Lenoir-Rhyne lost despite a game-high 24 points from senior guard Cameron Sealey (Mount Holly, N.C.) and 17 points from junior guard Whitley Culler (Mount Airy, N.C.). A lay-up by Sealey tied the game at 70 with 3:33 left in overtime but the Eagles responded with a 10-2 run to put the contest out of reach and move on to the semifinals. Carson-Newman also shot 56 percent (10-of-18) from behind the three-point line and 54 percent (31-of-58) for the game in avenging two earlier losses to Lenoir-Rhyne during the regular season.

Lenoir-Rhyne, which lost its third straight game, now must wait and see if it earns a berth to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. The Bears will found out Sunday night.

CARSON-NEWMAN 82, LRU 75 (OT)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Carson-Newman.....	32	34	16	82
Lenoir-Rhyne.....	36	30	9	75

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CARSON-NEWMAN: WILLIAMS 21 (8 REBOUNDS), MOODY 4, DEPEW 21, DYE 9 (6 ASSISTS), HUNTER 15 (6 ASSISTS), JAMES 2, MILES 10 (7 REBOUNDS). FG: 31-58, 3FG: 10-18, FT: 10-15. 35 REBOUNDS, 22 TURNOVERS, 22 ASSISTS.

LRU: KATT 2 (8 REBOUNDS), SEALEY 24, CULLER 17, PATTON 6, LAUGHTER 4, BONGIORNO 8, BRINKLEY 2, CHARLES 10, JOHNSON 2. FG: 23-64, 3FG: 8-22, FT: 21-27. 38 REBOUNDS, 16 TURNOVERS, 15 ASSISTS.

Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Ends Season With An 85-70 Loss To Newberry

The fifth-seeded Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (12-16) saw its 2011-12 season come to an end with an 85-70 loss to fourth-seeded Newberry (16-11) Wednesday evening in the First Round of the 2012 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament at Eleazer Arena.

With the victory, Newberry advances to the tournament semifinals to face top-seeded Anderson on Saturday beginning at Noon at Catawba Valley Community College.

Five players scored in double figures for Newberry, including a game-high 19 points from Quayshun Hawkins (Columbia, S.C.), and the home team hit 12 three-pointers on the night en route to the win. Hawkins hit five of those three-pointers.

Junior forward B.J. Beasley (Charlotte, N.C.) led the Bears with 13 points on five-of-seven shooting while senior guard Kevin Davis (Charlotte, N.C.) and sophomore guard Jarrick Brown (Raleigh, N.C.) added 11 points each in the loss.

Newberry, who earned a trip to the tournament semifinals for just the fourth time in its 15 years in the conference, raced to a 43-28 lead at halftime as the squad hit 10 three-pointers before intermission.

Newberry kept the momentum going in the second half and led by as many as 25 points on a lay-up by Aegir Steinarsson (Reykjavik, Iceland) for a 74-49 advantage with 10:02 remaining in the contest. Steinarsson finished with 13 points and hit three treys on the night.

Lenoir-Rhyne was forced into 21 turnovers and hit just four-of-14 three-point attempts (29 percent) in losing its fifth straight game to end the year.

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NEWBERRY 85, LRU 70

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Lenoir-Rhyne.....	28	42	-	70
Newberry.....	43	42	-	85

LRU: HATHCOCK 10, DAVIS 11 (7 ASSISTS), BEASLEY 13 (7 REBOUNDS), McCLURE 3, McKENZIE 5, McCLINTOCK 3, BROWN 11, JONES 8, KUNZ 6. FG: 24-53, 3FG: 4-14, FT: 18-27. 30 REBOUNDS, 21 TURNOVERS, 17 ASSISTS.

NEWBERRY: WALKER 10, STEINARSSON 13, DIXON 2, GARNER 11, TOMASSON 7, REYNOLDS 4, FLOWERS 1, HAWKINS 19 (8 REBOUNDS), AKINS 12, DICKERSON 6. FG: 30-62, 3FG: 12-26, FT: 13-17. 37 REBOUNDS, 19 TURNOVERS, 20 ASSISTS.

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