

Bobcats Drop Two At Rebel Spring Games

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The Lees-McRae College softball team dropped a pair of contests to open the Rebel Spring Games on Monday, falling to Minnesota State University-Mankato by a score of 12-0 in five innings

before Southwest Minnesota State University rallied for a 6-1 victory over the Bobcats. Lees-McRae (5-14) tallied seven hits on the day, including five base knocks against Southwest Minnesota (3-0). Holli Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.), Kierstie Moon (Oxford, Ga.), Laurel Gregg (Mars Hill, N.C.), Lori Fulmer (Prosperity, S.C.), Karli Robb (Hayes, Va.), Kim Coley (Marion, N.C.), and Alison Armstrong (Bellingham, Mass.) each recorded a hit on the day, as Crickenberger drove in her seventh run of the season.

Gregg got the nod against Mankato (10-4), tossing five innings and allowing two earned runs on seven hits while walking seven. Crickenberger took the ball against Southwest Minnesota (, allowing one earned run and striking out five in six innings of work.

Game One: Minnesota State - Mankato 12, Lees-McRae 0 - Five innings

Mankato struck first in the top of the first inning, plating four runs on two hits and three Bobcat miscues to take an early 4-0 lead. The Mavericks added one run in the second and two in the third to push the margin to 7-0, before stretching the lead to 11-0 with four tallies in the fourth. Mankato added one more tally in the fifth to equal the final margin of 12-0.

Game Two: Southwest Minnesota State 6, Lees-McRae 1

Lees-McRae got on the board first in the top of the opening inning, taking an early 1-0 lead on an RBI double by Crickenberger that scored Moon from second. The Mustangs answered with a run in the second, evening the tally at 1-1 by taking advantage of two hits and a Bobcat miscue. Southwest Minnesota continued the rally with four runs in the bottom of the fifth, taking a 5-1 lead on four hits and two LMC errors before equaling the final margin with a run in the sixth. The Bobcats started to rally in the top of the seventh, as Gregg led off with a single up the middle. The Mustangs quickly quelled the rally with three straight outs to seal the victory.

Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Tuesday when the Bobcats take on Concordia University - St. Paul and Ferris State University at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively, on the second day of the Rebel Spring Games.