

Gregg's One-Hitter Paces Bobcats Sweep

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Laurel Gregg (Mars Hill, N.C.) tossed a one-hitter with 11 strikeouts in game one and Kim Coley (Marion, N.C.) drove in four runs to lead the Lees-McRae College softball team to a pair of shutouts

and a doubleheader sweep in non-conference play on Tuesday afternoon.

Lees-McRae (10-19) plated nine runs on 16 hits, while holding Concord (10-10) without a run on seven hits. Coley drove in four runs on four hits, including two doubles and a home run, to lead the Bobcats, as Karli Robb (Hayes, Va.) added three base knocks. Kristen Oakes (Lenoir, N.C.), Kierstie Moon (Oxford, Ga.), and Brooke Sheridan (Rosman, N.C.) each tallied two hits, as Oakes, Moon, Holli Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.), and Alison Armstrong (Bellingham, Mass.) all drove in one run.

Gregg pitched a gem in the opener, tossing a one-hit shutout while walking none and striking out 11. Crickenberger followed with a strong performance in game two, allowing no runs on six hits while striking out six.

Becca Gleason and Shelia Davies each tallied three hits for Concord, as Brantlea Wood added a base knock. Stephanie Harper got the nod in game one for the Mountain Lions, allowing three runs on six hits in five innings of work. Karsyn Boothe tossed the final two frames, surrendering one hit and walking one. Tamara Smith made the start in the nightcap, surrendering six hits on nine hits and walking two in six and one-thirds innings. Boothe pitched the final two-thirds of a frame.

In game one, Lees-McRae got on the board in the first inning, pushing across an early run to take a 1-0 lead on a solo home run by Coley. The Bobcats added a tally in the third to double the margin to 2-0 on an RBI single by Crickenberger, before Robb stole third and scored on an error in the fifth to push the lead to 3-0.

Gregg was impressive throughout the game, taking a perfect game into the fifth inning while striking out 11 batters and retiring the final nine Mountain Lions she faced.

The nightcap remained deadlocked at 0-0 until the top of the fifth inning, when Lees-McRae plated three runs on doubles by Moon and Coley to take a 3-0 lead. Lees-McRae added three runs in the seventh on two hits, including an RBI double by Coley, to push the margin to 6-0. Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Wilson, N.C. to resume their Conference Carolinas schedule with a 1 p.m. doubleheader against Barton College.

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