

## Falcons Outlast Bobcats In Four Sets

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The Pfeiffer University men's volleyball team held on for a four-set victory over Lees-McRae College on Saturday afternoon, taking the first two sets and recording 10 blocks in Conference Carolinas play. Pfeiffer (18-6, 8-1 CC) won the match by scores of 25-21, 25-23, 23-25, and 25-16, posting a .264 hitting percentage while

holding Lees-McRae (10-8, 4-4 CC) to a .122 clip on the attack. The Falcons posted 53 kills, 40 digs and 10 blocks, while Lees-McRae recorded 49 smashes, dug out 45 attacks, and notched seven stuffs.

Jose Ribas (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico) led the way for Lees-McRae with a match-high 18 kills, while John Lucas (Cincinnati, Ohio) and Chris Flood (Louisville, Ky.) added eight and seven smashes, respectively. Lucas chipped in a match-high 11 digs, as Randy Ramirez (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico) nearly posted a double-double with 45 assists and nine digs.

Quentin Moore and Caleb Brophy paced the Falcons with 16 kills each, as David Frazee added nine smashes. David Specian nearly posted a double-double with 43 assists and nine digs, as Moore dug out nine attacks and Frazee added a match-high seven block assists.

The early moments of the first set proved to be a tightly contested affair, until Pfeiffer launched a 7-0 run to take an 18-11 lead on a kill by Michael McLaughlin. Lees-McRae would close the gap to 18-15 before Pfeiffer responded, holding on for a 25-21 victory following a Frazee kill. The teams battled to a 10-10 deadlock early in the second frame, before Pfeiffer went on a 6-2 run to take a 16-12 lead on a Brophy kill. Lees-McRae would answer with a 9-5 run, evening the tally at 21-21 on a kill by Flood before the Falcons closed out the set with a 4-2 spurt that was capped by a Frazee smash.

Lees-McRae battled back in the third set, opening a 13-9 advantage on a Ramirez kill before pushing the margin to 19-14 following a Flood smash. Pfeiffer would rally with a 4-0 spurt, trimming the lead to 19-18 on a Bobcat error. After Lees-McRae answered with a 3-0 run to take a 22-18 lead, Pfeiffer countered with a 5-0 surge to claim a 23-22 advantage following a block by Frazee and Moore. The Bobcats then responded with three straight points, taking the set with a 25-23 win following blocks by Ramirez and Joshua Jones (Christmas, Fla.), and Jones and Ribas.

Pfeiffer responded in the fourth frame, opening the set with a 7-3 run before pushing the margin to 14-7 on a block by Frazee and Micah Bortner. The Falcons would stretch the lead to 19-11 following a Bobcat miscue, before pushing Lees-McRae to match point at 24-15 on back-to-back attacking miss-hits by the Bobcats. Pfeiffer then closed out the set and the match on a kill by Moore.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Tuesday when the Bobcats travel to Gaffney, S.C. to take on Limestone College in conference play at 7 p.m.

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