

Bobcats Falls Twice Against Coker

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The Coker College softball team held Lees-McRae College to one run on six hits on Sunday, sweeping a Conference Carolinas doubleheader from the Bobcats by scores of 8-0 and 4-1. Coker (18-18, 10-9 CC) scored 12 runs on 12 hits in the twin-bill, besting Lees-McRae (12-25, 3-7 CC) by an

8-0 margin in five innings in the opener before edging the Bobcats, 4-1, in the nightcap. Sydney Weatherford and Katelyn Szupello paced the Cobras with three hits each, as Weatherford drove in three runs and scored two.

Kim Coley (Marion, N.C.) and Jessica Smith (Gastonia, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with two hits each, as Amanda Decker (Apex, N.C.) drove in her fifth run of the season for Lees-McRae in the nightcap. Kristen Oakes (Lenoir, N.C.) and Decker each tallied a hit for the Bobcats in the twin-bill.

Laurel Gregg (Mars Hill, N.C.) got the nod in game one, surrendering eight unearned runs on five hits in four innings of work. Holli Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.) took the ball in game two, allowing three runs on five hits in four innings of work, as Oakes surrendered one run on two hits over the final two frames.

In game one, Coker got on the board early, plating the game's first run in the opening inning to take a 1-0 lead when Sarah Rountree scored on a passed ball. The Cobras broke the game open in the second, plating six runs on four hits and one Bobcat miscue to push the lead to 7-0 following a two-run single by Stacy Burr. Coker would add a run in the fourth to equal the final margin of 8-0, as Becky Dillon allowed three base runners and retired the final 11 batters she faced en route to the shutout victory. In the night cap, the Cobras took an early 1-0 lead in the third, plating the game's first run when Szupello tripled and scored on a wild pitch. After Coker stretched the lead to 3-0 with a pair of runs in the fourth, Lees-McRae got on the board with a tally in the top of the fifth when Decker singled home Oakes to trim the margin to 3-1. Coker would answer with a run in the bottom of the inning, taking a 4-1 lead on an RBI single by Burr. The Bobcats started to rally with two outs in the seventh, putting a runner on first following a single by Smith before Logan Cox retired the next batter by way of the "K" to close out the inning and seal the win.

Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Monday when the Bobcats travel to Gaffney, S.C. to take on Limestone College in conference play at 2 p.m.

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