

## Saints Take Two From Bobcats

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Limestone College's Leah Quant took a no-hitter into the seventh inning of game two, and the Saint softball team held off a late rally by Lees-McRae College in game two of a Conference Carolinas doubleheader on

Monday afternoon to complete the twin-bill sweep. Limestone (17-23, 7-7 CC) collected 13 hits in the doubleheader, including 11 in game two, while limiting Lees-McRae (12-27, 3-9 CC) to two runs and seven base knocks on the afternoon.

Karli Robb (Hayes, Va.) paced the Bobcats with two hits, as Amanda Decker (Apex, N.C.) and Kristen Oakes (Lenoir, N.C.) each drove in a run. Laurel Gregg (Mars Hill, N.C.) pitched well in game one, allowing one unearned run on two hits and striking out five in six innings of work.

Holi Crickenberger (Boydton, Va.) took the ball in game two, surrendering one earned run and striking out two through four innings. Oakes tossed the final two frames, allowing one run.

The opener proved to be a classic pitching duel, as the two starters allowed a combined four hits and nine base runners through four innings. Lees-McRae provided perhaps the best scoring threat in the fourth, when Kim Colley (Marion, N.C.) stroked a leadoff double and advanced to third on a sacrifice, before the Saints retired the final two batters of the frame to keep the score knotted at 0-0.

Limestone would score the only run of the game in the bottom of the sixth, as Kirstyn Burleson doubled to lead off the inning and later scored on a Bobcat miscue. The Bobcats got out of the inning with a clutch double play, as the Saints responded by retiring the side in the top of the seventh to seal the victory.

Limestone got on the board early in the night cap, plating four runs in the bottom of the first on four hits and three Bobcat miscues to take a 4-0 lead following a bases-clearing triple by Kayla Kelley. The Saints would add a run on four hits in the sixth to push the advantage to 5-0 following an RBI single by Alex Aburto.

Quant was the story of the game for the Saints, as she allowed just two base runners courtesy of a pair of errors over the first six innings to take a no-hitter into the seventh. After the junior starter was relieved to start the seventh, Lees-McRae began to rally, pushing across two runs on RBI singles by Decker and Oakes before Quant re-entered. Quant then shut the door, retiring the final three batters of the inning to close out the win.

Lees-McRae returns to the diamond on Wednesday when the Bobcats host St. Andrews University in conference play at 3 p.m. at the Bobcat Softball Field.

## Fleet Soars By Bobcats

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The Erskine College women's lacrosse team outscored Lees-McRae College by a 10-0 margin in the first half en route to a 17-7 win in Conference Carolinas play on Monday evening.

Erskine (3-8, 2-2 CC) outshot Lees-McRae (1-8, 0-5 CC) by a 32-17 margin, including a 16-6 advantage in the first half, while edging the Bobcats, 22-17, in ground balls. The Flying Fleet controlled 15-of-25 draws and converted each of their 13 clear attempts in the contest.

Katelin Rooney (Naples, Fla.), Olivia Gudewich (Frederick, Md.) and Anna DeLuke (Woodstock, Ga.) each tallied two goals for Lees-McRae, as Cynthia Wegner (Stem, N.C.) added a strike of her own. Rooney also chipped in an assist to go along with seven draw controls, while Nicole Nixon (Charlotte, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with a game-high six ground balls. Jessica Travers (Asheville, N.C.) made nine saves between the pipes.

Alesia Jerrells led the way for Erskine with five goals and two assists, while Samantha Burns added four strikes and three helpers. Von McKenzie and Hillary Henry chipped in three and two goals, respectively, as Kaitlyn Overley and Kelly Dalziel posted four ground balls each. Overley made six stops in goal for the Fleet.

Erskine jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first half, tallying five goals in the opening 10 minutes as Jerrells scored four of her five goals in the initial period. After Jerrells opened the second half with her fifth strike of the day, DeLuke got the Bobcats on the board with her sixth goal of the season 2:25 into the period.

Gudewich and Rooney would answer an Erskine strike with a pair of goals, before Erskine responded with four consecutive goals over a five minute stretch. The Bobcats countered with four goals of their own, highlighted by Wegner's first collegiate goal with just under two minutes to play. DeLuke would cap the scoring for the Bobcats with her second of the day with 58 ticks left on the clock.

Lees-McRae returns to action on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Saint Charles, Mo. to take on Fort Lewis College on the campus of Lindenwood University at 12 p.m.