

Big Win For Belmont Abbey

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The Belmont Abbey Women's Lacrosse Team (5-6) held off a late rally to surprise Lenoir-Rhyne (11-4), 11-10, Wednesday afternoon at Moretz Stadium. With the victory, the Crusaders handed the Bears their first home loss of the year. Belmont Abbey's

Lindsay Connolly (Davidsonville, Md.) led all scorers with five goals including the game-winner with just over six minutes left to lift the Crusaders to the win.

Lenoir-Rhyne was led by freshman Mary Minick (Marietta, Ga.) with three goals while sophomore Hayley Beattie (Lebanon, N.J.) scored twice despite the setback for the Bears, who finished the year 8-1 at home.

Belmont Abbey scored the final five goals of the half to take an 8-3 lead into intermission before L-R rallied. Lenoir-Rhyne scored the first four goals after halftime and tied the score at 10 with a goal from sophomore Hayley Beaty (Dallas, N.C.) with 6:55 left before Connolly won the contest for Belmont Abbey. The Crusaders held the edge in shots taken (29-25) while the Bears led in ground balls by a 34-32 margin despite the loss.

Laura Dowd (Davidsonville, Md.) also scored two goals and Tory Morgan (Oak Hill, Va.) earned the win in goal after stopping 10 shots for the Crusaders.

For the Bears, freshman Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) added a goal and an assist while freshman goalkeeper Allison Senft (Marietta, Ga.) suffered the loss despite totaling 10 saves as well.

Lenoir-Rhyne plays Savannah College Art & Design in its final match of the year on Friday in Savannah, Ga., beginning at 3:30 p.m. Belmont Abbey, meanwhile, hosts Catawba next Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

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