

Lions Cut Down Bobcats, 17-4

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The Lindenwood University women's lacrosse team rallied from an early deficit to outscore Lees-McRae College by a 10-3 margin in the first half en route to a 17-4 victory in non-conference play on Sunday afternoon. Lindenwood

(8-12) outshot Lees-McRae (1-10) by a 33-9 margin, including a 17-5 advantage in the first half, as the Lions edged the Bobcats by a 26-18 stretch in ground balls. The Lions won 12-of-23 draw controls, while converting 12-of-15 clear attempts.

Olivia Gudewich (Frederick, Md.) paced the Bobcats with three goals, as Nicole Nixon (Charlotte, N.C.) also found the back of the net. Gudewich and Katelin Rooney (Naples, Fla.) recorded four and three draw controls, respectively, as Jessica Travers (Asheville, N.C.) scoped up a game-high six ground balls and made seven saves between the pipes.

Lexi Crusha led the way for Lindenwood with one goal and a game-high eight assists, as Kara Cashen tallied a contest-best four goals. Lindsey Palmer added two goals and three assists, as Justiene Groothuis, Melissa Menchella, and Meghan Chase each tallied a pair of goals. Brittany Frankenfeld posted four saves between the pipes, while Kathryn St. George and Taylor Mayeda each controlled four draws.

Nixon got the Bobcats on the board first, scoring her second goal of the season four and a half minutes into the contest before Lindenwood responded with a 10-goal surge, taking a 10-1 advantage on back-to-back strikes by Chase with five minutes to go in the first half. Gudewich would answer with a pair of goals to trim the margin to 10-3 heading into the intermission. The Lions countered with two goals to open the second half, stretching the margin to 12-3 before Gudewich poured in her third strike of the afternoon to trim the lead to 12-4 at the 20:22 mark. Lindenwood would close out the game with five goals to equal the final margin of 17-4. Lees-McRae returns to action on Friday, April 13 when the Bobcats host Belmont Abbey College in Conference Carolinas play to conclude the regular season. The Bobcats will honor their 2012 senior class prior to a 7 p.m. start on Tate Field.