

Ninth-Ranked Lenoir-Rhyne Takes Down Lander

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (2-0) wrapped up its weekend classic Sunday evening with a 3-1 victory over Lander (0-1-1) at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex. Freshman forward Leah Mullins (Kissimmee, Fla.) scored twice

to lead the Bears, who entered the match ranked No. 9 in NCAA Division II. L-R freshman midfielder Kendall Smith (Asheville, N.C.) also scored while senior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) allowed just one goal while stopping five shots en route to the victory for the Bears.

Smith opened the scoring just 6:22 into the match when she took control of a loose ball and chipped it in right in front of the net.

Mullins pushed the Bears' advantage to 2-0 in the 18th minute after receiving a cross from freshman midfielder Garcelle Alequine (Wilmington, Del.) and knocking it over the keeper's head for the score. Alequine was credited with the assist.

Lander's Taylor Piorkowski (Lexington, S.C.) cut the lead in half right before intermission with a goal at the 43:57 mark but Mullins answered for the Bears with her second score of the contest just over five minutes after the break and L-R held on for the win.

Lander's Kelsey Blair (Fort Mill, S.C.) suffered the loss in goal for the Bearcats despite tallying three saves for the day.

In the first match of the L-R Women's Soccer Classic on Sunday, Georgia College (1-1) defeated Lees-McRae (0-1-1) by a 1-0 score with a goal coming from Erin Griffin (Lawrenceville, Ga.) in the 74th minute.

Georgia College goalkeepers' Taylor Cornelius (Dacula, Ga.) and Annie Stephens (Fayetteville, Ga.) each played a half and combined on the shutout win. Cornelius had four saves while Briggs tallied seven stops in the victory.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains at home to face Pfeiffer at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex on Wednesday evening. The kickoff for the contest is set for 5:00 p.m.

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