

L-R Women Advance By Blanking Mars Hill

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The top-seeded Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team (14-1-2) shut out eighth-seeded Mars Hill (6-13), 2-0, in the opening round of the 2012 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament

Wednesday afternoon at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex. L-R will next face the No. 4 seed, Catawba, on Friday in the tournament semifinals at Manchester Meadows in Rock Hill, S.C., beginning at 4:00 p.m. Catawba defeated fifth-seeded Anderson, 1-0, in the first round of the tournament at home in Salisbury, N.C., on Wednesday as well.

Lenoir-Rhyne, ranked No. 11 in NCAA Division II, received second-half goals from sophomore midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) and sophomore defender Hanna Kiebel (Parker, Colo.) in the victory. Donovan opened the scoring after finishing off a shot right in front of the net off a corner kick from freshman defender Brianna Belsky (Egg Harbour Township, N.J.) in the 55th minute.

Kiebel scored the Bears' second goal at the 77:06 mark of the second half just outside the top right corner of the box. L-R freshman defender Regina Kelly (West Deptford, N.J.) was credited with the assist.

Senior goalkeeper Caitlin Scruggs (Torrance, Calif.) earned the shutout win for the Bears, who held a 31-4 advantage in shots taken and remained unbeaten in their last 13 matches (11-0-2). Mars Hill's goalkeeper, Chelsea Parker (Richmond, Va.), suffered the loss despite finishing with 12 saves on the day. The Bears also defeated the Lions for the second time this season.

L-R Men's Soccer Eliminated By Carson-Newman

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Soccer Team (6-7-4) saw its 2012 season come to an end with a 4-0 loss to Carson-Newman (8-5-3) in the quarterfinal round of the Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament on Wednesday afternoon.

Carson-Newman, the second seed, will now take on third-seeded Lincoln Memorial on Friday in the semifinal round of the league tournament at 7:00 p.m., at Manchester Meadows in Rock Hill, S.C.

Lenoir-Rhyne, which lost its second consecutive match, was the seventh seed in this year's conference tournament.

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Carson-Newman took control early with three first-half goals including a pair by Sindre Welo (Trondheim, NORWAY). Welo now has a team-leading eight goals on the year.

The Eagles' Lucas Siqueira (Sao Paulo, BRAZIL) opened the scoring in the 21st minute of the match.

Carson-Newman's Evan Kelly (Galway, IRELAND) scored the fourth and final goal of the contest with just over four minutes into the second half. Kelly scored on a header off a corner kick from Welo.

Carson-Newman also held a 17-13 advantage in shots taken while Rumwald Le Gueval (Vannes, FRANCE) picked up the victory in goal after finishing with seven saves on the day. Lenoir-Rhyne's goalkeeper, junior Stefan Dill (Southampton, BERMUDA) suffered the loss despite tallying three saves on the afternoon. Dill finished the year with a league-high 96 saves.

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