

Bulldogs Bite Bobcats, 71-52

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The Barton College women's basketball team placed four players in double figures, and outscored Lees-McRae College by a 38-25 margin in the first half en route to a 71-52 victory in Conference

Carolinas play on Tuesday evening in Williams Gymnasium. Barton (2-2, 2-0 CC) shot an even 50 percent from the floor on the night, including a 53.3 percent clip in the first half, while holding Lees-McRae (0-3, 0-3 CC) to a field goal percentage of 38.5 percent in the contest. The Bobcats won the battle on the glass by a 36-29 margin, including a 12-6 advantage on the offensive boards, as Barton converted 24 Lees-McRae miscues into 23 points.

Lauren Lewis (Concord, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with 11 points on 5-of-10 shooting, also pulling down six boards as Alyssa Munson (Summerfield, N.C.) nearly posted a double-double with nine rebounds and seven points. Kerri Belcher (Roanoke, Va.) chipped in a game-high 10 boards, while Kabrina Truesdale (Wilmington, N.C.) added nine markers with a 3-for-5 night from beyond the arc.

Nyeshea Willie led all scorers with 18 points on 4-of-9 shooting, including a perfect 9-for-9 night from the charity stripe. Janae Jackson added 17 markers with a 7-for-9 night from the floor, as Jolanda Mitchell and Shante Neal chipped in 12 and 11 points, respectively. Elaine Morgan posted a game-high six assists.

The Bulldogs never trailed in the contest, opening an early 14-4 lead before pushing the advantage to 23-8 following a Willie triple with 12:32 left in the half. After Truesdale knocked down her first three-pointer of the night at the 11:20 mark and Barton countered with a 5-0 spurt, Truesdale buried a pair of triples to cut the lead to 30-21 with 7:38 to play in the period. Barton would close the half on an 8-4 spurt, pushing the lead to 38-25 heading into the intermission. The Bulldogs carried the momentum into the second half, opening the period with a 17-3 surge to widen the gap to 55-28 following a jumper by Cassandra Brown with 13:35 to play. Barton would hold on from there, weathering a late rally by the Bobcats en route to the 71-52 victory.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday when the Bobcats host Coker College at 2 p.m. in Williams Gymnasium to continue their conference schedule.

No. 11 Bulldogs Surge By Bobcats In Second Half

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The No. 11 Barton College men's basketball team closed out the first half on a 20-6 run, and outscored Lees-McRae College by a 57-39 margin in the second half en route to a 94-63 win in Conference Carolinas play on Tuesday evening in Williams Gymnasium.

Barton (6-0, 2-0 CC) posted a field goal percentage of 45.3 percent on the night, including a blistering 61.8 percent in the second half, while holding Lees-McRae (0-6, 0-3 CC) to a clip of 43.1 percent from the floor in the contest. The Bulldogs won the battle on the glass by a 47-29 margin, including a 22-8 advantage on the offensive boards, while converting 25 Bobcat miscues into 35 points.

Asad Lamot (Mebane, N.C.) paced the Bobcats with 16 points and four assists, posting a 5-for-8 night from the floor with a pair of triples. Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia) chipped in 14 points with a 6-of-13 showing from the field, as Jeremiah Henry (Semmes, Ala.) added a team-high eight rebounds.

Jon Hart led the way for Barton with a double-double, posting game-highs of 17 points and 11 rebounds, as Brian McNair and Zach Faircloth added 13 and 12 markers, respectively. Gerald Boston chipped a game-high eight assists, while Jarrett Jernigan posted eight points and eight boards off the bench.

The Bobcats stormed out of the opening tip in the first half, taking an early 7-2 lead at the 17:07 following a 5-0 solo spurt by Sepokas. Barton responded with a 12-2 run, claiming a 14-9 advantage on a layup by Aaron Brown with 14:36 left in the half. After the Bulldogs took a 17-12 lead following a Jernigan lay-in, Lees-McRae responded with a 6-0 spurt to claim an 18-17 advantage on a Charles Clarke (Orlando, Fla.) jumper with 9:51 remaining in the period. Barton answered once again with a 20-6 surge, reclaiming the lead and stretching the gap to 37-24 on a late lay-in by Jernigan to take the 13-point advantage into the intermission. The Bulldogs carried the momentum into the second half, opening the period on an 11-5 spurt to push the lead to 48-29 following a highlight reel dunk by Hart at the 17:15 mark.

Lamot and Sepokas would help the Bobcats cut the lead to 55-42 on the heels of a 13-7 spurt, knocking down back-to-back three-pointers with Sepokas' triple coming with 13:15 to go in the game. Barton answered once again with a 17-6 surge, pushing the lead to 72-48 following a dunk by Chris Flemmings at the 7:55 mark.

The Bulldogs would hold on from there, stretching the lead to as many as 35 points as the Bobcats finished the night strong, closing out the contest with a 7-3 run over the final two minutes.

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