

L-R Women Upend North Georgia

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (4-1) opened the Loch Shop Classic with a 74-61 victory over North Georgia (2-4) Saturday afternoon at the Athletics & Fitness Center. L-R

junior forward Kierra Phillips (Gaffney, S.C.) led the way with a team-high 13 points off the bench as the Bears won their fourth consecutive game.

Freshman guard Jordan Hiatt (Mount Airy, N.C.) added 12 points and eight rebounds while junior guard Brittany Christian (Raleigh, N.C.) tallied 11 points as the Bears picked up a key victory away from home.

North Georgia All-American Jaymee Carnes (Gainesville, Ga.) led all scorers with 24 points but the Saints shot just 32 percent (25-of-78) for the contest including 22 percent (five-of-23) from behind the three-point line in the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne held a 38-37 lead at halftime but broke the contest opened in the second half.

The Bears used a 15-2 run in the second half capped off by a lay-up from junior forward Whitney Brinkley (Asheville, N.C.) for a 60-45 lead with just under eight minutes remaining and cruised to the win.

On the final day of the tournament on Sunday, Lenoir-Rhyne faces seventh-ranked and unbeaten Clayton State (4-0), the host school, Sunday at 3:30 p.m. North Georgia, meanwhile, will take on Chowan in the first game of the classic on Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m.

L-R 74, NORTH GEORGIA 61

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

North Georgia..... 37 24 - 61

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 38 36 - 74

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NORTH GEORGIA: CARNES 24 (9 REBOUNDS), JACKSON 5, DeFOOR 3, HUFFMAN 11 (8 REBOUNDS), RAINWATER 6, CHESTER 2, SIMS 4, HILL 6 (6 REBOUNDS). FG: 25-78, 3FG: 5-23, FT: 6-8. 46 REBOUNDS, 13 ASSISTS, 13 TURNOVERS.
THREE POINTERS - RAINWATER 2, CARNES, DeFOOR, JACKSON.

L-R: MITCHELL 6 (6 REBOUNDS), GUST 2, HIATT 12 (8 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), CHRISTIAN 11 (4 ASSISTS), CHARLES 6 (7 REBOUNDS), KATT 6, PATTON 4, JENNINGS 3, AWURUONYE 2, BRINKLEY 4, PHILLIPS 13, LAUGHTER 5. FG: 31-63, 3FG: 5-12, FT: 7-12. 41 REBOUNDS, 18 ASSISTS, 14 TURNOVERS.
THREE POINTERS - CHRISTIAN, CHARLES, PATTON, JENNINGS, PHILLIPS.

Lenoir-Rhyne Holds On To Defeat Carson-Newman

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (5-1, 1-1) continued its best start in five seasons with a 69-57 win over Carson-Newman (5-1, 1-1) Saturday in a South Atlantic Conference contest and home opener for the Bears at Shuford Gymnasium.

L-R sophomore guard Denzel Dillingham (Hickory, N.C.) tied a career-high with 28 points while junior guard R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.) added 14 points as the Bears handed the Eagles their first loss of the season.

Carson-Newman, which fell behind by 23 points early in the second half, was led by Antoine Davis' (Rustburg, Va.) 19 points in the loss.

A three-pointer by Dillingham with 15:19 remaining gave the Bears a 54-31 lead but the Eagles rallied to cut the margin to seven points.

Davis closed L-R's lead to 61-54 with a trey at the 6:34 mark of the second half but Carson-Newman couldn't get any closer the rest of the way.

Dillingham iced the contest with four free throws with just under four minutes left in the game for the Bears, which forced the Eagles into 22 turnovers.

Carson-Newman's Ishmael Sanders (Cleveland, Tenn.) added 15 points in the setback while

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L-R junior guard Jarvis Perry (Willingboro, N.J.) totaled eight points and a game-high nine assists in the victory.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains at home to take on Lees-McRae on Thursday beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Carson-Newman will play Hiwassee in Madisonville, Tenn., on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

L-R 69, CARSON-NEWMAN 57

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Carson-Newman..... 25 32 - 57

Lenoir-Rhyne..... 38 31 - 69

CARSON-NEWMAN: JACKSON 8, DAVIS 19, SANDERS 15, JOHNSON 3, HENEGAR 2 (7 REBOUNDS), PARKER 6 (6 REBOUNDS), ROGERS 4. FG: 19-44, 3FG: -18, FT: 12-21. 37 REBOUNDS, 15 ASSISTS, 22 TURNOVERS.

THREE POINTERS - DAVIS 3, SANDERS 4.

L-R: PERRY 8 (9 ASSISTS), McCLURE 14, DILLINGHAM 28, BEASLEY 8, KUNZ 9 (7 REBOUNDS), TERRELL 2. FG: 21-55, 3FG: 8-21, FT: 19-20. 28 REBOUNDS, 14 ASSISTS, 11 TURNOVERS.

THREE POINTERS - DILLINGHAM 4, McCLURE AND PERRY 2.

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