

## L-R Softball Splits Doubleheader With Mercyhurst

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Team (4-2) split a doubleheader with Mercyhurst (Pa.) (4-2) Sunday afternoon at Bears Field. The Lakers won the first contest by a 3-2 score before the Bears prevailed, 6-4, in the nightcap.

### **Game One - Mercyhurst 3, Lenoir-Rhyne 2**

The Lakers' Molly McNamara (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) broke a 2-2 tie with an RBI single in the top of the sixth inning as Mercyhurst rallied from a two-run deficit to take the win.

L-R jumped out to a 2-0 advantage with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first thanks to a run-scoring triple from junior third baseman Haily Jarman (Wadesboro, N.C.) and senior third baseman Jessica Fellmeth's (Waxhaw, N.C.) RBI single.

Mercyhurst tied the contest with two runs in the fifth including a solo home run from Allison Yule (Oswego, N.Y.) before winning the game in the sixth frame.

The Lakers' Courtney Smith (Amherst, N.Y.) finished with three hits while Megan Hopton (Wickliffe, Ohio) improved to 3-0 after picking up the victory on the mound. Hopton was able to escape a bases-loaded jam in the seventh inning for the win.

Lenoir-Rhyne freshman Brandi Hole (Sandy Ridge, N.C.) fell to 1-1 on the year after being tagged with the loss in relief.

### **Game Two - Lenoir-Rhyne 6, Mercyhurst 4**

Trailing by a 4-2 score, Lenoir-Rhyne plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning en route to the win as the Bears salvaged the split. Fellmeth broke a 4-4 tie with the game-winning, two-run single with two outs in the frame. Fellmeth finished with a game-high three RBI as well.

Sophomore designated player Katie Carpenter (Newton, N.C.) and freshman catcher Lauren Elder (Taylorsville, N.C.) added two hits each while senior Megan Laxton (Taylorsville, N.C.) (1-0) earned the victory on the mound for the Bears.

L-R freshman Maryann Hoskins (Havelock, N.C.) recorded the final two outs for her first save of the season while Mercyhurst's Megan Smith (Hamburg, N.Y.) (0-1) took the loss.

Box Score

Lenoir-Rhyne next plays King in a doubleheader in Bristol, Tenn., on Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Mercyhurst faces Lynn in Boca Raton, Fla., on Sunday, February 24, at Noon.

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