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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (16-6, 9-5) downed Brevard (3-19, 2-12), 71-60, Saturday evening in a South Atlantic Conference game at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

L-R junior guard R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.) led all scorers with 23 points while senior forward B.J. Beasley (Charlotte, N.C.) notched his second straight double-double - 18 points and 13 rebounds - in the victory.

Miles Leathers (Charlotte, N.C.) led the Tornados with 17 points and Gerel Simmons (Accokeek, Md.) added 14 points in the loss.

Brevard jumped out to a 9-1 advantage to start the contest but L-R quickly responded with a 17-3 run capped off by a three-point play from Beasley for an 18-12 advantage with 12:31 remaining in the first half.

Lenoir-Rhyne built a 37-26 halftime lead and Brevard never got within four points the rest of the way.

L-R put the contest out of reach with a 7-0 run finished off by a dunk from freshman forward Rob Noyes (Morganton, N.C.) for a 63-48 lead with 7:40 left and the Bears cruised to the win from there.

Lenoir-Rhyne also held a 40-29 advantage in rebounding and forced Brevard into 15 turnovers as the Bears swept the season series from Brevard and won their second straight game. In the next round of South Atlantic Conference games, Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Tusculum while Brevard visits Newberry. Both games are scheduled for Wednesday beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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**BREVARD:** MILLER 9, SIMMONS 14, PICKETT 7, LEATHERS 17 (7 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), MOE 6, COLLINS 3, GUJANICIC 2, WARD 2. FG: 19-46, 3FG: 7-23, FT: 15-23. 29 REBOUNDS, 12 ASSISTS, 15 TURNOVERS.

THREE-POINTERS: MILLER 3, MOE 2, SIMMONS, PICKETT.

**L-R:** J.PERRY 2 (6 ASSISTS), McCLURE 23 (6 ASSISTS), DILLINGHAM 7, BEASLEY 18 (13 REBOUNDS), TERRELL 2, NOYES 4, JONES 9, KUNZ 6. FG: 24-56. 3FG: 5-18, FT: 18-25. 40 REBOUNDS, 17 ASSISTS, 11 TURNOVERS.

THREE-POINTERS: McCLURE 4, DILLINGHAM.

## **Bears Stay In Contention By Beating Brevard**

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (15-7, 10-4) remained one game out of first place in the South Atlantic Conference standings with a 58-53 victory over Brevard (5-17, 3-11) Saturday afternoon at Shuford Gymnasium.

L-R junior guard Krystal Patton (Chilhowie, Va.) led the Bears with a team-high 13 points as Lenoir-Rhyne moved to 15-0 all-time against Brevard.

Shelby Wolfe (Pittsboro, N.C.) also scored 13 points in the loss for Brevard, who suffered its third straight defeat.

L-R jumped out of the gate with a 13-2 lead but Brevard slowly came back and took a 23-21 advantage into intermission.

Brevard kept the momentum going after halftime and led by as many as six points on a field goal by Micheala Watkins (Forest City, N.C.) for a 44-38 lead with 9:41 left. Watkins finished the game with nine points.

However, the Bears put together a 15-4 run to take control again capped off by a field goal from junior guard Danielle Bongiorno (Wilmington, N.C.) as the Bears went ahead by a 53-48 score

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with just over three minutes left.

Brevard cut the margin to two points on two more occasions, 53-51 and 55-53, but Lenoir-Rhyne was able to hold on for the win.

Sophomore guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) added eight points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Bears, who held a 43-31 edge on the boards in the win. L-R is one behind behind first-place Anderson (17-7, 11-3) in the league race.

Brevard also shot just 33 percent (17-of-52) from the field and was forced into 17 turnovers in the setback.

Lenoir-Rhyne next hosts Tusculum in a conference contest while Brevard stays on the road to face Newberry. Both games will tip-off at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday.

### **L-R 58, BREVARD 53**

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**BREVARD:** MACK 4, FRITZ 4, A.WATKINS 7, M.WATKINS 9 (5 ASSISTS), WOLFE 13 (8 REBOUNDS), McJUNKIN 2, POOLE 6, HIATT 8. FG: 20-53, 3FG: 7-16, FT: 6-8. 31 REBOUNDS, 11 ASSISTS, 17 TURNOVERS.
THREE-POINTERS: POOLE 2, HIATT 2, MACK, A.WATKINS, M.WATKINS.

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**L-R:** KATT 1, PATTON 13, AWURUONYE 9, CHARLES 8 (9 REBOUNDS), LAUGHTER 7 (6 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), GUST 5, BONGIORNO 5, HIATT 3, MITCHELL 5, MOBLEY 2. FG: 17-52, 3FG: 5-16, FT: 19-29. 43 REBOUNDS, 12 ASSISTS, 18 TURNOVERS. THREE-POINTERS: PATTON 2, CHARLES 2, HIATT.

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