

L-R Women Win SAC Tournament Opener

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In the Quarterfinal Round of the 2013 Food Lion SAC Women's Basketball Tournament, second-seeded Lenoir-Rhyne (19-8) held on to beat seventh-seeded Wingate (13-16), 59-57, Wednesday

evening at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium. L-R advances to the semifinal round to take on Tusculum, the sixth seed, Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The semifinals take place at Timmons Arena in Greenville, S.C. Tusculum beat Catawba, 53-47, in overtime on the road Wednesday night. L-R junior guard Krystal Patton (Chilhowie, Va.) finished with a team-high 13 points as the Bears beat the Bulldogs for the third time this season and advanced to the semifinal round for the first time in three years. Wingate, which had a chance to win but could not get a shot off a time ran out, was led by Janitsha Williams (Statesville, N.C.) with a team-high 16 points. The Bulldogs' Sarah Wollett (Raleigh, N.C.) added 14 points and five assists as Wingate rallied from a 13-point deficit late in the first half (32-19) to tie the score at 42-all but ultimately came up short.

Wollett hit a three-pointer to cut the margin to one point at 58-57 with 10 seconds left before the Bulldogs got the ball back after Patton connected on a free throw for the Bears but could not get a shot off as time expired.

Lenoir-Rhyne senior guard Caroline Laughter (Hickory, N.C.) added 10 points and junior guard Danielle Bongiorno (Wilmington, N.C.) hit a key three-pointer with 15 seconds left for the Bears, who held a 37-20 edge in rebounding in the win.

Wingate lost despite connecting on 51 percent (22-of-43) of its field goal attempts on the evening but turned the ball over 18 times in the setback.

Carson-Newman Eliminates Bears, 58-54

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (18-9) saw its season come to an end with a 58-54 loss to Carson-Newman (20-7) in the First Round of the 2013 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament Wednesday at the Holt Fieldhouse.

The Bears came into the contest as the fifth seed while the Eagles were seeded fourth. Carson-Newman will face top-seeded Lincoln Memorial in the semifinal round on Saturday at

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5:30 p.m., at Timmons Arena in Greenville, S.C.

The Eagles' Ishmael Sanders (Cleveland, Tenn.) led all scorers with 16 points as Carson-Newman defeated Lenoir-Rhyne at home for the second time this year.

L-R was led by junior guard Jarvis Perry (Willingboro, N.J.) with a team-high 15 points while sophomore guard Denzel Dillingham (Hickory, N.C.) added 13 points for the Bears in the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne did, however, end its season with its first winning campaign in four years.

Carson-Newman's Antoine Davis (Rustburg, Va.), the 2012-13 SAC Men's Basketball Player Of The Year, added 14 points and 10 rebounds in the victory for the Eagles.

L-R saw itself down by a 45-30 score with 13:20 remaining in the contest but rallied to cut the margin to three points at 49-46 on a trey by Perry with 2:22 left.

However, Carson-Newman responded with five straight points capped off by a pair of free throws from Sanders and remained in control the rest of the way.

The Eagles held the edge on the boards (37-33) and forced the Bears into 17 turnovers and 33 percent shooting (10-of-30) in the second half.

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