

The Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Team (32-13) remained in the winner's bracket of the 2013 Food Lion SAC Tournament with a 3-2 victory in 12 innings over Wingate (30-19-1) Friday morning at Whitley Field. L-R, the third seed in this year's tournament, will take on fifth-seeded Catawba (31-17) Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Catawba defeated top-seeded Tusculum by a 3-2 score as well in 11 innings on Friday. Wingate is the seventh seed in the tournament. Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore outfielder Brittany Coursen (Virginia Beach, Va.) hit the walk-off, sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 12th inning. Wingate broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single by Shannen Adams (Ayden, N.C.) in the top of the fifth inning but L-R responded with a two-run home run by junior outfielder Jody Mizelle (Colerain, N.C.) in the bottom half of the frame. The Bulldogs forced extra innings thanks to a solo home run by Alexis Burrell (Chesapeake, Va.), her team-leading 10th round-tripper of the year, in the sixth frame.

Lenoir-Rhyne freshman pitcher Maryann Hoskins (Havelock, N.C.) earned the victory on the mound. Hoskins improved to 14-5 on the year after limiting the Bulldogs to just one hit while pitching five scoreless innings in relief and striking out five batters.

Wingate's Stacey Houser (Mooreville, N.C.), who went the distance and threw 204 pitches, took the loss and fell to 21-11 on the year. For the Bears offensively on the day, Mizelle, freshman designated player Ashley Oliver (Newton, N.C.) and junior second baseman Ciera Cockerham (Yadkinville, N.C.) all had three hits on the day while Cockerham scored the game-winning run for Lenoir-Rhyne as well.

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