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The Lander University women's volleyball team held off a furious rally by Lees-McRae College in the

third set of a non-conference match on Tuesday evening, withstanding an 8-1 surge en route to a straight set sweep.

Lander (9-3) won the match by scores of 25-16, 25-17, and 25-17, tallying 62 digs and 42 kills, as Lees-McRae (1-12) posted a season-high three-set total of 55 digs and held the Bearcats to a .192 hitting percentage on the night.

Haydn Beatty (Norman, Okla.) and Jordan Banta (Virginia Beach, Va.) paced the Bobcats with seven kills each, as Beatty hit .400 in the match to go along with nine digs. Jessica Winchester (Bryson City, N.C.) posted a double-double with 20 assists and 14 digs, while Avalon Liscio (Naples, Fla.) and Candace Niemiec (Huntington Beach, Calif.) both added 10 digs. Banta, Beatty and Angela Morse (Clinton Township, Mich.) each chipped in a trio of blocks.

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Kendall Korte led the way for Lander with 10 kills and a .375 hitting percentage, as Tarryn Angermeier and Hannah Dederick each added seven smashes. Jessica Register and Sarah Bradley chipped in match-highs of 22 assists and 20 digs, respectively.

The Bobcats battled throughout the first set, taking an early 11-9 lead on a smash by Liscio before the Bearcats responded, launching an 11-4 run to claim a 20-15 advantage following a Korte kill. Lander would parlay the run into a set-closing 5-1 spurt that was capped by a smash from Dederick.

Lees-McRae battled back in the second frame, evening the tally at 6-6 on a Beatty kill before Lander countered with a 13-4 surge, opening a 19-10 advantage following a smash by Kiki Hennessey. The Bobcats responded with a 4-2 spurt, trimming the margin to 21-14 with a kill from Haylee Leonard (Walburg, N.C.). Lander claimed four of the next seven points to take the set and a 2-0 lead in the match following a Julia Ferreira-Alves smash.

The Bearcats carried the momentum into the third set, opening an early 8-2 lead before the

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Bobcats closed the gap to 11-7 following a Beatty kill and a Lander miscue. Lander responded with a 12-2 run, snatching a 23-9 advantage on a smash from Ferreira-Alves. The Bobcats refused to give in, countering with an 8-1 spurt that was capped by a block from Beatty, fighting off four match points before Lander closed out the win with a Bradley kill.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Friday when the Bobcats travel to Tigerville, S.C. to resume their Conference Carolinas schedule against North Greenville University at 7 p.m.