

Bobcats Drop Two At Erskine Tri-Match

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Haydn Beatty (Norman, Okla.) and Avalon Liscio (Naples, Fla.) combined for 35 kills to pace the Lees-McRae College women's volleyball team on Saturday afternoon, as the Bobcats fell to Erskine College, 3-1, in Conference Carolinas play before USC Aiken swept Lees-McRae in a non-conference tilt. Erskine (3-7, 2-3 CC) won the opener by scores of 25-19, 25-12, 21-25, and 25-21, holding Lees-McRae (1-15, 0-4 CC) to a hitting percentage of .078, as Aiken (9-4) bested the Bobcats by tallies of 25-18, 25-20, and 25-16 in the second match. The Bobcats posted a .136 attacking clip on the day, including a mark of .205 against the Pacers.

Match One: Erskine 3, Lees-McRae 1

Beatty led the way for the Bobcats with 12 kills and five blocks (one solo, four assists), as Liscio and Jordan Banta (Virginia Beach, Va.) each added seven smashes. Molly Corhn (Hendersonville, N.C.) added 14 digs, while Angela Morse (Clinton Township, Mich.) and Banta both chipped in five blocks. Candace Niemiec (Huntington Beach, Calif.) posted a match-high 25 assists.

Kelly Sullivan paced Erskine with eight kills and six service aces, as Marissa Greenough and Allie Evans added seven and six smashes, respectively. Anna Butrym chipped in a match-high 15 digs to go along with four aces.

Erskine would jump out to an early lead in the first set, taking a 12-5 advantage on a Greenough kill before pushing the margin to 18-11 following an ace from Butrym. The Bobcats countered with a 3-0 spurt, cutting the lead to 18-14 on a block by Beatty and Haylee Leonard (Walburg, N.C.) before Erskine responded with a 7-5 run of its own, closing out the frame with an Evans ace.

The Flying Fleet carried the momentum into the second set, claiming an early 11-6 lead before pushing the advantage to 17-9 with a Sullivan smash. Erskine would close out the set from there, capping the frame with a Greenough kill to take a 2-0 lead in the match.

Lees-McRae answered in the third, jumping out to an early 11-8 advantage on a tandem block by Beatty and Leonard. The Bobcats would push the lead to 19-12 with a Liscio smash before the Fleet responded, cutting the lead to 23-21 before Beatty capped the set with back-to-back smashes for the Bobcats.

Erskine countered in the fourth, opening the set with an 8-4 spurt that was capped by back-to-back aces from Marissa Mayfield. With the Fleet leading 17-12, Lees-McRae launched an 8-1 run, seizing a 20-18 advantage following a Liscio smash. Erskine responded with a 7-1 surge of its own, capping the set and the match with a kill from Evans.

Match Two: USC Aiken 3, Lees-McRae 0

Beatty and Liscio paced the Bobcats with eight kills each, as Morse and Banta tallied six and five smashes, respectively, while both committing just one attack error. Cohn posted a

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team-high eight digs as Niemiec dished out 18 assists.

Taylor Stratton led the way for the Pacers with a match-high 13 kills on 20 swings, as Hannah Tierney and Leah Rodgers added 10 and eight smashes, respectively. Amanda Bologna chipped in a match-high 28 assists while Katie Toman posted nine digs.

Aiken jumped out to an early 12-7 lead in the first set, stretching the advantage to 15-11 before the Bobcats countered with six of the next 11 points to close the gap to 20-17 on a Beatty smash. The Pacers answered with a 5-1 run, capping the frame with a kill from Tierney to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

Lees-McRae battled back in the second, claiming an early 9-8 advantage on a smash from Liscio before Aiken responded with a 6-3 run to take a 14-12 lead following a Tierney kill. The Bobcats quickly countered with a 5-1 spurt, jumping in front by two at 17-15 on a Pacer miscue. Aiken would answer once again, launching a 10-3 run to claim the set and a 2-0 advantage in the match.

The Pacers carried the momentum into the third, taking a 10-5 lead on a kill by Rodgers. After Lees-McRae countered with a 9-7 run to cut the margin to 17-14, Aiken responded with a 3-0 spurt to widen the gap to 20-14 following an ace from Rodgers. The Pacers would close out the win from there, capping the set and the match with a 5-2 run after pushing the Bobcats to match point on a smash from Stratton.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Tuesday when the Bobcats travel to Belmont, N.C. to take on Belmont Abbey College in league play at 7 p.m.