

## **Bears Handle North Greenville For Fifth Straight Win**

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Football Team (5-1) won its fifth straight game with a 35-17 victory over North Greenville (4-2) Saturday afternoon in a non-conference regional affair at Younts Stadium. Lenoir-Rhyne opened up a 21-0 lead in the first quarter and scored on its first four possessions in handing North Greenville its second straight setback.

L-R finished with 474 yards of total offense including 422 on the ground and were led by junior quarterback Miles Freeman (Sacramento, Calif.) with 103 yards rushing en route to the win. Freeman also passed for 52 yards on the day.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior tailback Jarrod Spears (Bunnlevel, N.C.) scored on touchdown runs of 17 and 28 yards, respectively, on the Bears' first two possessions as L-R took control early in the contest.

A 60-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Corron Boston (Durham, N.C.) early in the second quarter pushed L-R's lead again to 21 points at 28-7 and North Greenville was never able to get within 18 points the rest of the way.

Lenoir-Rhyne, which is off to its best start since 1994 when the team began the year with a 6-1 mark, put the game out of reach with Freeman's four-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter. The score capped a 13-play, 92-yard drive.

North Greenville lost despite the efforts of quarterback Nelson Hughes (Roebuck, S.C.) and wide receiver Freddie Martino (North, S.C.). Hughes passed for 333 yards and two scores while Martino hauled in 19 receptions for 209 yards and one touchdown in the setback. The Crusaders also finished with 442 yards of total offense.

For Lenoir-Rhyne, Spears finished with 90 yards on the ground and has now scored in every game this season while senior defensive back Michael Green (Kingsland, Ga.) led the defense with 13 takedowns. The Bears also had three quarterback sacks.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to face Newberry in a South Atlantic Conference game at Moretz Stadium on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. The two teams also play for the Bishops Trophy, which is given annually to the winner of the two Lutheran schools in North and South Carolina. North Greenville next plays Mars Hill on Saturday in Mars Hill, N.C., at 1:00 p.m.

**Photo Courtesy: Jarrod Spears, L-R Athletics**