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The Lenoir-Rhyne Football Team (6-1, 4-0) took over sole possession of first place in the South Atlantic Conference with a 35-14 victory over No. 23 Newberry (6-1, 4-1) Saturday afternoon in a league

showdown at Moretz Stadium.

Junior fullback Isaiah Whitaker (Salisbury, N.C.) rushed for a game-high 163 yards and scored three touchdowns as Lenoir-Rhyne won its sixth consecutive contest.

After Newberry's Dominique Walker (Rock Hill, S.C.) returned a fumble 75 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter to open the scoring, L-R reeled off 35 straight points en route to the win.

Whitaker scored the Bears' first two touchdowns including a three-yard run into the end zone in the second quarter to give Lenoir-Rhyne the lead for good as the Bears headed into intermission with a 14-7 advantage.

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Lenoir-Rhyne then blew the game open with touchdowns on its first three possessions of the second half capped off by a two-yard touchdown run from junior quarterback Miles Freeman (Sacramento, Calif.) on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The score was the second of the game for Freeman, who also finished with 89 yards rushing and 80 yards passing.

Newberry, which suffered its first loss of the season, scored its lone offensive touchdown in the fourth quarter when quarterback Raleigh Yeldell (Johnston, S.C.) found Byron Dickerson (Atlanta, Ga.) for a 25-yard touchdown reception with 9:50 remaining in the contest.

The Bears, who finished with 508 yards of total offense including 428 on the ground, are off to their best start since a 6-1 mark in 1994 and won the Bishops' Trophy for the third consecutive year.

On defense, Lenoir-Rhyne registered three quarterback sacks and was led by junior linebacker Tanner Botts (Lawrenceville, Ga.) with nine tackles and an interception. L-R also limited Newberry to just 275 yards of total offense.

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Started in 1987 by the ELCA, the Bishops Trophy is played between the two Lutheran schools in North and South Carolina.

Lenoir-Rhyne travels to Mars Hill, N.C., to take on Mars Hill in a South Atlantic Conference game next Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Newberry returns home to face 10th-ranked UNC Pembroke on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

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