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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (14-4, 9-4) stayed in the South Atlantic Conference race after coming out with a 66-65 win in overtime against Catawba (8-9, 6-7) Wednesday afternoon at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

L-R junior guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.), the league's top scorer, led the way with a game-high 29 points and hit four treys in the victory.

Freshman forward Morgan Cooper (Virginia Beach, Va.) added 11 points off the bench and forced overtime with a field goal with 12 seconds left in the second half for the Bears, who won their third straight game.

Catawba, despite the setback, received a double-double from Antionette McPhail (Timmons ville, S.C.). McPhail tallied 22 points and 12 rebounds including 20 points after intermission to help the Indians come back from a 16-point deficit to push the contest to the extra session.

Charles hit the opening field goal in overtime which proved to be the game-winner and finished with eight points in the third frame as the Bears improved to 9-1 in their last 10 contests.

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Catawba shot just 32 percent (22-of-69) for the game and suffered their fourth consecutive setback. L-R also showed good offensive balance with 10 players scoring on the night.

Lenoir-Rhyne wraps up its three-game homestand with a league contest with Brevard on Saturday beginning at 4:00 p.m. Catawba, meanwhile, returns home to face Carson-Newman in a South Atlantic Conference game on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

L-R Men Grind Out A 78-73 Overtime Win Against Catawba

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (9-8, 8-5) prevailed in overtime, 78-73, over Catawba (5-12, 5-8) Wednesday evening in a South Atlantic Conference game at Shuford Gymnasium.

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Senior forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) led the Bears in scoring for the second straight game, finishing with 15 points and was one of four players to score in double figures for Lenoir-Rhyne.

Senior guard R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.) added 14 points and sophomore forward Rob Noyes (Morganton, N.C.) tallied a double-double - 13 points and 10 rebounds - as the Bears improved to 7-0 at home this year.

Catawba's Vismantas Marijosius (Kendainiai, LITHUANIA) scored a game-high 17 points and Elon Edwards (Greenville, N.C.) added 14 points but the Indians suffered their fourth loss in their last five contests.

McClure hit the game-winning lay-up with 1:33 remaining in overtime for a 68-67 advantage while the field goal started a 6-0 run and the Bears never trailed again. The contest featured 12 ties and 15 lead changes.

Lenoir-Rhyne connected on 35-of-45 (78 percent) free throw attempts in the contest including 11-of-12 from the charity stripe in overtime. The Bears have also won 10 consecutive games at home dating back to last season.

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In the next slate of South Atlantic Conference games on Saturday, Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Brevard at 6:00 p.m., while Catawba returns home to take on Carson-Newman beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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