

Bobcats Drop Two at No. 20 Anderson

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The Lees-McRae softball team dropped a pair of shutout decisions in a nonconference battle against No. 20 Anderson, 8-0 and 10-0, Sunday afternoon at Smethers Field in Anderson, S.C.

The Trojans (2-0) used dominate pitching that didn't allow a hit in either game while earning their first wins of the season. The Bobcats (0-4) only saw one runner reach base in the second game.

In the opener, Katelynn Howser sparked a four-run second inning with a RBI single before Abby Child ripped a RBI single to extend the lead to 2-0.

Danielle Swygert squeaked a RBI single through the right side before Child stole home to cap off the inning.

In the third, AU duplicated its scoring attack with another four-spot. Junior Jessica Neidigh delivered a three-run bomb to stretch the lead to 7-0. Swygert added in a RBI double to cap off the scoring while the Trojans secured the victory.

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Charlie Dutton (0-2) (Monroe, Ga.) took the loss after allowing six runs in 2.1 innings of work.

Howser earned the win with four innings of no-hit ball while amassing four strikeouts.

In the second game, Molly Child blasted a two-run homer to give AU a 2-0 advantage in the first.

The Trojans struck for a pair of runs in the bottom of the third thanks to a two-run double from Charlotte Sieber.

AU exploded for six runs in the fourth when Carly Hudson connected on a two-run single up the middle. The big knock came off the bat of Courtney Czentnar, who roped a three-run blast to left.

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Rebecca Martin followed suit with a solo shot to push the lead to 10-0.

Celeste Sheppard (0-2) (East Julian, N.C.) drew the loss after allowing seven earned runs in three innings.

Lauren Rudesheim corralled the win after twirling four innings of no-hit ball.

The Bobcats return to action when they travel to Brevard, N.C. to play Brevard in a doubleheader Feb. 8 starting at 1 p.m.