The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (17-4, 12-4) stayed tied atop the South Atlantic Conference standings after picking up a 62-48 road win over Carson-Newman (12-10, 9-7) Saturday

afternoon at Holt Fieldhouse.

Senior guard Brittany Christian (Raleigh, N.C.) came off the bench to lead all scorers with 14 points for the Bears, who have won six consecutive contests and improved to 12-1 in their last 13 games.

All 10 players scored for Lenoir-Rhyne including eight points each from senior guard Krystal Patton (Chilhowie, Va.) and senior forwards Kierra Phillips (Gaffney, S.C.) and Nneka Awuruonye (Charlotte, N.C.).

The Bears limited the Eagles to just 30 percent shooting (16-of-53) for the game and avenged an earlier loss to Carson-Newman at home back in December. Lenoir-Rhyne also remained tied for first place in the conference standings with Wingate.

Carson-Newman's Lashawnda Peacher (Springfield, Tenn.) finished with a team-high 13 points but was the lone player to score in double figures for the Eagles.

The Bears closed the first half with an 8-2 run to take a 29-24 advantage into intermission. Lenoir-Rhyne then remained in the lead the rest of the way. Carson-Newman was trailing by a 49-42 score with 4:36 left but L-R responded with a 7-0 run started off by a trey from Patton to put the contest away.

The Eagles also hit just one-of-nine three-point attempts (11 percent) on the day and turned the ball over 21 times in suffering their fifth straight loss.

In the next slate of scheduled South Atlantic Conference games on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to face Newberry at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium while Carson-Newman plays Brevard in Brevard, N.C.

Eagles Clip Bears, 81-76

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (11-9, 10-6) used a late run but came up short in an 81-76 setback to Carson-Newman (14-6, 11-5) Saturday afternoon at the Holt Fieldhouse in a South Atlantic Conference game.

The Eagles' Ishmael Sanders (Cleveland, Tenn.) and Antoine Davis (Rustburg, Va.) combined for 50 points as Carson-Newman won its third straight game. Sanders totaled a game-high 30 points while Davis added 20 in the win.

Lenoir-Rhyne senior guards R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.) and Alex Watkins (Charlotte, N.C.) each scored 18 points but the Bears couldn't overcome a 50-31 deficit at halftime in seeing its four-game winning streak come to an end.

Sanders also hit all 13 free throw attempts in the contest as Carson-Newman was able to hold on for the win after leading by as many as 23 points at 58-35 with 16:57 remaining in the game.

Lenoir-Rhyne was able to cut the margin to 78-74 on a three-pointer by McClure with 39

seconds left but Carson-Newman iced the contest with three free throws including a pair by Davis.

The Eagles finished 26-of-30 (87 percent) from the free throw line and hit 60 percent (24-of-40) of their shots including 79 percent (15-of-19) in the first half and was able to avenge an earlier loss to the Bears back in December.

Lenoir-Rhyne connected on 12 treys, including five by McClure and four by Watkins, despite the loss. Senior guard Jarvis Perry (Willingboro, N.J.) added nine points and six assists as well for the Bears.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to take on Newberry in a league game Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., while Carson-Newman travels to Brevard, N.C., to face Brevard Wednesday beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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