

## L-R Women Clinch SAC Regular Season Title

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (22-5, 17-5) clinched its fourth South Atlantic Conference Regular Season Championship in school history with a 73-50 win over Mars Hill (8-18, 7-15) Saturday afternoon at Stanford Arena.

L-R junior guard Jenni Gust (Colfax, Wis.) led all scorers with 17 points as the Bears improved to 17-2 in their last 19 contests.

Lenoir-Rhyne, ranked No. 24 in NCAA Division II and once again the top team in the Southeast Region this week, also won the conference title in 2003-04, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

L-R junior guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.) added 13 points off the bench as the Bears swept the season series from the Lions and beat Mars Hill for the seventh straight time.

Mars Hill was led by Brittany Baker (Plainfield, N.J.) with 14 points but Lions' season came to an end after shooting just 31 percent (19-of-62) from the floor.

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L-R also controlled the boards with a 50-36 advantage in rebounding in the contest and broke the game open in the second half. Lenoir-Rhyne held a 31-26 advantage at halftime before pushing the lead to as many as 24 points late in the contest.

Lenoir-Rhyne will be the top seed in the 2014 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Women's Basketball Tournament and will host eighth-seeded Coker in the quarterfinal round on Wednesday at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium beginning at 6:00 p.m. The semifinals and finals of the tournament will take place on Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9, at Timmons Arena in Greenville, S.C.

## **Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Win Fifth Straight**

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Basketball Team (16-10, 15-7) closed out the regular season with its fifth straight win, 86-77 over Mars Hill (7-20, 5-17) Saturday afternoon at Stanford Arena in a South Atlantic Conference game.

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L-R senior guard R.J. McClure (Canton, N.C.), the team's leading scorer, once again led the way with 24 points as the Bears rallied from a 39-34 deficit at halftime to sweep the season series from the Lions.

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore guard Will Perry (Wake Forest, N.C.) added 17 points off the bench and connected on three treys while senior forward Allan Jones (Clemmons, N.C.) reached 1,000 points for his career.

Jones finished with nine points on the day and became the 52nd player in school history to score 1,000 points.

Mars Hill lost despite putting four players in double figures including Carter Wright (Roanoke, Va.) with a team-high 17 points.

Devonte Williams (Hampton, Va.) added 15 points but the Lions shot just 26 percent (six-of-23) from the three-point line in the losing effort.

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Lenoir-Rhyne finished 56 percent (32-of-57) from the field on the day while McClure was 11-of-13 from the charity stripe and the Bears scored 52 points after the break to rally for the win.

Lenoir-Rhyne will be the fourth seed in the 2014 Food Lion SAC Men's Basketball Tournament and will host No. 5 Newberry on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium. The semifinals and finals of the conference tournament will take place on Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9, at Timmons Arena in Greenville, S.C.

## **Catawba Baseball Sweeps Lenoir-Rhyne**

The Catawba Baseball Team (9-8, 5-3) swept a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader from Lenoir-Rhyne (4-14, 1-10), 6-4 and 5-1, Saturday afternoon at Bears Field.

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### Game One - Catawba 6, Lenoir-Rhyne 4

The Indians broke a four-all tie with two runs in the top of the ninth inning to pull out the win.

The Indians' Ethan Satterfield (Madison, N.C.) came through with the game-winning, run-scoring single in the frame. Satterfield finished with two hits and two RBI.

Lenoir-Rhyne rallied from a 3-0 deficit with four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning highlighted by a two-run single from junior outfielder Ivan Vieitez (Miami, Fla.). Vieitez finished with four hits and two runs batted in despite the loss.

However, Catawba tied the score at four with a sacrifice fly by Paul Kronenfeld (Greensboro, N.C.) in the top of the sixth before the Indians won the contest in the ninth.

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For the Indians, Shaefer Shepherd (Boca Raton, Fla.) (3-0) pitched three scoreless innings en route to the win while Ryan McClintock (Matthews, N.C.) pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his fifth save of the year. Lenoir-Rhyne junior Nick Flachofsky (Pfafftown, N.C.) fell to 1-2 on the year after suffering the loss.

### **Game Two - Catawba 5, Lenoir-Rhyne 1 (seven innings)**

Catawba's Craig Brooks (Monroe, N.C.) went the distance to lead the Indians to the sweep. Brooks (2-2) allowed just one run while striking out six batters in the victory.

Catawba's Keaton Hawks (Lexington, N.C.) opened the scoring in the third inning with an RBI single and the Indians never trailed in the contest. Malachi Hanes (Charlotte, N.C.) added a two-run single as well for Catawba.

Lenoir-Rhyne senior outfielder Mike Gasque (Mebane, N.C.) drove in the Bears' lone run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning while Vieitez (0-4) took the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne hits the road to take on Winston-Salem State on Tuesday beginning at 6:00 p.m., in Winston-Salem, N.C., while Catawba plays Belmont Abbey on the road Wednesday starting at 5:00 p.m.

## **Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Lacrosse Overwhelms Young Harris, 20-2**

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Lacrosse Team improved to 3-1 on the season after downing Young Harris (1-4), 20-2, Saturday afternoon at Mountain Lions Field.

L-R senior midfielder Hayley Beattie (Lebanon, N.J.) and junior midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) each scored four times as the Bears raced to a 15-1 lead at intermission and cruised to the win.

Beattie also added three assists as Lenoir-Rhyne scored 10 goals in the first 15 minutes of action.

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The Bears finished with a 40-5 advantage in shots taken and a 19-13 edge in ground balls in the victory over the Mountain Lions.

Lenoir-Rhyne also received two goals each from junior midfielder Katherine Henderson (Cookeville, Tenn.), sophomore midfielder Bailey Leonard (Cornelius, N.C.) and freshman defender Melissa Bechtel (Eldersburg, Md.) while senior Amanda Cotto (Fort Myers, Fla.) earned the win in goal.

For Young Harris, Jaclyn Kernohan (Whitby, Ontario, CANADA) scored both goals but goalkeeper Carter Moore (Columbus, Ga.) took the loss despite totaling 16 saves.

Lenoir-Rhyne next hosts Newberry on Monday, March 10, at 5:00 p.m., in a South Atlantic Conference match at Moretz Stadium. Young Harris hosts Wheeling Jesuit at Noon on Monday.

## **Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Lacrosse Wins Very First League Match**



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In its first-ever South Atlantic Conference match, the Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Lacrosse Team (2-2, 1-0) defeated Tusculum (3-1, 0-1) with relative ease, 20-3, Saturday afternoon at Pioneer Field.

L-R junior attacker Ned Kaish (Atlanta, Ga.) finished with three goals and two assists and 16 players for the Bears found the back of the net in the victory.

Lenoir-Rhyne was in control from start to finish, leading 8-1 at the break and scoring six goals in each of the third and fourth periods.

Lenoir-Rhyne redshirt freshman attacker Cole Abourjilie (Greensboro, N.C.) and senior midfielder Sam Ashton (New Market, Md.) both scored twice as well for the Bears, who held the advantage in shots taken (41-22) and ground balls (36-21) in the win.

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Tusculum, a first-year program, received goals from Jack Timerson (Newark, N.Y.), Mitch Chapman (Oshawa, Ontario, CANADA) and Ezra Carson (Worthington, Ohio).

Lenoir-Rhyne junior Alex Squires (Lawrenceville, Ga.) earned the win in goal but senior Steven McGhee (Durham, N.C.) totaled 10 saves in the second half for the Bears. For Tusculum, goalkeeper John Perrucci (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) suffered the loss despite making 11 saves on the day.

Lenoir-Rhyne returns home to host Mars Hill in a South Atlantic Conference match on Saturday, March 8, at Moretz Stadium beginning at 2:00 p.m. Tusculum hosts Post University on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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