

Drake, Rooney Help LMC Overpower Walsh

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Lees-McRae senior Katelin Rooney and sophomore Taylor Drake combined for nine goals while LMC cranked out 40 shots in a 16-7 nonconference win against Walsh on a blustery Thursday afternoon at Tate Field in Banner Elk, N.C.

The Bobcats (2-3) rebounded from a tough loss two days ago and jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first 5:58. The Cavaliers (0-1) hung tough behind a two-goal performance from Brianna Moss, but was unable to rebound from the early hole.

Drake (Jupiter, Fla.) netted a hat trick in the first 14 minutes of play, including a goal a mere 15 seconds into the contest. She'd finish the game with four.

Rooney (Naples, Fla.) retrieved a pass from Callie Gregg (Roanoke, Va.) before besting the Cavalier goalie to put LMC up 2-0.

Walsh would trim the deficit to three with two goals in a 43 second span, 5-2.

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Rooney notched the second of her game-high five goals with 9:14 remaining in the opening frame, 6-2.

The Cavaliers would out score LMC 3-1 to keep it interesting at the half, 7-5.

Walsh' Ivy Meloy tallied a goal 20 seconds into the second half to pull the visitors within one.

However, LMC responded with a four-goal outburst, two by Rooney, to push the lead to five, 11-6.

Five different Bobcats recorded a goal in the final 4:40 while LMC pulled away late.

Sophomore Mia Emmerson (Orlando, Fla.) put on a defensive performance with 10 saves while Julia Colburn (Mooresville, N.C.) frustrated the Cavalier offense with three forced turnovers

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while tallying a pair of goals.

LMC dominated in the groundball and shot category, 31-11 and 40-19, respectively.

Senior Nicole Dupont (Fort Meyers, Fla.) contributed three goals and three groundballs.

The Bobcats return to action March 13 when they welcome Belmont Abbey for a Conference Carolinas bout at 4 p.m.

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