

## L-R Eliminated by Armstrong Atlantic

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Basketball Team (24-7) saw its season come to an end with a 64-56 setback to Armstrong Atlantic State (20-7) Friday evening in the opening round of the 2014 NCAA Division II Southeast Region Tournament at Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.

Armstrong Atlantic, the eighth seed, will face fourth-seeded North Georgia (23-6) in the regional semifinals on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. North Georgia defeated Columbus State (19-8), the fifth seed, by an 85-83 score in overtime Friday as well.

The Pirates were led by Brigitta Barta (Budapest, Hungary) with a game-high 21 points off the bench while Armstrong Atlantic State limited Lenoir-Rhyne to just 26 percent shooting (19-of-72) in the contest en route to the upset win.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior guard Jazmine Charles (Lexington, N.C.), the Southeast Region Player Of The Year, finished with a team-high 19 points but was the lone player to score in double figures for the Bears. L-R is ranked No. 24 in NCAA Division II and entered the regional tournament as the top seed.

The Pirates also received 14 points from Bryonna Davis (Gary, Ind.) and rallied from an early nine-point deficit to advance to the semifinals.

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Armstrong Atlantic State held a 25-22 advantage at halftime and led by as many as 13 points in the second half en route to the win. Mauri Wells (Rome, Ga.) added six points and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds as the Pirates improved to 11-1 in their last 12 contests.

Junior guard Jenni Gust (Colfax, Wis.) scored eight points as well for the Bears, who shot just 46 percent (11-of-24) from the charity stripe in suffering their second straight loss. Lenoir-Rhyne also put together its eighth consecutive winning season and its 24 victories were the fourth-most in a single year in school history.

## **Lenoir-Rhyne Dealt Defeat To Brevard, 8-2**

The Brevard Baseball Team (10-13, 5-10) opened a South Atlantic Conference weekend series with an 8-2 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne (5-20, 2-12) Friday afternoon at Gil Coan Field.

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The Tornados took control early, scoring sixth runs in the bottom of the first inning en route the win. Brevard's Eric Renegar (Stuart, Va.) highlighted the frame with a two-run single.

Brevard's Chip Helton (Bostic, N.C.) and Brock Helton (Bostic, N.C.) both finished with three hits and a run batted in while six players drove in a least one run for the Tornados in the victory.

On the mound, Brevard's Kevin Hamilton (Kannapolis, N.C.) improved to 1-3 on the year after earning the win. Hamilton went the distance while allowing just one earned run to go along with eight strikeouts.

L-R senior outfielder Brandon Walker (Otisville, N.Y.) and senior first baseman Frank Poerio (Gibsonia, Pa.) each drove in a run despite the loss. Lenoir-Rhyne senior Eric Ryan (Baltimore, Md.) (1-3) suffered the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne and Brevard will resume the series with a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at Noon. The Tornados have beaten the Bears twice this year including a 6-2 non-conference

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triumph last Wednesday in 10 innings in Hickory, N.C.

### **No. 12 Queens Downs Lenoir-Rhyne, 15-9**

The Queens Women's Lacrosse Team (5-1, 2-0), ranked No. 12 in NCAA Division II, defeated Lenoir-Rhyne (4-2, 1-1), 15-9, in a South Atlantic Conference match Friday afternoon at the Dickson Field.

The Royals were led by Jena Ready (Charlotte, N.C.) and Nicole Forgione (Davidson, N.C.) with four goals each in the victory.

L-R sophomore midfielder Claire Wach (Cary, N.C.) finished with a match-high six goals while junior midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) added three goals in the losing effort.

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The Bears also saw their three-match winning streak come to an end in the setback to the Royals.

Queens forged to a 10-6 halftime lead and put the contest out of reach by scoring five of the first six goals in the second half. The Royals also held a 31-17 advantage in shots taken and a 22-16 edge in ground balls over the Bears.

Brittany Larranaga (Orlando, Fla.) scored three times for the Royals while Queens' Danielle Horoschak (Jarrettsville, Md.) picked up the win in goal as she finished with three saves.

In goal for Lenoir-Rhyne, senior Amanda Cotto (Fort Myers, Fla.) took the loss. L-R senior goalkeeper Ashley Gruning (Jackson, N.J.) stopped six shots as well.

Lenoir-Rhyne next faces Shepherd on Sunday in Shepherdstown, W.Va., on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Queens, meanwhile, hosts sixth-ranked West Chester on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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