

Strong Pitching Baffles Bobcats

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The Lees-McRae softball team ran into some tough pitching while dropping a doubleheader at Concord, 6-0 and 1-0, Wednesday afternoon at Concord

Softball Field in Athens, W. Va.

The Mountain Lions (16-6) earned their six wins in their last seven games. The Bobcats (4-22) was blanked in both contests and was able to muster five hits in 14 innings of action.

Game 1 – Concord 6, LMC 0

CU's Kristen Rose jumpstarted the Mountain Lion offense immediately with a leadoff single and stolen base in the bottom of the first. Rose would score on an RBI single from Lacy McDougall.

McDougall and Rose duplicated their first inning success when McDougall hit an RBI double to left before Alyssa Morris connected on an RBI double to make it 3-0 after three innings.

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Two RBI singles in the bottom of the fourth and an additional one in the bottom of the fifth concluded the scoring for the opener.

Freshman Taylor Billings (Sophia, N.C.) (2-2) took the loss after allowing five runs in four innings of work. Lori Fulmer (Prosperity, S.C.), Amanda Decker (Apex, N.C.) and Kendall Fowler (Buford, Ga.) recorded a hit for the Bobcats.

Game 2 – Concord 1, LMC 0

Freshman Celeste Sheppard (East Julian, N.C.) (1-10) was the tough luck loser in the second game after allowing the games' lone run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the third.

LMC managed two hits while Sheppard allowed eight hits and one earned run.

The Bobcats will play at home for the first time this season tomorrow at 3 & 5 p.m. at LMC Softball Field against Millersville.

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No. 14 Lenoir-Rhyne Defeats LMC, 20-3

Lees-McRae sophomore Schuylor Dickerson tallied a pair of goals, but No. 14 Lenoir-Rhyne used an eight-goal first period to hand LMC a 20-3 loss in nonconference men's lacrosse action Wednesday afternoon at Moretz Stadium in Hickory, N.C.

The Bears (5-2) had three players with at least three goals while holding a 47-30 groundball advantage. The Bobcats (0-7) had an impressive performance from sophomore Dustin Barrow (Columbia, S.C.), who won 10 face offs.

Four different L-R players registered a goal in the first 4:34 of play while Collier Stone recorded an assist and the first of his game-high five goals.

Dickerson (Crozet, Va.) corralled a pass from Louis Parks (Mays Landing, N.J.) before whipping a shot past Alex Squires at the 3:12 mark, 6-1.

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L-R's Cole Abourjilie scored consecutive goals in the last 95 seconds of the first period, 8-1.

Dickerson struck again with 11:42 remaining in the second period to cut the deficit to seven, 9-2.

The Bears ripped off a 10-0 run before a Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.) goal from Barrow snapped the skid at the 7:51 mark.

The Bobcat defense forced 16 turnovers while Treven Saliminen (Lynden, Wash.) paced the team with six groundballs. Junior Benjamin Shiflett (Clemmons, N.C.) earned eight saves.

LMC returns to action Saturday, March 22 in a Conference Carolinas contest at Mount Olive in Mount Olive, N.C.

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Rooney Notches Three, but LMC Falls

Lees-McRae senior Kaitlin Rooney recorded a hat trick, but Converse produced a strong second half to defeat LMC, 11-7, in Conference Carolinas play Wednesday afternoon at Tate Field in Banner Elk, N.C.

The Valkyries (4-6, 1-2 CC) earned their first conference win by not allowing a goal the first 17:38 of the second half along with a 4-0 run. The Bobcats (3-5, 0-3) have alternated wins and losses over their last five games.

Converse's Sydney Hickey spotted the visitors a 2-0 lead after a pair of goals in the first 6:02.

The Bobcats responded with a goal from Taylor Drake (Jupiter, Fla.) and Kirsten English (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) while Callie Gregg (Roanoke, Va.) notched an assist.

The Valkyries methodically stretched the lead to three, 5-2, following two Laura Starkes goals in

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the next four minutes.

LMC clawed back after Jenah Tracy (Naples, Fla.) and Rooney (Naples, Fla.) bested Converse's Alex Gurecki.

Rooney scored her second goal with five ticks on the clock in the first half.

Converse's defense buckled down while Emma Murphy paced the offense with two goals while the Valkyries stretched the lead to six, 11-5.

Gregg and Rooney recorded a goal at 12:22 and 7:48, respectively, but LMC was unable to complete the comeback.

Bobcat junior Ximena Dupont led both teams with five groundballs while Tracy fired a team-high six shots. Sophomore Mia Emmerson stopped 10 shots.

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LMC returns to action March 25 to battle Coker at 4 p.m. at Tate Field in Banner Elk, N.C.