

Charles Named Third-Team All-American

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Lenoir-Rhyne University's Jazmine Charles has been named to the 2013-14 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Basketball All-American Third Team.

Charles, a junior guard from Lexington, N.C., was recently named the South Atlantic Conference and Southeast Region Player Of The Year.

Charles finished the year ranked first on the team in scoring (17.4 ppg), rebounding (6.6 rpg) and three-pointers made (55) and led the Bears to a 24-7 record including a 17-5 mark in league play.

Lenoir-Rhyne also captured the South Atlantic Conference Regular Season Championship and hosted the NCAA Division II Southeast Region Tournament where the Bears were the top seed.

In addition, Charles became the 18th player in school history to score 1,000 points and ended the year ranked 13th on the Lenoir-Rhyne's all-time scoring list (1,114).

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The All-America teams are sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition. The team is voted on by the NCAA Division II members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (D2SIDA).

2013-14 Daktronics NCAA Division II

Women's Basketball All-American Teams

First Team

Kiara Wright, Tarleton State, Center, 6-1, Senior, Pittsburg, Texas*

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Megan Fogt, Hillsdale, Forward, 6-0, Junior, Anna, Ohio

Sharaya Selsor, Colorado Mesa, Guard, 5-9, Senior, Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Lauren Battista, Bentley, Forward, 6-0, Senior, North Easton, Mass.

Shareta Brown, Wayne State, Center, 6-1, Junior, Pontiac, Mich.

Second Team

Jada Blackwell, Cal Poly Pomona, Center, 6-1, Junior, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

Jeanette Anderson, Caldwell, Forward, 6-1, Senior, Lynn, Mass.

Carly Boag, Minot State, Forward, 6-2, Senior, Tamworth, Australia

Mimi Hill, North Georgia, Forward, 6-3, Junior, Gainesville, Ga.

Lexy Carson, West Virginia State, Guard, 5-8, Senior, Decatur, Ill.

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Third Team

Keuna Flax, Central Missouri, Forward, 5-11, Junior, Haltom City, Texas

Jazmine Charles, Lenoir-Rhyne, Guard, 5-9, Junior, Lexington, N.C.

Krystal Forthan, Academy of Art, Forward, 6-4, Sophomore, Portland, Ore.

Kristen Celsor, Harding, Forward, 6-0, Senior, Searcy, Ark.

Bobbi Knudsen, Montana State Billings, Guard, 5-8, Senior, Malta, Mont.

* = National Player Of The Year

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Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Sweeps Belmont Abbey

The No. 21 Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Team (25-6) swept Belmont Abbey (7-22), 7-5 and 5-1, in a doubleheader Monday afternoon at Bears Field. With the victory in the first contest, Shena Hollar earned her 600th win as Bear mentor.

Game One - Lenoir-Rhyne 7, Belmont Abbey 5

L-R sophomore designated player Ashley Oliver (Newton, N.C.) hit a walk-off, two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Bears claimed a dramatic victory.

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Belmont Abbey rallied from a 5-0 deficit with five runs in the top of the seventh inning before Oliver's heroics in the bottom of the frame.

Oliver finished with a game-high three runs batted in while senior second baseman Ciera Cockerham (Yadkinville, N.C.) added a solo home run for the Bears.

For Belmont Abbey, Shanie McConnell (Mount Holly, N.C.) hit a two-run double in the seventh inning but Nikki Faust (Concord, N.C.) (0-2) took the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore Brandi Hole (Sandy Ridge, N.C.) registered the final two outs to improve to 13-2 on the year.

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Game Two - Lenoir-Rhyne 5, Belmont Abbey 1

Oliver was one of three players to hit home runs for the Bears while Hole (14-2) threw a one-hit complete game to go along with 10 strikeouts as Lenoir-Rhyne completed the sweep.

Oliver's solo home run gave the Bears the lead for good in the second inning while junior pinch hitter Katie Carpenter (Newton, N.C.) and senior shortstop Jody Mizelle (Colerain, N.C.) hit back-to-back round-trippers in the bottom of the sixth as part of a four-run frame.

McConnell walked with the bases loaded in the seventh inning to drive in the Crusaders' only run while Catelyn Presley (Charlotte, N.C.) (3-9) suffered the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne travels to Wingate, N.C., to face Wingate in a league doubleheader Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Belmont Abbey hosts King in a doubleheader beginning at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday.

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Lenoir-Rhyne Finishes 18th At The Pinehurst Women's Golf Challenge

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Golf Team finished 18th overall at the Pinehurst Challenge, hosted by Wingate, which concluded Tuesday at the National Golf Club.

L-R shot a 780 (+204) on the par-72, 5,840-yard course while 15th-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State won the tournament with a 638 (+62).

In addition, Armstrong Atlantic State had the top individual in Jenna Birch, who carded a 154 (+10) for the two days.

Lenoir-Rhyne was led by freshman Evelyn Stein (Statesville, N.C.), who tied for 62nd overall

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with a 184 (+40).

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Golf Team next competes in the Agnis McAmis Intercollegiate on April 7 and 8 in Greeneville, Tenn.

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Par: 72 Yards: 5,840

1. Armstrong Atlantic State 638 (+62)

2. Lee 665 (+89)

3. USC Beaufort 666 (+90)

4. UNC Pembroke 669 (+93)

5. Wingate 670 (+94)

6. Queens 684 (+108)

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7. Coker 694 (+118)

8. Barton 700 (+124)

9. Limestone 701 (+125)

10. King 703 (+127)

11. Lincoln Memorial 704 (+128)

12. Converse 709 (+133)

13. Anderson 715 (+139)

14. Catawba 717 (+141)

15. Tusculum 724 (+148)

16. Pfeiffer 755 (+179)

17. Mars Hill 771 (+195)

18. Lenoir-Rhyne 780 (+204)

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Lenoir-Rhyne's Individuals

62t. Evelyn Stein 184 (+40)

74t. Temple Cook 193 (+49)

78t. Elizabeth Ewing 195 (+51)

88. Jana Morehart 213 (+69)

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