

Five Bobcats Drops Heartbreaker at Converse

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Five different LMC women's tennis players earned a win, but LMC fell in a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to Converse in Conference Carolinas action Tuesday

afternoon in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Valkyries (3-12, 1-3 CC) gutted out three set victories at No. 1 and 2 singles while claiming an intense point at No. 3 doubles. The Bobcats (1-12, 0-6) hung tough and swiped wins at the No. 4-6 single slots.

Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) and Hillary Lutz (Shelby, N.C.) put the Bobcats up early with an 8-6 win at No. 1 doubles.

The Valkyries earned a crucial point when they eked out a 9-7 win at No. 3 doubles.

Taylor Bost (Jefferson, Ga.) made short work of Samantha Sheffield at No. 4 singles, 6-3, 6-0.

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Amanda Chapman (Sunderland, Md.) duplicated Bost' success with a 6-1, 6-0 victory at No. 5 singles.

Jordan Mayer (Timberlake, N.C.) continued her solid freshman campaign when she grinded out a 6-2, 7-6, win at No. 6 singles.

Wohlers dropped a three-set thriller against Marisa Esformes at No. 1 singles while Lutz suffered the same fate despite taking the first set in No. 2 singles play.

LMC will play its third match in four days when it welcomes Belmont Abbey to Banner Elk, N.C. Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

LMC Falls to No. 3 Limestone, 22-4

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Lees-McRae freshman Louis Parks tallied two goals and an assist, but LMC fell to No. 3 Limestone, 22-4, in Conference Carolina play Tuesday afternoon at Tate Field in Banner Elk, N.C.

The Saints (11-1, 2-0 CC) had a trio of players notch hat tricks while Kyle Rhatigan chipped in a game-high three assists. The Bobcats (0-10, 0-3) forced 11 turnovers while goalie Benjamin Shifflett (Clemmons, N.C.) amassed 11 saves.

LC's Brendan Shea led both squads with six goals and nine shots. The Saints' Todd Nakasuji, Shea and Rhatigan jump started the LC offense while it sprinted out a 9-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of play.

Sophomore Nick Meyer(St. Louis, Mo.) snagged a pass from Parks and buried it to put LMC on the board with 4:12 remaining in the opening quarter.

LC responded with a 9-0 run, while Shea and Nick Schmell netted two goals apiece over the next 15 minutes.

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Freshman Treven Salminen(Lynden, Wash.) showed why he's a part of the Finnish National Team with a nifty move to best LC's Dustyn Lyons at the 7:37 mark of the third quarter.

Dustin Barrow(Columbia, S.C.) found Parks with 3:14 left in the game before Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.) duplicated his teammates' success with an assist on Parks second goal in the waning seconds of the game.

11 different Saints recorded a goal while holding a slim advantage in ground balls (23-17).

Sophomore Alex Poole (Winston-Salem, N.C.) led the team with three groundballs. LMC will travel to Rome, Ga. to battle Shorter April 5 at 1 p.m.