

## **No.18 L-R Sweeps Coker, 7-0 And 6-4**

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Team (29-8, 9-3), ranked No. 18 in NCAA Division II, swept Coker (15-18, 4-8) in a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader, 7-0 and 6-4, Wednesday afternoon at Bears Field.

### **Game One - Lenoir-Rhyne 7, Coker 0**

L-R sophomore Maryann Hoskins (Havelock, N.C.) threw a two-hit shutout and improved to 13-5 on the year with the win.

Hoskins struck out 10 batters for her seventh shutout on the season and the Bears scored all seven of their runs in the third inning.

The frame was highlighted by two-run doubles from senior outfielder Brittany Coursen (Virginia Beach, Va.) and freshman catcher Sarah Kenley (Charlotte, N.C.).

Coker's Lauren Phillips (Columbia, S.C.) fell to 8-8 on the year after suffering the loss.

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Senior shortstop Jody Mizelle (Colerain, N.C.) led the way offensively for the Bears with three hits and a run scored.

### **Game Two - Lenoir-Rhyne 6, Coker 4**

Mizelle and sophomore outfielder Ashley Oliver (Newton, N.C.) both hit home runs as the Bears held on to complete the doubleheader sweep.

Trailing 6-1 in the sixth inning, Coker cut the advantage to 6-4 on home runs by Sydney Weatherford (Scranton, S.C.) and Tayler Barcomb (St. George, S.C.) but Hoskins closed the door for the Bears.

Hoskins retired the final five batters with four coming on strikeouts for her first save of the year. L-R sophomore Brand Hole (Sandy Ridge, N.C.) (16-3) earned the win.

Oliver led the way with three hits and four runs batted in as Lenoir-Rhyne pushed its winning streak to four games.

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For Coker, Weatherford finished with three runs batted in while freshman Tabitha Allen (Williamston, S.C.) fell to 4-5 with the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains at home to face King in a non-conference doubleheader tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. Coker next hosts Brevard in a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

## **Belmont Abbey Women's Lacrosse Outlasts Lenoir-Rhyne, 19-17**

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Lacrosse Team (7-6) fell to Belmont Abbey (8-3) by a 19-17 score Wednesday afternoon at Moretz Stadium.

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The Crusaders' Katy Connery (Long Beach, N.Y.) led the way with a match-high nine goals as Belmont Abbey snapped a two-match losing streak.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) scored four times while sophomore midfielder Claire Wach (Cary, N.C.) added three goals and an assist in the losing effort.

Connery broke a 16-16 tie with the match-winning goal at the 6:35 mark of the second half.

Kassie Easter (Parker, Colo.) finished with four goals and Shanin Darley (Oviedo, Fla.) totaled three goals and four assists as well for the Crusaders.

Lenoir-Rhyne, who held a 32-29 advantage in shots taken despite the loss, rallied from a three-goal deficit midway through the second half to tie the contest but Belmont Abbey prevailed.

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In goal, Belmont Abbey's Natasha Whitman (Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA) earned the win after stopping a pair of shots while Lenoir-Rhyne senior Amanda Cotto (Fort Myers, Fla.) suffered the loss.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains at home to face Mount Olive on Senior Day Sunday afternoon at Moretz Stadium beginning at 3:00 p.m. Belmont Abbey plays Limestone on the road Saturday in Gaffney, S.C., at Noon.

## **Queens Men's Lacrosse Upends Lenoir-Rhyne, 13-9, In Conference Showdown**

The Queens Men's Lacrosse Team (7-4, 4-1) moved into a first-place tie in the South Atlantic Conference standings with a 13-9 triumph Wednesday afternoon over 12th-ranked Lenoir-Rhyne (7-3, 4-1).

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Matthew Michael (Easton, Pa.) and Casey Hock (Danville, Calif.) both scored three goals as Queens climbed into a first-place tie in the conference standings with Lenoir-Rhyne and Catawba.

Senior midfielders Sam Ashton (New Market, Md.) and Imari Davis (San Marcos, Calif.) both scored twice for the Bears, who saw their six-match winning streak come to an end.

Queens held a 6-5 advantage early in the second period before taking control with five consecutive goals capped off by a score from Garrett Chan (Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada).

Queens, who held a 44-33 advantage in shots taken and a 30-26 edge in ground balls, never let Lenoir-Rhyne get within four goals the rest of the way.

Queens' goalkeeper, Eric Dolan (Hopkinton, Mass.), picked up the victory after making 16 saves on the day.

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Ashton added three assists while junior goalkeeper Alex Squires (Lawrenceville, Ga.) took the loss for the Bears. Lenoir-Rhyne senior Steven McGhee (Durham, N.C.) stopped 10 shots in goal as well.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains on the road to face Brevard in a South Atlantic Conference match on Saturday in Brevard, N.C., beginning at 3:00 p.m. Queens hosts Tusculum in a league match Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

**Photo Courtesy: Maryann Hoskins, L-R Athletics**