

## LMC Sports Round Up....

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**Terrific Trio!....**Senior Katelin Rooney made her final home game one for the ages while she dominated with five goals, 10 groundballs and 16 draw controls in a 19-10 victory against Chowan on Senior Day Saturday afternoon at Tate Field in Banner Elk, N.C.

The Bobcats (5-6) cranked out 43 shots for the second consecutive game while combining for 40 goals in their two-game win streak. The Hawks (3-8) saw a pair of players with four-goal performances while scooping 30 groundballs.

A trio of Bobcats tallied a goal in the first five minutes before CU responded three goals over the next 11 minutes to make it 5-3 LMC.

Sophomore Taylor Drake (Jupiter, Fla.) and Rooney (Naples, Fla.) alternated the next four goals while LMC extended its lead to six, 9-3.

Drake tallied five goals and notched an assist on the day.

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The Hawks used a pair of goals from Mackenzie Reid to spark a 4-1 run while LMC clung to a 10-7 lead.

Drake found Ximena Dupont (Fort Meyers, Fla.) in front of the net at the 22:42 mark before Jenah Tracy (Naples, Fla.) recorded a goal with 20:26 remaining.

Tracy notched three of her five goals in a 6:32 span to push the lead to eight, 17-9.

Drake and Callie Gregg (Roanoke, Va.) sealed the victory with goals at the 5:23 and 4:16 mark, respectively.

LMC scooped 40 groundballs in the victory while Mia Emmerson (Orlando, Fla.) racked up four saves.

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Senior Nicole Dupont (Fort Meyers, Fla.) scooped three groundballs and earned an assist.

The Bobcats look to push their streak to three with a trip to Due West, S.C. to battle Erskine in a CC tilt Monday at 4 p.m.

### **Track & Field Impresses at DI-Heavy VertKlasse Meet**

Six Lees-McRae Track & Field performers notched top Division II results while participating at the High Point VertKlasse Meeting at Dick Vert Stadium in High Point, N.C.

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Senior Evan Webb (Salisbury, N.C.) continued his winning ways with a win in the pole vault after clearing 4.87 meters. Webb earned a 13th place finish in the javelin with a heave of 45.01 meters, which was tops for all DII competitors.

Fellow Bobcat Joshua Godwin (Pleasant Grove, N.C.) earned a top-20 finish in the javelin when he claimed 18th with a distance of 40.03 meters. Ryan Trask (Cobleskill, N.Y.) finished one spot behind Godwin with a throw of 39.32 meters.

Junior Rachelle Cleveland (Moyock, N.C.) was the top DII finisher in the field in the javelin and shot put. Cleveland impressed while finishing 5th in the javelin after a throw of 35.29 meters. Freshman Jessica Hattabaugh (Hamilton, Mass.) finished 12th after turning in a distance of 26.67 meters. Cleveland would earn a 15th place finish in the shot put with a distance of 10.89 meters.

Freshman Erin Bingham (Jefferson, N.C.) completed the 100-meter hurdles in 15.05 seconds, good for 19th and the best time for DII attendees. Dual athlete Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.J.) was 23rd with a time of 15.28.

Thornton finished 13th in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.34.

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Freshman Kayla Powell (Moyock, N.C.) used a throw of 10.35 meters to earn a 19th place finish in the shot put. Later, she would top the DII field in the discus after a heave of 33.91 meters.

LMC will travel to Greensboro, N.C. to participate in the Aggie Invitational next weekend.

### **Men's Lacrosse Drops Road Game at Shorter**

The Lees-McRae men's lacrosse team dropped a 21-2 decision to Shorter in a nonconference game Saturday afternoon at Ben Brady Field in Rome, Ga.

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The Shorthawks (5-7) had a trio of players record a hat trick while Matt Kristiansen led the way with five goals. The Bobcats (0-11) forced 16 turnovers.

Kristiansen and Kyle VanKauwenberg did most of the damage early on while combining for five goals and an assist as SU led 7-0 halfway through the second quarter.

LMC's Dalton Lamb (Clemmons, N.C.) put his squad on the board with an unassisted goal at the 6:12 mark in the second quarter.

The Shorthawks responded with a 13-0 run while nine different players notched a goal.

Zachery Dirkse and James VandenBrink combined for 12 shots and six goals in the contest.

The Bobcats' Nick Meyer (St. Louis, Mo.) found the back of the net with 4:59 remaining the

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contest following a pass from Dominick Hamilton (Beech Mountain, N.C.).

Junior Benjamin Shifflett (Clemmons, N.C.) earned 18 saves on the day while SU held the groundball advantage, 33-10.

The Bobcats welcome Mars Hill in their last home game of the year on Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m. at Tate Field.

### **Barton Blanks Bobcats, 9-0**

The Lees-McRae women's tennis team suffered a 9-0 setback to Barton in Conference Carolinas play at the LMC Tennis Courts in Banner Elk, N.C.

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The Bulldogs (12-5, 5-3 CC) notched their fourth consecutive victory, including three by shutout. The Bobcats (1-13, 0-7) were unable to claim a point despite strong play from Hillary Lutz.

BC took the No. 2 and 3 doubles by an identical 8-4 score.

Lutz (Shelby, N.C.) battled Ananya Sarkar in No. 2 singles play, but fell 6-2, 6-3.

Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) dropped a 6-3, 6-2 decision at No. 1 singles.

LMC welcomes Belmont Abbey Thursday, April 10 in a CC tilt starting at 3:30 in Banner Elk, N.C.



### Erskine Spoils Bobcats' Senior Day

Seniors Matt Harpenau and Kevin Morrison made the most of their final home game while each accumulated double-digit kills, but LMC fell short in a tightly-contested battle against Erskine, 25-23, 24-26, 22-25, 24-26, on Senior Day Saturday afternoon at Williams Gymnasium in Banner Elk, N.C.

The Flying Fleet (19-6, 12-2 CC) proved why they are the No. 1 seed in the Conference Carolinas Men's Volleyball Tournament while it hit progressively better in each set. The Bobcats (12-15, 4-10) hit a match-best .381 in the second set after honoring seven seniors prior to the game.

Freshman John Sobel (Holbrook, N.Y.) fired up the home crowd with consecutive aces while LMC sprinted out to a 9-4 lead in the opening set.

EC's Michael Michelau and Corey Marks teamed up to help produce an 8-3 run to tie it at 12.

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Harpenau (Cincinnati, Ohio), Sobel and Randy Ramirez (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico) clamped down while LMC responded with an 8-4 spurt, forcing a Flying Fleet timeout.

EC would cut the deficit to one following consecutive LMC attack errors, but Sobel smashed home one of his seven kills to give LMC the set.

Sobel finished the match with three aces, eight digs and two block assists.

Senior John Lucas (Cincinnati, Ohio) delivered a kill to make to cut the LMC deficit to one, 12-11, in the second set.

EC's Neal Stanley chipped in with a kill to push the Flying Fleet lead to four, 20-16.

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The Bobcats methodically clawed back into it while a Ramirez and Josh Cothron (Bradenton, Fla.) block knotted it at 23.

Harpenau tied it at 24 with one of his team-high 24 kills. However, the Flying Fleet claimed the next two points to knot the bout at one set each.

Harpenau swung at an impressive .349 clip and led both teams with eight block assists.

The senior would continue his solid play with a trio of kills to fuel a 7-1 run while LMC held a 15-11 lead in the third.

EC bounced back with a 9-2 run while Roberto Perez Vargas added two of his match-high 25 kills, forcing a LMC timeout.

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The Flying Fleet would hold the Bobcats at arm's length to win the third.

Much like the previous three sets, LMC grabbed an 11-7 lead.

A Nathan Camnitz kill tied it at 19. EC used a 5-1 run to put LMC on the brink, 24-20.

Coach Dave Schmidlin's squad proved resilient by tying it at 24 following a kill and block assist from Lucas.

EC would take the next two points while hitting at a .371 clip.

Ramirez finished the game with 47 assists and a solo block.

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The Bobcats will face Mount Olive Wednesday at 7 p.m. in a Conference Carolinas Quarterfinals matchup in Mount Olive, N.C.

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