

LMC Softball Eliminated By Top-Seeded Limestone

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Lees-McRae senior Jessica Smith capped off her career with a two-hit performance while No. 8 LMC fell victim to No. 1 Limestone, 5-1, in the Conference Carolinas Softball Tournament Saturday afternoon at Springwood Park in Burlington, N.C.

The Saints (30-17) were powered by Leea Polin, who connected on two solo blasts, and defeated LMC for the fourth consecutive time in the last two weeks. The Bobcats (9-37) saw their top three hitters register a hit while four seniors played their final game in a Bobcat uniform.

LMC threatened in the first when Sarah Stallings (Greensboro, N.C.) and Valerie Hickey (Umatilla, Fla.) used back-to-back singles to open the frame, but the Bobcat offense was unable to push across a run.

Coach Merritt Yackey's squad would take a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when First-Team All-Conference catcher Sadie Lagle (Harmony, N.C.) roped a RBI double to left, plating Hickey.

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LC used three singles in the bottom of the third, including a run-scoring bloop to right field by Bailie Maybry to tie it at one.

Polin connected on her first homer of the day with a blast in the bottom of the fourth.

The Saints stretched the lead to two when Ashley Cox drove in Paige Bolding with a single. Bolding opened the frame with a leadoff triple.

Polin smacked her second round tripper to lead off the bottom of the sixth before Cox struck again for a RBI single to cap off the scoring.

Smith (Gastonia, N.C.) doubled in her last at-bat as a Bobcat.

Taylor Wigmore went the distance in the win and scattered six hits while striking out five.

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Celeste Sheppard (East Julian, N.C.) took the loss after allowing two earned runs in four innings of work.

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