

## LMC Women's Soccer Hosting Nine Games

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The Lees-McRae women's soccer team will host nine matches during the 2014 slate, announced head coach Nick Whiting Wednesday afternoon. The three-time defending Conference Carolinas regular season champions look for the rare four-peat behind senior goalie Kaitlyn Briggs (Oviedo, Fla.). Whiting's squad will consist of

11 upperclassmen, including five returners who received all-conference accolades in 2013.

The Bobcats open their season at North Georgia at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 and look to exact revenge from a 1-0 loss last season. LMC will trek to St. Augustine, Fla. to battle Flagler (Sept. 12) and Tampa (Sept. 14) before opening conference play at Erskine (Sept. 20) and CC newcomer Southern Wesleyan (Sept. 24).

Whiting's team will enjoy its next six matches at the friendly confines of Tate Field while welcoming Pfeiffer (Sept. 27) for LMC's home opener.

The Bobcats will step out of conference to take on Mars Hill (Sept. 29) and Tusculum (Oct. 1). They finish up the homestand with three consecutive matches against CC opponents, which includes Mount Olive (Oct. 4), Limestone (Oct. 8) and Converse (Oct. 11).

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LMC wraps up its nonconference slate when it travels to Catawba (Oct. 15) before making the two-hour trip to Belmont Abbey (Oct. 18). The Bobcats battle North Greenville (Oct. 22) at home before concluding their road portion of the season at Barton (Oct. 25).

The team welcomes King (Tenn.) (Oct. 28) before wrapping up the regular season against CC newcomer Emmanuel (Nov. 1).

“We are looking forward to the upcoming 2014 season. We will have an exciting blend of youth and experience as we return a very talented group to go along with a lot of potential in our incoming class,” said Whiting. “Conference Carolinas continues to getting stronger and stronger and to prepare ourselves for that, we have put together one of the most strenuous non-conference schedules in my time here. I know that the team is up for it and we look forward to getting back out on the pitch.”

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