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The Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Team (35-10, 13-5), ranked No. 19 in NCAA Division II, swept a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader from Mars Hill (22-18, 6-12), 9-1 and 9-6, on Senior Day Saturday

afternoon at Bears Field.

Game One - Lenoir-Rhyne 9, Mars Hill 1 (five innings)

The Bears used a five-run fifth inning to run-rule the Lions in the first game of the doubleheader.

Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore Maryann Hoskins (Havelock, N.C.) improved to 18-6 on the year after allowing just one unearned run while striking out six batters and senior third baseman Haily Jarman (Wadesboro, N.C.) finished with two hits and three runs batted in to lead the Bears on offense.

L-R freshman outfielder Dakota Keller (Mooresboro, N.C.) ended the game with an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth inning.

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For Mars Hill, Jamie Hockaday (Butner, N.C.) drove in the Lions' only run while Shelby Culler (Conway, S.C.) fell to 3-5 after suffering the loss.

Game Two - Lenoir-Rhyne 9, Mars Hill 6

Lenoir-Rhyne senior Jody Mizelle (Colerain, N.C.) broke a 2-2 tie with a grand slam in the bottom of the fourth inning and the Bears held on to earn the sweep over the Lions.

Mars Hill cut the lead to 9-6 thanks to home runs by Aleshia Peek (Asheville, N.C.) and Erin Vickery (Roswell, Ga.) in the top of the seventh inning but Hoskins struck out the final batter in relief to preserve the win.

Mizelle finished with a game-high five runs batted in while sophomore Brandi Hole (Sandy Ridge, N.C.) improved to 17-4 on the year after picking up the win. Mars Hill's Jamie Booze (Salisbury, N.C.) fell to 8-3 after suffering the loss.

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Lenoir-Rhyne faces Queens in a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader on Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C., beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Bears Wins Fifth Straight On Senior Day

The Lenoir-Rhyne Baseball Team (16-28, 10-18) pushed its winning streak to a season-high five games in a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader sweep of Mars Hill (16-26, 9-15), 6-1 and 4-0, Saturday afternoon on Senior Day at Bears Field.

Game One - Lenoir-Rhyne 6, Mars Hill 0

Lenoir-Rhyne senior Eric Ryan (Baltimore, Md.) pitched into the seventh inning while allowing just one run and junior outfielder Ivan Vieitez (Miami, Fla.) hit a two-run home run as part of a four-run first inning as the Bears prevailed in the first contest of the day.

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Ryan improved to 2-4 on the season after scattering eight hits to go along with three strikeouts and junior second baseman Brantley Rumford (Rock Hill, S.C.) totaled three hits and two runs scored in the victory for the Bears.

Mars Hill's David King (Orlando, Fla.) drove in the Lions' lone run of the contest while Dale Innes (Asheville, N.C.) fell to 4-4 on the year after suffering the loss.

Mars Hill also finished with 12 hits in the game but left 10 men on base and scored just one run in the setback.

Game Two - Lenoir-Rhyne 4, Mars Hill 0

Vieitez (4-5) threw his second shutout on the year, a seven-hitter, to go along with four strikeouts as the Bears completed the sweep of the Lions.

Lenoir-Rhyne senior outfielder Brandon Walker (Otisville, N.Y.) hit an RBI double in the first inning before sophomore shortstop Matthew De La Rosa (Austin, Texas) added a two-run single in the fourth frame to lead the Bears offensively.

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Mars Hill's Caleb Edwards (Winston-Salem, N.C.) also went the distance despite the loss. Edwards (5-4) allowed three earned runs in addition to four strikeouts in the losing effort.

Lenoir-Rhyne hosts Limestone at Bears Field on Tuesday beginning at 6:00 p.m.,

Lenoir-Rhyne Track Competes At Beynon Classic

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Teams competed Saturday at the Beynon Sports Catamount Classic on the campus of Western Carolina University.

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Lenoir-Rhyne placed second out of 14 schools on the women's side with 33 points while the Bears were fifth out of 12 schools in the men's competition (45.5 points).

Western Carolina was first in both the men's and women's standings with 326 and 415 points, respectively.

L-R freshman Morgan Cooper (Virginia Beach, Va.) broke the school record in the women's long jump (17'11") en route to a second-place finish.

On the men's side, junior Jarrod Spears (Bunnlevel, N.C.) finished third in the 200-meter dash (21.94) while freshman Sterling Jones (Winston-Salem, N.C.) placed third overall in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.39 seconds.

In addition, junior Latham York (Huntersville, N.C.) was fourth in the men's hammer throw (138'9") and freshman Myles Braswell-Sample (Durham, N.C.) placed fifth overall in the men's shot put (42'8").

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Lenoir-Rhyne also had a couple of sixth-place finishes - sophomore Victor Brannan (Powder Springs, Ga.) in the men's long jump (21'11") and York in the javelin throw (145'22").

Finally, the women's 1,600-meter relay team - consisting of freshmen Farrah Young (Hickory, N.C.) and Brooke Robinson (Newton, N.C.) and sophomores Vertrice Wilson (Carrollton, Ga.) and Jordan Hiatt (Mount Airy, N.C.) - ran a school-record time of 4:14.29 for the Bears.

Lenoir-Rhyne next hosts the first-ever South Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the Irwin Belk Track and the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex on Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19.

L-R Women's Lacrosse Downs Catawba In Regular Season Finale

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Lacrosse Team (10-7, 5-1) ended the regular season with a 19-7 win over Catawba (7-8, 3-3) Saturday afternoon in a South Atlantic Conference contest at Shuford Stadium.

L-R junior midfielder Lauren Donovan (Hollywood, Md.) and sophomore midfielder Claire Wach (Cary, N.C.), the team's top two scorers, each finished with a match-high five goals to lead the Bears to the win.

Donovan added three assists and junior midfielder Sarah Gioconda (Apex, N.C.) scored three times as the Bears was dominant throughout the match, holding a 47-14 edge in shots taken and winning their fourth consecutive league contest.

Meredith Jones (Barnesville, Md.) scored three goals and added an assist for the Indians in the losing effort. Bethany Davis (Salisbury, Md.) took the setback in goal despite making 17 saves on the day.

For Lenoir-Rhyne, senior Amanda Cotto (Fort Myers, Fla.) played a little over a half and earned the victory. Cotto stopped four shots while the Bears also held the edge in ground balls (29-23).

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Lenoir-Rhyne finished runner-up in the league standings and will be the second seed in the 2014 Food Lion SAC Women's Lacrosse Tournament.

The semifinals take place on Friday and the Bears face third-seeded Newberry in Charlotte, N.C., on the campus of Queens University. Catawba, the fourth seed in the tournament, will take on top-seeded Queens on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

L-R Men's Lacrosse Win First-Ever SAC Regular Season Title

The 15th-ranked Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Lacrosse Team (9-3, 6-1) earned a share of the first-ever South Atlantic Conference Regular Season Championship after defeating Catawba (6-7, 4-3), 14-8, Saturday night at Shuford Stadium.

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Senior midfielder Sam Ashton (New Market, Md.) scored a match-high four goals for Lenoir-Rhyne, who earned a share of the league title with Queens.

L-R junior attacker Jay Goldsmith (Jamestown, N.C.) added two goals and an assist and senior midfielder Tyler Kotch (Butler, Pa.) tallied a goal and three assists in the victory as well.

Catawba's Adam Hebert (Charlotte, N.C.), who scored twice, cut the lead to 8-7 with a goal with 1:13 remaining in the third period but the Bears ended the contest on a 6-1 run. Ashton scored the final three goals of the match.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior goalkeeper Alex Squires (Lawrenceville, Ga.) earned the victory after making 12 saves on the night.

Alex Dantzler (Holly Springs, N.C.) added two goals and an assist for Catawba, who lost despite holding a 49-33 edge in shots taken. Pete Wesselman (Charlotte, N.C.) suffered the loss in goal for Catawba despite stopping eight shots.

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Lenoir-Rhyne is the No. 2 seed in the 2014 Food Lion SAC Men's Lacrosse Tournament and will take on third-seeded Mars Hill in the semifinals on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C., on the campus of Queens University

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