

Hartsell takes first overall at Patsy Rendleman Invitational

Lady Bears place second in team standings

SALISBURY, N.C. – It came down to the final hole for senior Abbey Hartsell, and the Bethlehem, N.C. native knocked in a birdie on hole 18 to claim the individual tournament title, pushing the Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Golf Team to a second-place finish at the Patsy Rendleman Invitational on Tuesday, October 9.

The Bears scored 292-293-585 as a team for the two-day event.

Hartsell was crowned individual champion, scoring 69-71-140 for the tournament and was followed closely behind by sophomore Megan Robb, who finished T-6th with a score of 70-74-144 on the scorecard. Junior Ainee O'Connor kept pace from Monday, finishing with her third consecutive top-20 performance, finishing T-17th with a consistent 75-75-150 for the tournament. Senior Chelsea Mansel improved seven strokes on the second day, finishing 80-73-153. Completing Lenoir-Rhyne's top-five, freshman Patricia Asensio recorded

her two-day stint with a 78-86-164 score. Following up on the hole-breakdown from yesterday's action, Robb continued her elite play on par-3 holes going 2-under on the day in that category, which is second overall in the field. Hartsell found herself in elite company when looking at the holes in the par-4 categories. She managed to be second in the field with a 2-under mark for the tournament. Finally, when looking at the par-5 category, Robb was tied for second, 5-under in the most challenging holes on the golf course.

A couple streaks are in play for the Bears after today. First, Hartsell and Robb both finished in the top-10 and O'Connor in the top-20 for the second-straight tournament appearance. This was Hartsell's third overall tournament victory in her last two seasons and Robb finished T-6th for the second-straight tournament.

Limestone College won the tournament overall by four strokes, 285-295-581.



HARTSELL LEADS LADY BEARS - Bethlehem's Abbey Hartsell drained a birdie putt on the 18th hole to secure the individual title at the Patsy Rendleman Invitational in Salisbury. The Lady Bears managed to place second in the team standings with a total of 585. Hartsell fired scores of 69 and 71 in the two day event to finish with a 36-hole total of 140. The victory was the third for Hartsell in the last two seasons. She is a senior member of the LRU team. (Courtesy LRU Athletics).



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS HONORS AUDITIONS - These WAMS 7th and 8th grade students auditioned for a place in the NC Middle School Chorus on Friday, September 28 in Hickory, NC. Macy Johnson will go on to represent West Alexander Middle School at the North Carolina Music Educators Association conference with others from across the state who placed into the chorus. The concert will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Pictured from the left are; back row: Rylan Austin, Nora Duggan, Macy Johnson, Abby Bumgarner. Middle row: Alyssa Ferrese, Sydney Trammell, Andrew Sturgill. Front row: Emma Moose, Jaylynn Dunford, and Alexis Adkins.

Woodring signs Letter of Intent with Bears

HICKORY, N.C. – The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Soccer Team has paired with Team Impact and signed an additional member to their 2019 recruiting class in a very special way. Thirteen-year old Jillian Woodring, a native of Taylorsville, N.C., signed her letter of intent to join the LR soccer squad.

Head Coach Gary Higgins was the first to speak, introducing the new member of the squad. "Jillian is one tough girl, she has been faced with a lot of adversity from such a young age and she has tackled it head-first and we couldn't be prouder of her," Higgins said. "She has had an unbreakable spirit and she has battled through with a smile on her face. She is the perfect kind of teammate you want to have and will be an excellent addition to the Lenoir-Rhyne soccer program."

Women's soccer captain, Abigail McGarel, gave remarks on what it meant to the girls to have Woodring join the squad in 2019. "We can see the impact you (Woodring) are already going to have on us, but for the majority of us soccer has been a huge part of our lives. It has given us some of the highlights of our lives and the low parts of our lives but the great thing about coming to college is you have your best friends to pull you through those low valleys and high mountains. Now we are here to help you battle your mountain and your family too. We

want you to know, through anything we are here for you and we are glad to have you."

In addition to becoming a member of the squad, Woodring received official Lenoir-Rhyne gear such as a signed jersey, letterman blanket and other gear to wear as she participates in pregame meals and warmups while being able to travel with the team to road matches when available.

"I am very excited about this day," Director of Athletics Kim Pate said. "It is very rare that you find a special student-athlete like we have found in Jillian. Jillian brings attributes that define a champion. Her courage, determination, grit, strength and resiliency make her a vital piece of the program. This is a special moment for your family and for the Bears family."

Pate went on to recognize Team Impact for this opportunity. "I have watched from a distance on how this can impact lives, and not only the young people's lives who are going through some adversity, but the lives of our student-athletes."

Fans can keep up with the new signee and all of the Bears action for the 2019 season on lrbeats.com and following us on twitter by following @BearsSports and on Instagram @bearssports and using the hashtag #GOBEARS.

ABOUT TEAM IMPACT:

Team Impact is a national nonprofit that connects children facing serious and chronic illnesses with college athletic teams, forming life-long bonds and life-changing outcomes. (LRU Athletics)

ACPR Basketball sign-ups will run through October

Basketball sign-ups will be held the month of October. You may sign-up at the Recreation Department located in the Old Wittenburg School. Office hours are Monday-Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm. Sign-ups will also be held on Saturday, October 27 from 8 am to 12 pm, and Monday, October 29 through Wednesday, October 31, the office will be open from 8 am to 6 pm. The last day to sign-up will be Wednesday, October 31; after that, all sign-ups will be considered late! The age cutoff date is August 31. There will be 5-6 Co-ed Instructional teams, Boys 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15 teams and Girls 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-16 teams.

**Sign-up Fees are: 1 child - \$40;
2 children - \$75; 3 children - \$100;
4 children - \$125**

There will be an additional fee for late sign-ups of \$20 on top of the sign-up fee. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 828-632-1104 or 828-632-1105.



ACHS Volleyball hosts Dig Pink Matches Oct. 1

The Alexander Central Volleyball Teams hosted the Annual Dig Pink matches on Monday, October 1, against South Caldwell. The matches are played each season to raise money for breast cancer awareness. In the matches, ACHS swept the Lady Spartans in junior varsity and varsity action. Members of the Alexander Central JV and Varsity squads are pictured wearing special Dig Pink shirts.



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