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No. 13 Simon Fraser edged 12-9 by No. 9 Michigan State

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Ralph Young Field, East Lansing, Michigan

Score: #13 Simon Fraser University 9, #9 Michigan State University 12

Record: SFU (1-4, 0-0 PNCLL), MSU (3-1, 0-0 CCLA)

Next SFU Game: Saturday, March 20, 2010, 1:00pm PST - vs. #5 Brigham Young University – Burnaby, BC (Terry Fox Field)

EAST LANSING, MI (March 18, 2010) No. 13 Simon Fraser (1-4, 0-0 PNCLL) was edged 12-9 by No. 9 Michigan State (3-1, 0-0 CCLA) on Sunday, March 14 at Ralph Young Field in East Lansing, Michigan. Special teams proved to be the difference on the scoreboard as the Spartans scored 4 goals with the man advantage and 1 goal on the man-down to gain the three-goal victory. In the face of a strong riding effort, untimely turnovers would see Fraser trail for the majority of the game, as the Clan dropped their fourth consecutive out-of-conference match-up of the season. Senior attack Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary), led Fraser in scoring with 3 fourth-quarter-goals, while freshmen Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) added 2 goals for the Clan.

Junior attackman Bryan Scott opened the scoring at 10:39 of the first quarter to give Simon Fraser their only lead of the contest. In a back-and-forth start, Michigan State's Michael Baily converted a pass from Mike Degengardt to tie the score with 5:09 left before the low scoring first quarter ended with the two teams tied at one.

It would not take the Spartans long to get back on the scoreboard to start the second quarter as Baily scored his second of the game, less than a minute in, to give MSU a 2-1 lead. Just under five minutes later, Dow scored Fraser's only goal of the quarter on a pass from senior midfielder Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) to knot the score at two. Following a SFU turnover, starting goaltender Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan High School) would take a one-minute slashing penalty off of a scramble in front of the Clan net. With junior backstop Dean Stewart (Duncan, BC / Claremont Secondary) stepping in goal, Baily completed the first-half hat trick to give Michigan State a 3-2 lead on the Spartans first man-up goal of the day. With Ripley now back in the cage, MSU would add one more off of the ensuing face-off to outscore the Clan 3-1 in the second quarter and take a 4-2 lead heading into halftime.

SFU would strike first to open the second half with Russel Thomas (NanOOSE Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) finding the Michigan State net just over a minute in to the third quarter to close the Spartan lead to one. After killing off another one minute penalty, Fraser would look to tie the score on the man-up. Unfortunately for the Clan, MSU would gain possession and break double-team coverage in the Fraser defensive end to score short-handed and reextend their lead to two. To make matters worse, SFU would be assessed a flag on the play; with only seconds left in the original penalty being served by the Spartans, Michigan State would now have a man-up opportunity of their own. Capitalizing on the man advantage, MSU attackman Connor Bush scored his first of the game to put the Spartans up by three. Determined not to let the game slip away, Fraser would answer with two goals of their own as defender Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) and fellow junior Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) brought the Clan back to within one. Bush would add one more for Michigan State to round out the quarter and set the score at 7-5 heading into the final frame.

With an important win in sight, the Spartans came out hard to start the fourth quarter and quickly added two more to their lead to make the score 9-5. With less than 10 minutes now left in the game, Towner scored his first of three fourth-quarter goals to close the gap to 9-6. Another man-up goal by MSU would make the score 10-6 before Dow scored his second goal of the game to bring the Clan back to within three with just under five minutes left to play. Mike Degenhardt made the

score 11-7 followed by Michigan State's fourth man-up goal of the day to cap the Spartan lead at four. Towner would score twice in the final minute to complete the natural hat trick and leave Michigan State with a 12-9 win.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	Total
Simon Fraser	1	1	3	4	9
Michigan	1	3	3	5	12

NOTES

- Seven SFU players registered points: Towner 3g; Dow 2g, Tessarolo 1g, 1; Clare 1g; Scott 1g; Thomas 1g.
- Senior Mike Ripley started his second straight game in net for the Clan playing just under 59:00 minutes and making 10 saves with 11 goals against. Junior Dean Stewart played just under 1:00 minute in the second quarter, making 1 save with 1 goals against on a man-up opportunity for Michigan State..
- Clan defender Nathan Clare scored the first goal of his collegiate career while freshman Colton Dow registered his first multi-goal performance.
- SFU registered 30 ground balls in the loss. Clare led Fraser with 5 ground balls, while fellow defender Dan Patterson (Erin, Ontario / Erin District High School) added 4.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Michigan State: "The Spartans did a good job of capitalizing on their opportunities today. Their man-up scored some important goals and their defense was able to prevent us from going on any extended offensive runs to maintain their lead over the final three quarters. They came out hard in the fourth quarter and really showed that they wanted the win."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "Intangibles win games and we didn't do enough of the little things right today to be successful. Michigan State out battled us on the ground especially and in a game filled with turnovers that was enough to make the difference. We were happy with the way we rode today in transition and our offense showed good patience in generating more opportunities with the ball. It is important that we keep building on the positives and are looking forward to our next couple of games at home to give us some more time at practice to keep improving our overall execution."

ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE

Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse is in its 15th season and competes in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA). During the 2010 season, 2008 and 2009 PNCLL Coaches of the Year, Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins (6th season), look to lead the Clan into the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (PNCLL) Final Four Conference Championships for the 13th time in team history. The team has captured eight Conference Titles (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2008 and 2009) and has earned nine National Championship appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and most recently reaching the 2008 and 2009 MCLA Quarterfinals. The Clan are proudly sponsored by Harrow Sports and Riddell Helmets.

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