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No. 22 Simon Fraser fall short 11-8 to No. 2 Chapman

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Lakeridge High School, Lake Oswego, Oregon

Score: #22 Simon Fraser University 8, #2 Chapman 11

Record: SFU (2-6, 0-0 PNCLL), Chapman (10-1, 2-0 SLC)

Next SFU Game: Sunday, April 4, 2010, 2:00pm PST - vs. #4 Arizona State – Portland, OR (Lake Oswego High School)

PORTLAND, OR (April 8, 2010) No. 22 Simon Fraser jumped out to an early 3-0 lead but could not hold off a prolonged second and third quarter rally by No. 2 Chapman as the Panthers picked up an 11-8 win over the Clan in a neutral site contest at Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, Oregon on Saturday, April 3. In a rematch of the 2009 MCLA Quarterfinal, the win is Chapman's third straight over Simon Fraser and runs the Panther's record to 10-1 on the year while the Clan slip to 2-6.

Senior Russel Thomas (Nanoose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) fueled an early 2-0 lead for SFU as he opened the scoring 28 seconds in on the Clan's first possession of the game, then assisted on a goal by Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) less than a minute later to make the score 2-0. Junior Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) extended the Clan lead to three at 13:09 on a pass from Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) before Madison Fiore (Faith Lutheran, NV) and Will Morrison (Palmer-Trinity School, FL) scored back-to-back to put Chapman on the board at a score of 3-2. Fraser continued their strong start as defender Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) scored in transition to make the score 4-2. Midfielder Chris Small (La Costa Canyon, CA) would then answer back for the Panthers with only 20 seconds left on the clock to cut the Clan lead back to one and end the first quarter with a score of 4-3.

The fast pace would continue to start the second frame as sophomore Andrew Clayton (Lakeridge, OR) scored on the Panther's first possession of the quarter to tie the score a four. Small would then win the ensuing face-off and feed senior attack Connor Martin (Lakeridge, OR) to give Chapman their first lead of the game at 5-4. After two goals in the opening minute, the two teams would reach a stalemate for the remaining 14 minutes of the half giving the Panthers a one-goal lead heading into the break.

It would not take long for Chapman to re-ignite the action in the third quarter as Small would convert another face-off win into a goal, this time keeping the ball himself and scoring just 8 seconds in to make the score 6-4. Small's second goal of the game would be part of a 3-0 run to start the second half as Clayton and Chris Thatcher (Temescal Canyon, CA) scored at 10:56 and 7:53 respectively to give the Panthers a four-goal lead. With just under four minutes left in the quarter, Tessarolo assisted on Towner's second goal of the day to end the Clan's scoring drought at 8-5. Chapman would then make the score 8-6 on the man-up with 31 seconds on the clock before Thomas again made it a three-goal game with only 18 seconds left to end the third quarter at a score of 9-6.

Looking for a fourth-quarter-comeback, SFU freshman Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) would make it a two goal game as Fraser scored on the man-up to close the Chapman lead to two. Chas Stiegler (Oaks Christian, CA) then re-established some breathing room for the Panthers at 10-7 before Dow continued to keep the Clan's hopes alive with his second straight goal to make the score 10-8 with 7 minutes still left to play. Unfortunately for SFU that would be as close as they would get as Chapman's Connor Martin completed the scoring at the 5:52 mark to give the Panther's a hard fought 11-8 win.

Morrison and Small led the Panthers with 2 goals and 1 assist each, while the attack trio of Clayton, Fiore and Martin each added two goals apiece.

Thomas totaled 2 goals and 2 assists for the Clan, while Towner added 2 goals and 1 assist. Additionally, freshman Colton Dow recorded the first two-goal game of his career.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	Total
Simon Fraser	4	0	2	2	9
Chapman	3	2	4	2	8

NOTES

- Six SFU players registered points: Thomas 2g, 2a; Towner 2g, 1a; Dow 2g; Tessarolo 1g, 1a; Clare 1g; Foss 1a.
- Senior Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan High School) played the first half in net for the Clan playing 30:00 in total and making 5 saves with 5 goals against. Junior Dean Stewart (Duncan, BC / Claremont Secondary) started the second half, playing 30:00 and making 15 saves with 6 goals against.
- Fraser registered 37 ground balls. Converted midfielder Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) led SFU with 6 ground balls at LSM, while Stewart recorded 5 ground balls in net for the Clan during the second half.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Chapman: "Chapman is a great team. They have an explosive offense and we expected another back-and-forth game. We knew that it would come down to who could either stop or go on more scoring runs. We set the pace early on but their defense did an excellent job of limiting our opportunities in the middle frames and allowing their offense to build a bit of a cushion. By the time we got back firing at the end of the third quarter it proved to be too late. This was a great game with both sides showing a lot of emotion throughout."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We continue to have something to prove and Chapman is a match-up that we love to play. Heading into the game it was important for us to come out to a fast start and really force Chapman to try and match our intensity. We played a strong first quarter and continued to do a good job of earning time of possession throughout the game. Unfortunately, despite having the ball for long stretches, we weren't able to generate enough scoring opportunities in the second and third quarters and we allowed the Panthers to pull away. At times, the game lived up to the offensive battle that I think the crowd was expecting but both teams defenses also played well and ended up contributing to the story line."

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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