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No. 22 Simon Fraser down No. 4 Arizona State 14-7

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Lake Oswego High School, Lake Oswego, Oregon

Score: #22 Simon Fraser University 14, #4 Arizona State 7

Record: SFU (3-6, 0-0 PNCLL), ASU (8-3, 2-0 SLC)

Next SFU Game: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 1:00pm PST - vs. Oregon State – Burnaby, BC (Terry Fox Field, SFU)

PORTLAND, OR (April 9, 2010) Senior Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) scored his fifth goal of the game to cap the score at 14-7 and lead the No. 22 Simon Fraser Clan to a convincing out-of-conference victory over the fourth-ranked Arizona State Sun Devils in a neutral site contest at Lake Oswego High School in Portland, Oregon on Sunday (April 4). The Sun Devil loss drops them to 8-3 on the season while Fraser improves to 3-6.

Arizona State was led by junior attackman Eric Nelson (Chandler, AZ) with 2 goals and 1 assist. Brothers Tyler and Ryan Westfall (Danville, CA) each added 1 goal and 1 assist while Anthony LaFlam (Chandler, AZ), Kevin Sanders (Tucson, AZ), and Stephen Turner (Troy, MI) each chipped in with 1 goal.

In addition to Towner, Fraser received 4 goals from senior Russel Thomas (NanOOSE Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary), 2 goals and 1 assist from senior Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) and 1 goal each from freshman Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary), Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) and Stu Mills (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary).

Arizona State opened the scoring just over two minutes into the game as Stephen Turner completed a pass from Tyler Westfall to give the Sun Devils the 1-0 advantage. This would be ASU's only lead of the day as the Clan responded with a four-goal run on goals by Russel Thomas, Adam Foss, Eric Ransom, and Ben Towner to give SFU a 4-1 lead. Ryan Westfall would then score his only goal of the contest to cut the Clan lead to two and end the first quarter at a score of 4-2.

Arizona State would carry the momentum over to second quarter as LaFlam and Nelson scored back-to-back over a three minute stretch to draw the Sun Devils even. With the two teams now tied 4-4 at the 9:00 minute mark of the second quarter, Towner would score the first two of three Clan goals to reclaim the lead and end the first half at 7-4.

Freshmen Stu Mills extended the Clan lead to four to open the third quarter scoring. Looking to stay within striking distance, Saunders and Tyler Westfall helped ASU bridge the gap to two at 8-6 before Towner and Thomas continued to lead the Fraser assault to make the score 10-6 and reestablish a four goal cushion heading into the final frame.

The two goals to end the third quarter would be part five unanswered goals for the Clan as Dow, Foss and Thomas gave SFU a seven goal advantage to start the fourth quarter. Nelson would add one more for Arizona State on the man-up with just under 5:00 minutes remaining before Towner concluded the scoring in the game's final minute to give Simon Fraser the 14-7 win.

Fraser outshot ASU, 48-39. Dylan Westfall (Danville, CA) played all four quarters in the Sun Devil net making 15 saves with 14 goals against. Senior Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan High School) and junior Dean Stewart (Duncan, BC / Claremont Secondary) continued to split time in net for SFU. Ripley played the first half for the Clan playing 30:00 in total and making 4 saves with 4 goals against, while Stewart started the second half, playing 30:00 and making 7 saves with 3 goals against.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	Total
Simon Fraser	4	3	3	4	14
Arizona State	2	2	2	1	7

NOTES

- A season high nine SFU players registered points: Towner 5g; Thomas 4g; Foss 2g, 1a; Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) 2a; Ransom 1g, 1a; Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) 2a; Dow 1g; Mills 1g; Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) 1a.
- Fraser registered 34 ground balls. The Clan were led by Genereux, Thomas and Riley with 5 groundballs each, while Ryan Hodge (San Antonio, TX / Texas Military Institute) and Tessarolo each added 4.
- Hodge also took every face-off for SFU going 15 for 25 (60%).

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Arizona State: "Arizona State is a very well coached team and has a lot of fire power. We did a good job of neutralizing their midfielders and limiting their attack's chances with the ball. For us to be successful we knew that we couldn't give the Sun Devils much opportunity on offense and today the game plan worked. We still see ASU as one of the teams to beat so this was an important win for us."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We came out strong today and were finally able to play a solid four quarters. Our defense did a great job of really minimizing the Sun Devils time of possession and this gave our offense the opportunity to go to work. It has taken some time to get our offense going this year so we are really pleased with the level of execution that we were able to accomplish against such a tough opponent. Heading into our conference games next weekend, this will be another important building block as we continue to work towards our goals for the end of the year."

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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