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No. 16 Simon Fraser defeats Oregon State 21-7

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Terry Fox Field, Burnaby, BC

Score: #16 Simon Fraser University 21, Oregon State 7

Record: SFU (4-6, 1-0 PNCLL), OSU (7-5, 1-2 PNCLL)

Next SFU Game: Sunday, April 11, 2010, 1:00pm PST - vs. #6 Oregon State – Burnaby, BC (Terry Fox Field, SFU)

BURNABY, BC (April 12, 2010) The No. 16 Simon Fraser men's lacrosse team sprinted to a 9-1 halftime lead and had nine different players score in a 21-7 victory over Oregon State (7-5) at Terry Fox Field Saturday afternoon (April 10). The win improves the Clan to 4-6 on the year and 14-2 all-time against the Beavers.

After getting out to an early 2-0 lead on goals by Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) and Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) a breakdown off of a loose ball in the Clan's defensive end would leave Beaver attackman Jake Beutler (Hillsboro, OR / Century) wide open in front of the SFU net to reset the score at 2-1. From there it would be all Fraser to end the first half as the Clan held Oregon State scoreless for the final 24:00 minutes and netted seven goals themselves during that time. Junior midfielder Ben Davies (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) made an immediate impact in his first game back from injury in 2010 scoring 3 of his 4 goals on the day in the first half, helping Simon Fraser build the 9-1 halftime lead.

Foss scored his third of a team high 5 goals to start the second half, extending the Clan lead to nine. Undeterred by the Fraser assault, a young Beavers squad would refuse to roll over and responded with an inspired effort for the remainder of the third quarter. Oregon State scored back-to-back on goals by sophomore Alex Spang (Beaverton, OR / Sunset) and a man-up tally by freshman Quenton Berger (Hillsboro, OR / Liberty) to make the score 10-3. Taking advantage of SFU's complacent play, the Beavers would continue to trade goals with the Clan scoring twice more to tie the frame 4-4 and round out the quarter at a score of 13-5.

Carrying an eight-goal lead into the fourth quarter, Fraser re-found their fire in the final period and outscored Oregon State 8-2 over the final 15 minutes to account for the 21-7 win.

Simon Fraser was led by senior attackmen Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) with 3 goals and 5 assists and Adam Foss had 5 goals and 2 assists, while midfielders Ben Davies, 4 goals, and Russel Thomas (NanOOSE Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) 1 goal, 3 assists, each added 4 points. The Clan also got 5 goals and 4 assists from their underclassmen. Freshman Stu Mills (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) led the way with 2 goals, while sophomore Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary), freshman Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) and freshman Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) each had 1 goal and 1 assist. Sophomore face-off specialist Ryan Hodge (San Antonio, TX / Texas Military Institute) also featured prominently in the win registering 1 assist and going 18 for 29 (62%) on face-offs.

Fraser played all three goaltenders in the win. Senior Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan) played the opening 25:00 minutes making 2 saves with 1 goal allowed. Junior Dean Stewart (Duncan, BC / Claremont) stepped in with 5:00 minutes remaining in the first half, making 3 saves with 4 goals against over the next 20:00 minutes of action, while freshman Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands) played an impressive fourth quarter (15:00 minutes) making 8 saves, with only 2 goals against. OSU senior Brandt Vance also turned in a quality performance, playing all four quarters for the Beavers and making 16 saves despite facing heavy pressure from the Clan offense with SFU firing 53 shots on the day.

SIMON FRASER (4-6) 4-5-4-8/21
OREGON STATE (7-5) 1-0-4-2/7

GOALS: **SFU:** Foss-5, Davies-4, Towner-3, Mills-2, Bezuidenhout, Dow, Ransom, Tessarolo. **OSU:** Beutler-2, Berger, Green, Grenz, Pavlukovich, Spang.

ASSISTS: **SFU:** Towner-5, Foss-2, Bezuidenhout, Dow, Hodge, Ransom, Riley, Tessarolo, Thomas. **OSU:** Boucher, Squires.

NOTES

- SFU registered a season high 53 groundballs. The Clan were led by Ryan Hodge with 8 and Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) with 6, while Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary), Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary), Russel Thomas and Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) each chipped in with 4.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Oregon State: "I had the opportunity to talk with both Coach Jenkins and Coach Stelling before the game and I really like what they are doing down in Corvallis. The Beavers are a young team this year but they are doing a lot of the right things in order to be successful in the MCLA in the years to come. We were really impressed with how they came out in the third quarter and continued to battle hard right until the final whistle. They have a lot of underclassmen who are contributing significant minutes and under Jenkins and Stelling leadership, this should be a team to watch in the future."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "Playing our first conference game of the season, it was important for us to come out hard and play a consistent four quarters. With Oregon on deck for tomorrow, the focus was on never looking through an opponent and continuing to work on the things that can make us a top team in the MCLA. We became a little complacent to start the second half but really picked up our game again in the fourth quarter. This was another solid team performance and we are really impressed with how our underclassmen are continuing to contribute to our success."

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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