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No. 16 Simon Fraser downs No. 6 Oregon 13-11

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse
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Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Terry Fox Field, Burnaby, BC

Score: #16 Simon Fraser University 13, #6 Oregon 11

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

Next SFU Game: Friday, April 16, 2010, 4:00pm MST - vs. University of Montana – Missoula, MT (Dornblaser Field)

BURNABY, BC (April 15, 2010) The No. 16 Simon Fraser men's lacrosse team defeated No. 6 University of Oregon 13-11 on Senior Day at Terry Fox Field on Sunday (April 11) in Burnaby, BC. The Clan improves to 5-6 overall and moves in to first place in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (PNCLL) with a 2-0 conference record while the Ducks fall to 7-4 on the season and 2-1 in the division.

Oregon jumped out to an early 2-0 lead as Justin Eckenroad (Eugene, OR / Churchill High School) opened the scoring on a pass from Kevin Clark (Beaverton, OR / Southridge High School) just under 2:00 minutes in to the first quarter. Brett Whyte (Eugene, OR / Sheldon High School) would then win the ensuing face-off, taking the ball himself and scoring on the fast break to give the Ducks a two-goal advantage. After two quick goals, both teams would settle in to offensive possessions until Simon Fraser broke open the scoring at the 8:58 mark of the opening frame. Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) got SFU on the board and ignited a 8-1 Clan run that bridged the first and second quarters on route to a 8-3 halftime lead.



#5 Ben Davies drives an Oregon defender.

Eight different SFU players featured in the first half scoring. Highlighting the run were two man-down goals by the Clan, while the Ducks only second quarter tally came on the man-up. Towner and junior Ben Davies (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) led the SFU charge with 2 goals and 1 assist each, while defender Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary), attack Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) and midfield Russel Thomas (Nanose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) each added 1 goal and 1 assist. Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary), Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) and Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) each chipped in with 1 assist.

Down by five heading in to the third quarter, Oregon would once again go on a two-goal run to open the second half scoring on goals by sophomores Corbin Root (Seattle, WA / Nathan Hale High School) and Chris Kuhn (Louisville, CO / Monarch High School). The early momentum for the Ducks would again be cut short by another Clan run as this time four unanswered goals extended the SFU lead to seven at a score of 12-5. UO would score once more with 2:00 left on the clock to round out the quarter at 12-6.

Holding a six-goal lead, the Clan would be dealt some adversity to start the fourth quarter as they were assessed a three-minute non-releasable stick penalty on a random stick check at the break. Oregon would be quick to capitalize on the man-advantage, scoring just 21 seconds in to the quarter to close the Clan lead to five. SFU would manage to kill-off the remaining time in the stick penalty, only to take another 1:00-minute slashing penalty shortly after the original infraction had expired. The Ducks would again score on the extra man opportunity before adding two more goals at even strength to

cap off a 5-0 run. Senior attack Adam Foss would score his second of the game with just under 5:00 minutes left to halt the Oregon come-back attempt and re-extend the lead to three before Duck midfielder Patrick San Jose (Eugene, OR / Churchill High School) completed the scoring for a final result of 13-11.

Kevin Clark led the Ducks with 2 goals and 3 assists, while fellow junior Justin Eckenroad led all goal scorers with 4 goals.

Towner totaled 3 goals and 2 assists, while Foss added 2 goals and 3 assists to lead the Clan with 5 points each. Davies and Tessarolo each finished the day with 2 goals and 1 assist while Fraser was also helped offensively in transition through the play of defender Luke Genereux with 1 goal and 1 assist.

Prior to the game Simon Fraser recognized their six senior players and their families. Adam Foss, Aidan Inglis (Edmonton, AB / Ross Sheppard High School), Kevin Riley, Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan High School), Russel Thomas and Ben Towner each played their final home contest for the Clan. Career highlights of all six seniors can be viewed at the end of the game release.

SIMON FRASER (5-6) 3-5-4-1/13

OREGON (7-4) 2-1-3-5/11

GOALS: SFU: Towner-3, Davies-2, Foss-2, Tessarolo-2, Dow, Genereux, Ransom, Thomas. **UO:** Eckenroad-4, Clark-2, Root-2, Whyte-2, Kuhn

ASSISTS: SFU: Foss-3, Towner-2, Davies, Dow, Genereux, Riley, Tessarolo, Thomas. **UO:** Clark-3, Brown, Robertson.

NOTES

- SFU registered 45 groundballs. The Clan were led by defender Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) with 10, while Ryan Hodge (San Antonio, TX / Texas Military Institute) added 8 and Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) chipped in with 6.

- Sophomore Ryan Hodge continued his impressive play at the face-off box going 16 for 23 (70%).

- Senior Mike Ripley, making his final appearance at home, played the first half in net for the Clan and turned in arguably the best performance of his collegiate career with 10 saves and only 3 goals against in the opening 30:00 minutes. Junior Dean Stewart (Duncan, BC / Claremont Secondary) started the second half, playing 30:00 and making 5 saves with 8 goals against.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Oregon: "Oregon is a well coached team with a lot of depth. They also have a great goaltender who is capable of changing the outcome of any game. We got the Ducks on their heels a bit in the middle quarters and that was enough for us to pull away. They came out hard to start the fourth quarter but we were able maintain sufficient distance to walk away with a valuable win."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "Even at the start of the year this was the most important weekend of our regular season. We were confident in the experience that we gained from playing such a tough out-of-conference schedule and wanted to come out and execute against another elite team in Oregon. Today was a great all-around effort for us. Our defense played great, our offense moved the ball well and most importantly we buried our chances."

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SENIOR PROFILES

A captain for the past three seasons, he has registered 76 goals and 97 assists for 173 points in 54 games. His 97 assists are the most all-time by any Clan player and currently place him #8 all-time in career points at SFU. In 2009, he was named to the PNCLL All-Conference 1st Team and was a MCLA 2nd Team All-American at attack, in addition to being named a PNCLL All-Conference 2nd Team selection in 2008. He is also a two-time MCLA Academic All-American. Accompanied by his parents Tom and Pia, from Cochrane High School in Cochrane, Alberta **#8 Adam Foss**.

At defence, he has played 54 games for the Clan and was named a Team Captain in his senior year. Accompanied by his parents Colin and Linda, from Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton, Alberta **#13 Aidan Inglis**.

This player played his first three seasons at midfield for the Clan recording 32 goals and 27 assists for 59 career points. Named a Captain in 2010, he moved to close defense and LSM to help anchor Fraser's defense registering 30 ground balls so far this season. Accompanied by his parents Lyall and Cathy, from Gleneagle Secondary in Coquitlam, BC **#85 Kevin Riley**.

As a starting attack and midfielder for his first two seasons he scored 27 goals and 5 assists for 32 points. Moving in between the pipes for the Clan in his junior and senior year he has posted 97 saves and a save percentage of over 51% to help backstop the Clan to 15 wins in the 21 games that he has appeared. Accompanied by his parents Ed and Diane, from E.D. Feehan High School in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan **#12 Mike Ripley**.

At midfield, he is a two-time PNCLL 1st Team All-Conference Selection and a two-time MCLA 1st Team All-American. He was also named PNCLL Final Four MVP and to the MCLA National Championship All-Tournament team in 2008. Recording 141 points in 54 collegiate games, he currently sits at #11 all-time in the Clan's record books for points with 92 goals and 49 assists, in addition to serving as team captain in both 2009 and 2010. Accompanied by his parents Greg and Chris, from Ballenas Secondary in Nanoose Bay, BC **#9 Russel Thomas**.

Lastly, in 54 games at attack he has scored 197 goals and 53 assists for an impressive 250 collegiate points, good for #2 all-time at SFU in both goals and career points. In four years, he has also accumulated a long list of personal achievements. As a freshman he was named to the PNCLL All-Conference 2nd Team before cementing his place on the PNCLL All-Conference 1st Team as a sophomore in 2007. In just his second collegiate season he would also be named the PNCLL's Offensive Player of the Year and an MCLA 1st Team All-American. In his junior year last season, he led the MCLA in goals per game on route to once again being named a PNCLL All-Conference 1st Team selection, the PNCLL's Offensive Player of the Year and an MCLA 1st Team All-American. He also capped off an impressive year by being named to the MCLA's National Championship All-Tournament team. Accompanied by his parents Don and Laurie, from Terry Fox Secondary in Port Coquitlam, BC **#7 Ben Towner**.

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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