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## No. 12 Simon Fraser runs past Montana 27-4

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

(Photographer: Ben Johnson)

**Event:** Men's Lacrosse

**Site:** Dornblaser Field, Missoula, MT

**Score:** #12 Simon Fraser University 27, University of Montana 4

**Record:** SFU (6-6, 3-0 PNCLL), UM (2-8, 0-4 PNCLL)

**Next SFU Game:** Sunday, April 18, 2010, 4:30pm PST - vs. University of Washington – Sammamish, WA (Eastlake High School)

MISSOULA, MT (April 22, 2010) No. 12 Simon Fraser extended its winning streak to four on Friday, April 16 with a 27-4 victory over Montana in the Clan's third PNCLL Conference game of the year. Eleven different players scored goals for SFU in the contest with thirteen Clan players registering points. Fraser's 27 goals for and only 4 goals against were both season bests for the Clan who, for the third consecutive year, clinched the No. 1 seed in the PNCLL with the win.

Senior Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) led the way for SFU with 3 goals and 5 assists, while Russel Thomas (Nanose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) and Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) each added 6 points on 4 goals and 2 assists a piece. Sophomore Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) with 5 goals and freshmen Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) with 4 goals and 1 assist each recorded career highs.

The Clan dominated the statistics, registering a season high 63 shots and 53 ground balls. Sophomore face-off specialist Ryan Hodge (San Antonio, TX / Texas Military Institute) won 24 of the game's 34 face-offs (71%) while also registering, a game-high and personal best, 14 ground balls.

Montana freshman Henry Burchnal (Cincinnati, OH / Cincinnati Country Day) opened the game's scoring, but four consecutive Clan goals through the first quarter put the visitors in front, 4-1. Fraser would pick up the pace in the second quarter outscoring the Griz 10-1 to gain control of the contest and own a convincing 14-2 advantage at the intermission.

Comfortably ahead, Simon Fraser continued their dominating play in the second half outscoring Montana 7-2 in the third quarter and 6-0 in the fourth to cruise to the 27-4 win.

Burchnal led the Griz with 3 goals, while junior goaltender Ty Hall (Cincinnati, OH / Cincinnati Country Day) made several impressive saves despite facing an onslaught on Clan shots throughout the matchup.

Senior Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan High School) played the first half in net for the Clan making 4 saves with 2 goals against while freshman Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) celebrated his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by playing a career high 30:00 minutes and registering 4 saves with 2 goals against in the second half.



Sophomore Ryan Hodge beats Montana #12 off the draw to kick-start a Clan Fast Break. Hodge won 24 of 34 face-offs on the day (71%).

**SIMON FRASER (6-6)** 4-10-7-6/27  
**MONTANA (2-8)** 1-1-2-0/4

**GOALS: SFU:** Bezuidenhout-5, Dow-4, Tessarolo-4, Thomas-4, Towner-3, Foss-2, Davalos, Davies, Dufresne, Genereux, Mills. **UM:** Burchnal-3, Shelso.

**ASSISTS: SFU:** Towner-5, Davies-2, Foss-2, Tessarolo-2, Thomas-2, Dow, Mills, Ransom, Riley **UM:** Brown.

#### **QUOTES**

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Montana: "The Griz program has put lacrosse on the map in Montana and there are a number of UM lacrosse alumni who are really growing the game at the youth level in Missoula. Montana has a really young team this year in terms of experience with 28 of their 34 players being underclassman so hopefully they will be able to build off this foundation to get back to the level that they have competed at over the last few seasons."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "After such a challenging start to our season, it was nice for us to be able see a number of players in different roles throughout the game today as we prepare for a play-off run. We started a little slow in the first quarter but overall we were really happy with the level of focus our guys were able to maintain over the course of the last three quarters. It was a tough game for Montana on the scoreboard but it was still valuable in terms of what we needed to work on and we give a lot of credit to a young Griz team, especially their defense and goaltenders, for never giving up."

#### **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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