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Clan test waters, open season with 15-5 win over Vikings

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Cunnings Field, Coquitlam, British Columbia

Score: Simon Fraser University 15, Western Washington (PNCLL Div. II) 5

Record: SFU (1-0, 0-0 PNCLL Div. I), WWU (0-4, 0-0 PNCLL Div. II)

Next SFU Game: Friday, February 25, 2011, 7:00pm MST - vs. University of Utah – Salt Lake City, UT (Spence Eccles Field House)

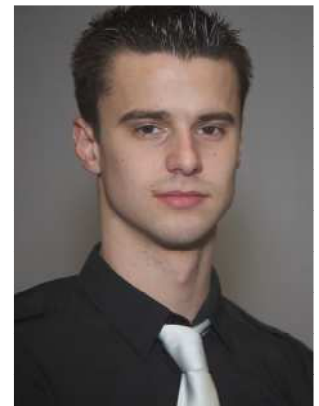
BURNABY, BC (February 13, 2011) Simon Fraser opened the 2011 regular season on Saturday, February 12 with a convincing 15-5 win over regional PNCLL Division II opponent Western Washington. Six different Clan players posted multi-point games, led by sophomore attack Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) and junior midfielder Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell, River, BC / Timberline Secondary) with 5 points each on 2 goals and 3 assists. Sophomore attack Stu Mills (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) and freshmen short stick midfield Tom Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowmen Collegiate) and also had strong games offensively contributing 3 goals, 1 assist and 3 goals respectively. The victory, in front of approximately 150 fans who braved a wet and rainy afternoon at Cunnings Field in Coquitlam, British Columbia, marked SFU's seventh consecutive win, in seven season openers under current Co-Head Coaches Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins.

With fourteen of twenty-four players gone from last year's team that reached the MCLA Semi-Finals, a fresh-faced Clan exploded out of the gates to start that 2011 campaign with seven different players, including four underclassmen, scoring to ignite a 9-0 run to start the contest. Fraser led 7-0 after the first quarter, with Bezuidenhout (1g, 2a) and Dow (2g) leading the early charge.

SFU continued a fast scoring pace to start the second frame as Newton scored the first goals of his collegiate career back-to-back to extend the Clan lead to nine. A resilient Western Washington squad would finally find their rhythm offensively, scoring consecutively to close the game to 9-2 before senior short stick midfield Ben Johnson (Calgary, AB / Berkshire Preparatory) scored his second of the half to give the Clan a 10-2 advantage heading into the break.

The Vikings came out undeterred to start the third quarter and would be first on the board as attackman Stasi Dragseth (Lynnwood, WA / Meadowdale HS) scored his second of the game to make the score 10-3. Dow would then assist on two of Fraser's next three goals to stretch the Clan lead to ten and reset the score at 13-3 heading into the final quarter.

Senior attack Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) scored his second of the game to kick-off the remaining fifteen minutes of action but Western once again refused to go easily in the fourth as freshman attack Bjorn Ostenson (Bainbridge Island, WA / Bainbridge HS) scored his second of the game on the man-up and then completed the hat trick even strength to respond with another two-goal run for the Vikings. Newton and Mills would round out the scoring in the game's closing minutes as each capped-off a hat trick of their own for a final score of 15-5.



(L-R) Junior Rick Bezuidenhout and sophomore Colton Dow each started the 2011 season with five points each in the win over Western Washington.

This is the second straight year that the Clan and Vikings have faced each other to start the season continuing a long standing rivalry between the regional foes. SFU opened the 2010 season with a 18-3 win over WWU, with both teams going on to qualify as an at-large bid for the MCLA Division I and II National Championships.

Fraser will have a week off before traveling to Utah to play the Utes on Friday, February 25 and Brigham Young Cougars on Saturday, February 26 for their first out-of-conference match-ups of the season. Western Washington will also now take a week off before visiting Western Oregon on Saturday, February 26 in a rematch of the 2010 PNCLL Div. II Conference Final.

For further information on Simon Fraser men's lacrosse please visit sfulacrosse.com or follow the Clan on Twitter at twitter.com/fraserlacrosse.

SIMON FRASER (1-0) 7-3-2-3/15

WESTERN WASHINGTON (0-4) 0-2-1-2/5

GOALS: SFU: Mills-3, Newton-3, Bezuidenhout-2, Dow-2, Johnson-2, Tessarolo-2, Koedibyo. **WWU:** Ostenson-3, Dragseth-2.

ASSISTS: SFU: Bezuidenhout-3, Dow-3, Mills, Tessarolo. **WWU:** Farahani, Harvey.

NOTES

- The Clan's starting line-up for 2011 featured 3 freshmen, 3 sophomores and 4 seniors. 6 freshmen registered their first collegiate minutes.
- Fraser dressed 15 players consisting of 10 underclassmen and 5 upperclassmen. Not dressed were freshmen Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Glen Eagle Secondary) and Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) and sophomores Mitch Frank (Burnaby, BC / St. Thomas More Collegiate) and Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School).
- Sophomore Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) made his first collegiate start in goal, going the distance and making 10 saves with 5 goals against (.667 Save %).
- Clan freshmen Cory Koedibyo - 1g (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) and Newton (3g) scored their first collegiate points.
- SFU registered 60 ground balls. Seniors Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) and Johnson led the way for the Clan with 12 and 10 ground balls respectively, while freshmen Newton and Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak High School) chipped in with 7 and 6 ground balls apiece.
- Fraser won 65% of the games face-offs. Johnson won 9 of 13 (69%), with freshman Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) finishing 4 of 7 (57%).
- The Clan extended their home winning streak to 4 games dating back to March 27, 2010 after going undefeated at home for a stretch of 15 games from April 1, 2006 to March 20, 2010.
- SFU has won its opening game of the season each year since the inception of the program in 1996, a stretch totaling 16 games.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Western Washington: "With only two seniors listed on their 2011 roster, Western Washington has some solid young talent and is especially dangerous on attack. Despite being ineligible for the 2011 post-season, the Vikings should be tough to beat again this season and should continue their run as one of the top teams in PNCLL Div. II in the upcoming years. We were most impressed by Coach Feld's ability to keep his team calm on the sidelines and his team never gave up as a result which made for a competitive second half."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "With so many new faces in the line-up and guys stepping up into new roles this year we were very pleased with our ability to jump out to such a fast start and get some valuable experience early in the season. Overall this was a good first performance for us and one that we will look to keep building upon as we look forward to some challenging match-ups on the front-end of our schedule."

ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE

Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse is entering its sixteenth season in 2011 and competes in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA). The Clan have captured a record eight PNCLL Conference Titles (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2008 and 2009) and are tied for fifth all-time with ten MCLA National Championship tournament

appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and most recently playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009. The Clan are proudly sponsored by Harrow Sports and Onyx Lacrosse / Riddell Helmets.

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