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## No. 10 Simon Fraser falls to No. 23 Utah 12-11 in OT

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

**Event:** Men's Lacrosse

**Site:** Spence Eccles Field House, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Score:** Simon Fraser University 11, Utah 12 - OT

**Record:** SFU (1-1, 0-0 PNCLL), UU (3-2, 0-0 RMLC)

**Next SFU Game:** Saturday, February 26, 2011, 5:00pm MST - vs. Brigham Young University – Provo, UT (BYU North Field)

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (February 25, 2011) – After going up 3-1 to start the contest, Utah clawed their way back from 7-5 and 10-8 deficits in the second half before capitalizing on the man-up to defeat Simon Fraser 12-11 in overtime. Sophomore attacks Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) - 3g and Stu Mills (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) - 1g, 2a continued to lead Fraser offensively in a game that saw eight different goals scorers for the young Clan. Midfield Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) also featured prominently in the SFU offense with 2 goals in a losing effort. The out-of-conference match-up was played in front of approximately 250 fans inside Spence Eccles Filed House on the University of Utah campus.

Playing their fifth game of the 2011 season and third versus a ranked opponent, Utah took advantage of a slow start by the Clan to race out to an early 2-0 lead on goals by Quinn Kane (Atlanta, GA / St. Pius X) and Tyler Kunz (Draper, UT / Juan Diego). A Utes penalty would lead to Simon Fraser's first goal of the game as Ransom scored just after the penalty had expired, off a feed from freshmen Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay, Secondary), to reset the score at 2-1. Utah would then take capitalize on a man-up of their own as Kyle Brennan (Salt Lake City / Judge Memorial) converted a pass from Mark Manning (Orem, UT / The Waterford School) to put the Utes up 3-1 at the end of the first quarter.

A much calmer Clan would come out firing out of the break with consecutive goals by freshman Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) and sophomore Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) tying the score a 3-3 to start the second quarter. Utah midfielder Mack Schwoebel (Crozet, VA / Western Albemarie) would score his first of a game-high 5 goals to put the Utes back up by one before Dow buried his first of a team-high 3 goals to draw the two teams back to even (4-4) heading into the half.

With 14 seconds left in a Utah penalty to start the second half, Clan face-off specialist Ben Johnson (Calgary, AB / Berkshire Preparatory) would spring freshmen LSM Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak High School) on a fast break off the draw. Wanzer would keep the ball himself, firing a shot high past Utah goaltender Alex Watanawekin (Centerville, UT / Viewmont) to score the first goal of his collegiate career, while giving SFU their first lead of the contest. Utes attackman Zac Harris would make the score 5-5 before Mills and Johnson scored back-to-back for SFU to give Fraser a two-goal lead at 7-5. Refusing to let the Clan pull away, Utah would quickly shift the momentum back in their favor as a three-goal run (Schwoebel, Merrell, Schwoebel) would put the Utes back up by one. With only 14 seconds left in the third quarter, freshman face-off specialist Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge Secondary / Meadowridge School) would win the draw to himself and dodging several Utes defenders on his way to the net before beating Watanawekin on the door step to knot the game back at 8-8 after three quarters.



(L-R) Attackman Colton Dow led the Clan in scoring with 3 goals while fellow sophomore Kyle Middleton made 19 saves in only his second start in net.

SFU would take their second two-goal lead of the half as Dow scored at even strength and then again on the man-up to open the fourth quarter scoring and give the Clan a 10-8 advantage. Once again, the battle-tested Utes rejected any notion of falling behind and went on another three-goal run (Pilot, Schwoebel, Schwoebel) to take another one-goal lead their own with time ticking down. With less than three minutes now remaining, Ransom would score his second of the game to tie the score at 11-11 and set the stage for a dramatic finish. Looking to finish the game in regulation, Utah would possess the ball for the remainder of regulation with the Clan stuffing several U scoring attempts, including a spectacular save by sophomore goaltender Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) with only seconds remaining, to send the back-and-forth affair into overtime.

Despite controlling the majority of the games face-offs (68%), Fraser would lose the only draw in extra minutes leading to a Utes possession that drew a Clan tripping penalty off of a Utah drive. With two man-up goals already on the day, the Utes would make no mistake in sudden-victory with Manning finding Danny Polityka (Salt Lake City, UT / Olympus) open on the crease for the win.

Both goalies, Middleton for SFU and Watanawekin for Utah, played outstanding on the day and made several big saves during key possessions to keep the game close for their respective sides.

Fraser will have quick turn-around, traveling south to Provo, Utah to play the No. 4 Brigham Young Cougars on Saturday, February 26 for their second of back-to-back out-of-conference match-ups to start the season. Utah will now have eight days off before hosting the No. 8 Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs on Sunday, March 6.

For further information on Simon Fraser men's lacrosse please visit [sfulacrosse.com](http://sfulacrosse.com) or follow the Clan on Twitter at [twitter.com/fraserlacrosse](https://twitter.com/fraserlacrosse).

**SIMON FRASER (1-1) 1-3-4-3-0/11**

**UTAH (3-2) 3-1-4-3-1/12**

**GOALS: SFU:** Dow-3, Ransom-2, Bezuidenhout, Craig, Johnson, Mills, Weselowski, Wanzer. **UU:** Schwoebel-5, Brennan, Harris, Kane, Kunz, Merrell, Pilot, Polityka.

**ASSISTS: SFU:** Mills-2, Craig, Farrell, Koesdibyo. **UU:** Manning, Merrell.

#### **NOTES**

- Eight different goal scorers got on the board for the Clan, with 10 different players registering points.
- In his first start versus a ranked opponent, sophomore Kyle Middleton played easily his best game in net making several key saves throughout the match-up. Middleton finished the game with 19 saves and 12 goals against for a .613 save percentage.
- Clan attack Calvin Craig and fellow freshmen Riley Wanzer (LSM) and Max Weselowski (SSM/FO) each scored their first collegiate goals, while first-year midfielder Brendan Farrell (Milton, ON / St. Michael's College School) registered his first collegiate point with 1 assist.
- SFU picked-up 35 ground balls. Freshman LSM Riley Wanzer led the way for the Clan with 6 ground balls, while defender Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) and face-off specialist Ben Johnson chipped in with 5 and 4 ground balls respectively.
- Fraser won 68% of the games face-offs. Johnson won 13 of 19 (68%), with freshman Max Weselowski finishing 4 of 6 (67%).

#### **QUOTES**

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Utah: "A lot of people seem to overlook Utah because they are often overshadowed from playing in such a tough conference (RMLC) but Coach Morris and his coaching staff have quietly assembled a quality program and have proved early this season that they can be a tough match-up for anyone. You can really see it in their play that they have something to prove this year and they refused to let tonight's game slip away from them. We felt like we won a lot of the key match-ups tonight but their supporting cast really stepped-up their game and showed that they can be a team with depth. Congrats to the Utes for a quality win and we wish them the best of luck this season."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We played some quality stretches tonight but it was our lapses that got us behind early and then prevented us from ever pulling away. Against a quality opponent you really need to play consistent lacrosse and maintain a high level of focus and intensity from start to finish. We know that we are definitely capable of that and are confident that tonight's tough loss will prove to be a valuable learning experience as we progress throughout the season."

**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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