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No. 10 Simon Fraser loses 16-8 to No. 4 Brigham Young

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: BYU North Field, Provo, Utah

Score: Simon Fraser University 8, Brigham Young University 16

Record: SFU (1-2, 0-0 PNCLL), BYU (5-0, 0-0 RMLC)

Next SFU Game: Friday, March 4, 2011, 7:00pm PST - vs. No. 7 Michigan State University – Vancouver, WA (Kiggins Bowl)

PROVO, UT (February 27, 2011) – Despite holding first half leads of 4-3 and 5-4, the tenth ranked Simon Fraser Clan could not keep pace with BYU in the second half, losing 16-8 to the No. 4 Cougars. Attackman Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) helped lead the Fraser offense with 4 assists, while sophomore Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) – 2g, 1a and freshmen Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – 2g and Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) – 2g each chipped in with multi-goal performances. The game was played in front of approximately 300 fans who braved snowy conditions at the BYU North Field in Provo, Utah.

BYU's Drew Shumway (South Jordan, UT / Bingham High School) opened the scoring, beating his man from X after the Cougars' had controlled possession to start the game. It would not take Fraser long to get on the board, as freshman Cory Koesdibyo answered back with his first of the contest to equal the score at 1-1. BYU would continue to be in command of the ball early in the first quarter as goals by Patrick Matheson (Holliday, UT / Olympus High School) and Andrew Harding (Bethesda, MD / Walt Whitman High School) put the Cougars up 3-1. Overcoming any early anxiety, the Clan would then go on a two-goal run of their own as Dow assisted on goals from Bezuidenhout and Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) to knot the teams at 3-3 after 15 minutes.



(L-R) Freshmen Calvin Craig and Cory Koesdibyo each registered the first 2-goal games of their collegiate careers against BYU.

Simon Fraser would continue to ride some initial momentum at the outset of the second quarter with Dow continuing to manage the SFU offense. A man-up opportunity would see Dow feed fellow attack Calvin Craig to give the Clan a 1-goal advantage. Harding would then even the score at 4-4, before Dow set-up Bezuidenhout for his game-high fourth assist and another Fraser lead at 5-4. Looking to put an end to their young opponents growing confidence, BYU midfielder Tyler Monteath would spark a 3-goal run to turn the tides in the Cougars favor and put BYU up by two. Clan sophomore Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) closed the gap back to one, until Brian Mathay (Centennial, CO / Heritage High School) completed the first half scoring for an 8-6 BYU lead at the break.

With snow covering the field for all of the first half, the entire playing surface would be plowed at half-time, an impressive feat in just under 10 minutes! The freshly groomed surface would not seem to work in the Clan's favor as a number of untimely breakdowns would promote a 4-goal BYU advance that quickly extended the Cougar lead to 12-6. Koesdibyo scored his second of the game to round out the third quarter and narrow the SFU deficit to five at 12-7.

BYU would continue to monopolize the board in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Clan 4-1 and giving the Cougars' an 8-2 second half advantage for a final score of 16-8.

After playing two out-of-conference opponents back-to-back, Simon Fraser will now have five days off before facing their third straight ranked opponent in No. 7 Michigan State on Friday, March 4. The neutral site match-up will be played at Kiggins Bowl in Vancouver, Washington. The Clan will return home immediately following the contest for their next home game on Saturday, March 5 versus Boise State at Mercer Stadium in New Westminster, BC. Brigham Young will also be back in action on March 4 as they square off against the No. 8 Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs in their second game of a four game home-stand.

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 (1-2) 3-3-1-1/8
BYU (5-0) 3-5-4-4/16

GOALS: SFU: Bezuidenhout-2, Craig-2, Koesdibyo-2, Ransom, Tessarolo. **BYU:** Monteath-4, Harding-3, Matheson-3, Gunderson-2, Shumway-2, Cole, Mathay.

ASSISTS: SFU: Dow-4, Bezuidenhout. **BYU:** Cole, Monteath.

NOTES

- Four players had multi-point performances for the Clan (Dow 4a; Bezuidenhout 2g, 1a; Craig 2g; Koesdibyo 2g)
- Sophomore Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) made his third start in net making 9 saves with 15 goals against (.375). Freshman goaltender Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) saw his first collegiate minutes stepping in for Middleton on a BYU man-up to make 1 save with 1 goal against (.500).
- SFU picked-up 26 ground balls. Sophomore defender Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) led the Clan with 5, while freshman face-off specialist Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) picked up 4.
- The Clan and Cougars matched-up fairly evenly at the face-off X with BYU holding a narrow one draw advantage. Freshman Max Weselowski took the majority of the SFU draws finishing 10 of 21 (48%), while senior Ben Johnson (Calgary, AB / Berkshire Preparatory) went 3 of 6 (50%).

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Brigham Young: "We really see BYU as a benchmark for the MCLA's elite. We were very happy with the way that we matched-up against the Cougars in the first half but will ultimately use the areas that we faltered down the stretch to continue to learn and make us better as the season progresses. Despite losing a couple of key players from last year's squad, the 2011 Cougars showed much greater depth offensively which will definitely make them one of the teams to beat this season. Thanks to Coach Schneck and his management team for being such gracious hosts as usual and we look forward to continuing what has developed into a respectful rivalry over the last few seasons."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We are extremely proud of the determination that our group showed early on today and are confident that this loss is one that will prove valuable as we get a couple more games of experience under our belts. Despite such a young group, we definitely showed that we continue to belong with the MCLA's elite and playing the Cougars early on in our season is only going to make us better. We are really pleased with the way our leadership group has set the tone heading into 2011 and how all of our underclassman have stepped-up to make an impact so early in 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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