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No. 19 Simon Fraser Edged 13-11 by No. 3 Colorado State

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Mercer Stadium, New Westminster, BC

Score: #19 Simon Fraser University 11, #3 Colorado State University 13

Record: SFU (2-4, 0-0 PNCLL), CSU (3-0, 0-0 RMLC)

Next SFU Game: Friday, March 18, 2011, 7:00pm PST - vs. #6 University of Colorado – Seattle, WA (Eastside Catholic High School)

BURNABY, BC (March 14, 2011) – Separated by 16 spots in the most recent CollegeLAX Prodigy Top 25 Poll (March 8), No. 19 Simon Fraser fell only two-goals short in their attempt to once again upset No. 3 Colorado State in a re-match of the 2010 MCLA Quarterfinals. While the intensity remained high, several new faces made an impact for the Clan in the latest chapter between the two rivals. Fraser's starting line-up featured eight underclassmen against an experienced CSU squad that returned four of their top five scorers and went 17-2 last season. The game was played at Mercer Stadium in New Westminster, BC in front of approximately 200 fans as part of Simon Fraser's 2nd Annual Recruitment Weekend.

Freshman attack Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) led an inspired Clan effort with a career-high 7 points on 4 goals and 3 assists, while sophomore midfielder Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) had a four-point night with 2 goals and 2 assists. Attackmen Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – 2g, 1a and Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) – 3g also had impressive outings with 3 points each.

Colorado State controlled the play early on, capitalizing on the initial edge in time of possession to take a 2-0 lead on goals by Greyson Konkell (Aurora, CO / Regis Jesuit) and Spencer Morrison (Highlands Ranch, CO / Mountain Vista). Eric Ransom got the Clan on the board at 2-1 before the Rams added two more (Fisher, Morrison) for a score of 4-1 after 15 minutes.

Undeterred by the early deficit, the SFU defense would finally find a way to stall the CSU advance, making way for sophomore Colton Dow and freshman Cory Koesdibyo, who each scored twice to spark a 4-1 Clan run to start the second quarter. With the two teams now knotted at 5-5, Ram attackman Cooper Kehoe (Pebble Beach, CA / Stevenson) answered back with consecutive goals of his own to close out the half and give Colorado State a two goal advantage of 7-5 heading into the break.

CSU would maintain momentum to start the third quarter as Morrison, then Konkell, each completed the hat-trick to extend the Ram lead to four. SFU Freshman Calvin Craig faked out his defender to reset the score at 9-6, before Kehoe added his third on the man-up, followed by Fisher at even strength to give Colorado State their largest lead of the game at 11-6. Despite the growing gap, the two teams remained in a closely contested fight as the back-and-forth action continued to provide excitement for those in attendance. Koesdibyo got Fraser back on the board with his third of the contest to make the score 11-7 and continue the hurried pace heading into the fourth quarter.



Freshman Cory Koesdibyo registered career highs in all three major offensive categories versus Colorado State with 4 goals and 3 assists for 7 points.

Alex Devlin (Great Falls, VA / Langley) opened the fourth quarter scoring to put the Rams back ahead by five until Dow scored his third of the game, followed by Ransom's second to keep the Clan alive at 12-9. An SFU man-up would see Craig narrow the score to 12-10 and set the stage for another exciting finish between the two storied programs. Senior captain Garrett Fugier (Greenwood Village, CO / Regis Jesuit) ended the Clan scoring streak at 13-10 before Koesdibyo scored his fourth of a game-high four goals to make it a two-goal game with just under three minutes left to play. Both teams continued to trade chances over the games' final minutes but the Rams would hold off a Clan comeback to avoid the upset and finish on top with a hard-fought, two-goal victory.

A 4-1 first quarter proved to be the difference for Colorado State as Simon Fraser held a 10-9 advantage over the final 45:00 minutes of play, despite the Rams going on a 6-1 run over the second and third quarters. Both teams showed a lot of fire power up front, with four different players on each roster registering multi-goal performances.

After playing four of their opening six games versus opponents ranked in the Top 15, Simon Fraser will continue to play one of the MCLA's toughest schedules with the No. 6 University of Colorado Buffaloes up next for the Clan in a neutral site match-up on Friday, March 18 at Eastside Catholic High School in Sammamish (Seattle), WA. The Ram's will be back in action on Tuesday, March 15 as they close-out their two-game swing through the Pacific Northwest versus the University of Washington Huskies.

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SIMON FRASER (2-4) 1-4-2-4/11

COLORADO STATE (3-0) 4-3-4-2/13

GOALS: SFU: Koesdibyo-4, Dow-3, Craig-2, Ransom-2. **CSU:** Kehoe-3, Konkell-3, Morrison-3, Fisher-2, Devlin, Fugier.

ASSISTS: SFU: Koesdibyo-3, Ransom-2, Craig. **CSU:** A. Flax, Fugier, Kehoe.

NOTES

- Sophomore Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) made his six consecutive start in net for Simon Fraser, making 7 saves with 13 goals against (.350).

- SFU picked-up 30 ground balls. Face-of specialist Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) led the Clan with 5, while fellow freshman Tom Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) and sophomore Eric Ransom each chipped in with 4.

- Weselowski took all but one of Fraser's face-offs finishing 10 of 24 (42%), while senior Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) went 0 for 1 in relief.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Colorado State: "Colorado State is a great team and always a tough opponent. Tonight's game was a real battle and definitely did not lack any intensity from start to finish. We really appreciate Coach Smith and the Rams making the trip up North to play us at home. Despite what has been a heated rivalry in the past, it shows a lot of class and says a lot about the character of their program."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We really felt that we were close to pulling out a win tonight but couldn't be prouder of the effort. Colorado State is a Top 5 team in the MCLA and to be in the game right down to the final whistle shows how hard the guys have continued to work to keep getting better every time we hit the field. We don't like losing these games but are confident that the wins will come if we continue to focus on our execution over 60 minutes."

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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