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## No. 16 Simon Fraser falls 18-14 to No. 6 Colorado

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

**Event:** Men's Lacrosse

**Site:** Eastside Catholic High School, Sammamish, WA

**Score:** #16 Simon Fraser University 14, #6 University of Colorado 18

**Record:** SFU (2-5, 0-0 PNCLL), CU (4-1, 1-1 RMLC)

**Next SFU Game:** Saturday, March 26, 2011, 2:00pm PST - vs. University of Idaho – Moscow, ID (Sprinturf)

SAMMAMISH, WA (March 21, 2011) – Despite outscoring CU in three of four quarters, a lop-sided 10-2 second quarter by the No. 6 University of Colorado Buffaloes would hand No. 16 Simon Fraser their fifth loss of the 2011 season 18-14 in a neutral site contest at Eastside Catholic High School in Sammamish (Seattle), WA. Six freshmen once again got the start for a young SFU squad that has seen all five of their losses come at the hands of opponents ranked in the MCLA's Top 12.

Six different players contributed multi-point performances in a 14-goal effort for the Clan, including a career-high 6 goals from sophomore attack Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) who continues to lead SFU on the season with an impressive 4.714 points-per-game. Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) – 2g, 1a, Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – 2g and Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) – 2G each chipped in with 2-goals, while Stu Mills (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) and Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) recorded a goal and an assist in the loss.

Playing in front of approximately 250 northwest lacrosse fans in attendance who braved a rainy night to see two of the MCLA's top teams go toe-to-toe, Colorado and Simon Fraser did not disappoint early on as the teams traded goals for most of the games' opening 15:00 minutes. The Buffaloes struck first, with the Clan responding after each CU goal until Bezuidenhout's second of the game, scored on the man-up, put the Clan ahead by one at a score of 5-4 heading into the second quarter.

A back-and-forth first quarter would quickly turn to all Colorado in the second frame as the Buffaloes scored seven unanswered goals to break the game open at 11-5 and establish a six-goal lead. Senior captain Chris Tessarolo stopped the bleeding at 11-6 before Dow closed the gap to four with just over 5:00 minutes left to play in the half. Despite the Clan rally, CU continued to fill the Fraser net in the closing minutes of the first half, scoring three more times to cap-off a 10-2 second-quarter-run and take a 14-7 advantage heading into the intermission.

Looking to shift the momentum, SFU freshmen Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) replaced sophomore Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) in between the pipes for the Clan to start the third quarter action. A resilient Fraser squad seemed to respond well,



SFU freshman #27 Max Weselowski escapes a CU defender to win possession off of the draw. Weselowski finished the game 18 of 35 (51%) at the face-off 'X'.

as Dow and Ransom scored back-to-back to open the second half scoring and give the Clan new life at 14-9. Colorado re-extended their lead back to six before another pair of SFU goals, this time from Mills and Dow, closed the CU lead to four at 15-11. The Buffaloes would add one more before the end of the third quarter, giving the Clan a 4-2 edge out of the break but still down by five at 16-11 with only 15:00 minutes left to play.

Fraser would continue to chip away at the second quarter deficit, with freshman attack Calvin Craig striking first for SFU to start the fourth quarter and put the Clan back to within four at 16-12. That would continue to be as close as SFU would get, as the Buffaloes would score two more times, followed by Dow's fifth and sixth of the contest for a final score of 18-14.

Zwack was impressive in relief, stopping 8 of 12 Colorado shots on goal in the second half for a .667 save percentage. Sophomore Bradley Macnee (Ridgewood / Ridgewood) played all 60:00 minutes in net for the Buffaloes making 11 saves with 14 goals against (.440), while senior attack James Blackburn (Princeton, NJ / Hun School) led CU with a game-high 7 points on 3 goals and 4 assists.

Simon Fraser will now have a seven-day break before heading back out on the road for their first divisional game of the season versus the University of Idaho on Saturday, March 26, followed by a game versus PNCLL Division II opponent Gonzaga University on Sunday, March 27 in Spokane, WA. Colorado will continue their trip through the Pacific Northwest with a neutral site match-up versus No. 13 University of Minnesota-Duluth in Portland on Saturday, March 19, before concluding their trip in Eugene, OR on Monday, March 21 versus No. 18 University of Oregon.

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 (2-5) 5-2-4-3/14**

**COLORADO (4-1) 4-10-2-2/18**

**GOALS: SFU:** Dow-6, Bezuidenhout-2, Craig-2, Ransom-2, Mills, Tessarolo. **CU:** Blackburn-3, Dougherty-3, White-3, Rosenblum-2, Cranston, Emerson, Haines, Lemery, Mueller, Reisen, Wramage.

**ASSISTS: SFU:** Bezuidenhout, Clare, Mills, Tessarolo. **CU:** Blackburn-4, Emerson-2, Hulick, Reisen, Rosenblum.

#### **NOTES**

- SFU picked-up 41 ground balls. Face-off specialist Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) led the Clan for the second straight game with 10, while fellow freshman Tom Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) registered 6. Newton and Weselowski have anchored SFU's face-off unit for most of the season and are currently battling it out for the team lead with 37 and 36 ground balls respectively over the Clan's opening 7 games.

- Weselowski once again took all but one of Fraser's face-offs finishing 18 of 35 (51%), while senior Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) went 0 for 1 in relief.

- Freshman goaltender Darren Zwack registered his first significant minutes at the collegiate level, playing the entire 30:00 minutes of the second half and making 8 saves with 4 goals against (.667 S%). Zwack had previously stepped in during just over 2:00 minutes of penalty time to Clan starter Kyle Middleton in games versus Brigham Young and Boise State, going largely untested with 1 save and 1 goal against (.500 S%).

#### **QUOTES**

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Colorado: "Colorado is a good, athletic team with some explosive fire-power that really put us on our heels in the second quarter. Coach Ryder has his team playing a disciplined style of lacrosse that should continue to make the Buffs a dangerous team this season."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We felt really confident coming in to the game that we were ready to make a statement against one of the MCLA's top teams. Unfortunately we continued to struggle to put together a full 60 minutes and a disastrous second quarter really overshadowed what we felt was a solid three-quarters of lacrosse. The guys are hungry for a Top 25 win but tonight was another learning lesson that we really must be consistent from start to finish against the other top teams if you want to come out victorious. The good news is that it is only mid-March and we still have another two months of hard work ahead of us."

**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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