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Fraser splits games with ranked opponents Oregon and Cal Poly

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Next SFU Game: Friday, April 15, 2011, 7:00pm MST - vs. #3 Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ (ASU Soccer Field)

BURNABY, BC (April 12, 2011) – Ranked No. 16 heading into the weekend, Simon Fraser fell to conference rival No. 15 University of Oregon (22-14) on Friday, April 8 before rebounding the next day to claim an important out-of-conference victory versus No. 7 Cal Poly (17-15). Both games were played on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, Oregon, with the Ducks also defeating Cal Poly (7-6) on Sunday, April 10 as part of a three-game round robin. The weekend split moved the Clan (5-6, 1-0 PNCLL North) up to No. 15 in the latest CollegeLAX.us Prodigy Top 25 Poll (April 12, 2011), while Oregon's (7-6, 2-0 PNCLL South) two wins saw them climb to No. 13, two spots behind Cal Poly (10-4, 3-0 WCLL) who dropped to No. 11 with the back-to-back losses.

NO. 16 SIMON FRASER VS. NO. 15 OREGON

Site: Nex-turf, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Score: #16 Simon Fraser University 14, #15 University of Oregon 22

Record: SFU (4-6, 1-0 PNCLL North), UO (6-6, 2-0 PNCLL South)

In a non-divisional match-up between the PNCLL's top teams, a back-and-forth first quarter would see Oregon up 5-4 after fifteen minutes. An early possession for the Clan led to Fraser's Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) opening the scoring with Oregon's Kevin Clarke (Beaverton, OR / Southridge High School) putting the Duck's on the board at 1-1. Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) made it 2-1 for SFU before consecutive goals by Danny Parcell (Lake Oswego, OR / Lakeridge High School) and Spencer Robertson (San Diego, CA / La Jolla High School) gave Oregon their first lead at 3-2. The two teams would continue to trade goals for the remainder of the period with each team scoring twice to maintain a one-goal advantage for UO at 5-4 heading into the second quarter.

Oregon attackman Corbin Root (Seattle, WA / Nathan Hale High School) looked to maintain momentum by extending the Duck lead to two out of the break. Down 6-4, SFU would instead shift the tides in their favor, as a more settled approach fueled a commanding 4-0 run to put the Clan up 8-6 at the half.



Heading into the back half, Fraser was unable to carry over their composure from the second quarter and three unanswered Oregon goals immediately put the Clan on their heels as they forfeited a two-goal lead to now trail 9-8 early in the third. The Clan momentarily regained their footing, as Craig brought SFU back to even at 9-9 and 10-10 before another 3-1 run put the Ducks ahead at 13-11 entering the final frame.

Looking to close the gap by starting the fourth quarter on the man-up, SFU would instead give-up a goal short-handed to extend the Duck lead to three. Frustration seemed to boil over for the Clan, as an SFU penalty following the goal would

lead to Oregon getting back on the board, this time with the man-advantage, to make the score 15-11. The Clan inched back at 15-12 before another three-goal UO run, capped-off by an additional man-up marker on an SFU two-minute unreleasable penalty, seemed to seal the Clan's fate at 18-12. The Ducks would outscore Simon Fraser 4-2 the rest of the way to claim the 22-14 win.

After leading 8-6 at the half, SFU was outscored 16-6 over the final two quarters, giving up three goals while they were short-handed and one goal on the man-up. Freshman attack Calvin Craig continued his impressive play for the Clan, leading all scorers with 7 points on 6 goals and 1 assist, while sophomore Colton Dow added 3 goals in the loss. Kevin Clark led Oregon with 6 points (3g, 3a), while juniors Matt Johnson (Eugene, OR / Sheldon High School) and Spencer Robinson each added 4 goals and 1 assist.

SIMON FRASER (4-6) 4-4-3-3/14
OREGON (6-6) 5-1-7-9/22

GOALS: SFU: Craig-6, Dow-3, Koesdibyo-2, Genereux, Mills, Weselowski. **UO:** Johnson-4, Robertson-4, Clark-3, Eckenroad-3, Osip-2, Paik-2, Purcell-2, Merritt, Root.

ASSISTS: SFU: Craig, Mills, Weselowski. **UO:** Clark-3, Eckenroad, Garrett, Johnson, Merritt, Morse, Robertson.

NOTES

- SFU picked-up 40 ground balls versus the Ducks. Freshmen Tom Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) and Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School), along with sophomore goaltender Kyle Middleton all registered 6 ground balls to lead the Clan in this category.

- Fraser struggled on the line with freshmen face-off specialist Max Weselowski going 13 of 34 (38%) on draws and senior defender Nathan Clare finishing 0 for 2.

- Sophomore goaltender Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) played approximately 57:00 minutes in net for the Clan making 20 saves with 22 goals against (.476 S%), with sophomore Darren Zwack stepping in for the final 3:00 minutes of action but facing 0 shots.

- The game versus Oregon marked SFU Co-Head Coaches Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins 100th game at the collegiate level. Cathrea and Hoskins have gone 71-29 (.710) over their first seven seasons behind the Clan bench, including a 50-10 (.833) record in PNCLL conference play.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Oregon: "Oregon came out ready to play in front of a large home crowd and deserves full credit for the victory. We expected UO to be a tough team defensively but tonight was more of an offensive battle and in the end we couldn't keep pace in the fourth quarter."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "As a group we have been looking forward to this game so are disappointed with such a flat effort in the second half. We looked frantic and unorganized at times which may be characteristic of a young group but is not representative of how we feel that we have played so far this season. This led to some frustration in the fourth quarter and you can't afford to be undisciplined against a top opponent. We are confident that this will serve as another learning lesson and look forward to hopefully having a re-match with the Ducks in the Conference Tournament."

NO. 16 SIMON FRASER VS. NO. 7 CAL POLY

Site: Nex-turf, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Score: #16 Simon Fraser University 17, #7 Cal Poly 15

Record: SFU (5-6, 1-0 PNCLL North), CP (10-3, 3-0 WCLL)

Looking to rebound from their loss to fifteenth ranked Oregon, No. 16 Simon Fraser squared off against No. 7 Cal Poly in a neutral site match-up that would see the Clan claim their first Top 10 victory of the season with a 17-15 win over the Mustangs. For the fourth straight game, SFU opened the scoring with freshman attack Cory Koesdibyo giving the Clan a 1-0 lead early in the contest. Matt Rudow (Danville, CA / San Ramon Valley) and Olivier Schmied (Coronado, CA / Coronado) responded with consecutive goals for Cal Poly to put the Mustangs up 2-1 before another quick marker from Fraser attackman Colton Dow continued the hurried pace at 2-2. Schmied regained Cal Poly the lead at 3-2 until a 6-1 Clan run capped-off a high scoring first quarter with SFU ahead 8-4.

Carrying a four-goal lead heading into the second quarter, Clan penalties would begin to open the door for the Mustangs. Rudow capitalized on a two-man Cal Poly advantage and then again as the penalties expired to close the score to 8-6. Dow then extended the Fraser lead back to three before the Mustangs continued to claw their way back with two goals at even strength and then a third on the man-up to draw the two teams back to even at 9-9. Dow and Rudow would each score their fourth goals of the game to wrap up the half and make it 10-10 at the break.

Freshman goaltender Darren Zwack replaced sophomore Kyle Middleton in the SFU net to start the third quarter. Zwack was pivotal in keeping the game close with 8 third quarter saves as both teams continued to trade goals until consecutive markers by the Clan broke open a 12-12 game to give Fraser a two-goal lead. The Mustangs would add one more before the end of the third quarter to trail SFU 14-13 with 15:00 minutes left to play.

Koesdibyo would generate another two-goal run by the Clan to start the fourth quarter, assisting on goals by Stu Mills (Campbell, River, BC / Timberline Secondary) and Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) to give Fraser a three-goal lead at 16-13. Cal Poly attackman Scott Heberer (Poway, CA / Poway) then scored his only goal of the match-up to bring the Mustangs back to within two before Craig scored his game-high sixth goal to put the Clan back up by three. With time winding down, Rudow would add one more for his fifth of the game but the Mustangs would ultimately fall short dropping a 17-15 decision.

Dow lead all scorers with 7 points on 4 goals and 3 assists, while Craig scored 6 goals for the second straight game to increase his team-high to 49 goals on the season. Zwack, who has been strong in relief for the Clan, turned in his best performance to date making 12 saves with only 5 goals against for a .706 save percentage. Matt Rudow led Cal Poly with four goals, while Dylan Gonsalves (Alamo, CA / San Ramon Valley), Alex Hare (Encinitas, CA / La Costa Canyon) and Olivier Schmied chipped in with two goals each.

SIMON FRASER (5-6) 8-2-4-3/17

CAL POLY (10-3) 4-6-3-2/15

GOALS: SFU: Craig-6, Dow-4, Koesdibyo-3, Mills-2, Ransom-2. **CP (Unofficial):** Rudow-4, Gonsalves-2, Hare-2, Schmied-2, Graupmann, Heberer, Jones, Sack.

ASSISTS: SFU: Dow-3, Koesdibyo-3, Ransom, Weselowski. **CP (Unofficial):** Heberer.

NOTES

- SFU picked-up 32 ground balls versus the Mustangs. Senior defender Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) and freshman LSM Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak High School) led the Clan with 6 groundballs each, while defender Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) and goaltender Kyle Middleton both chipped in with 3 apiece.

- For the second straight game, SFU trailed their opponent on draws with freshman face-off specialist Max Weselowski finishing 14 of 34 (41%).

- Sophomore Kyle Middleton made his tenth start of the season making 9 saves with 10 goals against (.474) over the games' opening 30:00 minutes. Freshman Darren Zwack replaced Middleton at the half, making 12 saves with 5 goals against for an impressive save percentage of .706 over the third and fourth quarters.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Cal Poly: "Cal Poly is a very solid team. They are well coached and always seem to go hard for an entire 60:00 minutes. Even when we had a lead, they never let us get comfortable until the final whistle which makes the Mustangs such a tough opponent."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We were really hungry for a Top 10 victory and felt confident with how we matched-up with Cal Poly heading into the weekend. We can't tell you that today's win was necessarily how we drew it up on the board this week at practice but we gutted it out and found a way to win which can be even more key at this point in our season. We will continue to work on our overall execution but most importantly you need to win games in April and May and we accomplished that this evening."

LOOKING FORWARD

Simon Fraser will have five days off before travelling to Arizona to face their final ranked opponents of the regular season in current No. 3 Arizona State University on Friday, April 15 and No. 21 University of Arizona on Sunday, April 17 in two important out-of-conference match-ups for the Clan. Oregon will play their final game of the 2011 regular season versus

in-state divisional rival Oregon State University on Saturday, April 16 in Portland, Oregon while Cal Poly hosts Stanford University that same day in a WCLL divisional match-up.

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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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