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## Simon Fraser steams past Montana 26-9

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

**Event:** Men's Lacrosse

**Site:** Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, Burnaby, BC

**Score:** #21 Simon Fraser University 26, University of Montana 9

**Record:** SFU (7-8, 3-0 PNCLL North), UM (4-7, 1-2 PNCLL North)

**Next SFU Game:** PNCLL Quarterfinals – Saturday, April 30, 2011, 1:00pm PDT - vs. Portland State University – New Westminster, BC (Mercer Stadium)

BURNABY, BC (April 27, 2011) – Travelling back home to play the second game of back-to-back divisional contests, the Clan overcame a 7-5 halftime deficit, overwhelming Montana 21-2 in the second half for a final score of 26-9. Entering the weekend ranked No. 21 in the CollegeLAX Prodigy Top 25 Poll, consecutive wins over Washington (24-8) and Montana bumped Simon Fraser up to No. 19 in the latest poll, released on Tuesday, April 26. The wins also improved SFU to 3-0 in divisional play, earning the Clan the top seed in the PNCLL North heading into this weekend's PNCLL Conference Quarterfinals.

The attack trio of Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – 10g, 9a, Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) – 4g, 3a and Cory Koesdiby (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) – 6g, 2a once again led the Fraser assault combining for an astonishing 35 points on 20 goals and 15 assists. Craig has re-written the Clan record books during his freshmen season as his 19 points breaks the previous record of 15 (12g, 3a) set by Craig versus Idaho earlier this season, while his 9 assists up the previous record of 8 also set earlier this year in the same game by teammate Colton Dow. Offense wasn't the only story though versus the Grizzlies, as freshman Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge Secondary) picked up 15 ground balls and improved upon his own record for best face-off percentage in a game going 90% on 26 wins in 29 attempts. Weselowski broke the previous record of 71% earlier this year when he went 76% (29 of 38) versus Gonzaga and then increased the mark to 80% versus Washington (25 of 31). The record setting duo also hold records for goals in a game (Craig 12 vs. Idaho) and face-off wins in a game (Weselowski 29 vs. Gonzaga).

Record setting performances aside, things were not looking great for Simon Fraser in the opening half as the Clan were assessed 12:30 minutes in penalties and found themselves down 4-2 at the end of the first quarter and 7-5 after 30:00 minutes. Patrick Shelso (Memphis, TN / Fiscal Senior High) opened the scoring for Montana, with Craig making it 1-1 early in the contest. Penalty trouble would then start for the Clan as they were assessed a 3:00 minute unreleasable stick penalty. Craig would look to minimize the damage scoring short-handed until Montana began to cash-in on the man-up scoring two of their next three goals while on the man advantage to take a 4-2 lead. Dow appeared to have closed the Griz lead to one but another 3:00 minute non-releasable stick penalty would nullify the goal and see SFU enter the second quarter once again on the man down.



SFU senior #17 Nathan Clare chases down a Montana attackman. The Clan used a 20-0 run over the third and fourth quarters to come back from a halftime deficit of 7-5 and defeat the Griz 26-9.

Montana continued to make the Clan pay in the second frame adding another man-up goal for their largest lead of the game at 5-2. The two teams would then begin to trade goals as Fraser capitalized on a man-up of their own followed by Jeremy Brown (Canandaigua, NY / NW NY Vo-Tec) for Montana who scored his second of the game to make it 6-3. A broken stick following a shot would see Dow having his second disallowed goal of the day before Koesdibyo made it count with his second of the day for a score of 6-4 on a Clan man advantage. Montana's Kent Davis (Denver, CO / Regis) re-extended the Griz lead at 7-4 before Craig scored his third of the first half to make it 7-5 heading into the intermission.

Montana's fourth man-up goal of the game seemed to continue the Griz momentum at 8-5 out of the break. Craig then improved the score to 8-6 until Davis scored his fourth of the game to make it 9-6 Montana early in the second half. In a massive change of force, Fraser would go on a 9-0 run to finish the third quarter and reverse fortunes at 15-9 for the Clan with 15:00 minutes left to play. Simon Fraser would continue to dominate the fourth quarter outscoring the Griz 11-0, as twenty unanswered goals in the second half resulted in a 26-9 final.

Three lop sided wins in the PNCLL North will see the Clan (7-8, 3-0 PNCLL North) clinch the North's #1 seed heading into this weekend's Quarterfinal match-ups where they will host the PNCLL South's #4 seed in Portland State (2-7, 0-3 PNCLL South). The loss puts Montana (4-7) in a three-way tie with Idaho (4-5) and Washington (5-8) all with divisional records of 1-2. The Griz, who lose out on a tie-breaker, end up as the PNCLL North's #4 seed and will face Oregon in the Quarterfinals as the #1 seed in the PNCLL South. Winners of the Quarterfinal match-ups will advance to the PNCLL Final Four Conference Tournament, May 7-8 at Wilsonville High School in Portland Oregon.

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**SIMON FRASER (7-8)** 2-3-10-11/26

**MONTANA (4-7)** 4-3-2-0/9

**GOALS: SFU:** Craig-10, Koesdibyo-6, Dow-4, Ransom-3, Farrell, Newton, Tessarolo. **UM:** Davis-4, Brown-2, Jeffrey, Shelso, Ward.

**ASSISTS: SFU:** Craig-9, Dow-3, Ransom-3, Koesdibyo-2, Weselowski. **UM:** Jeffrey-2, Brown, Davis.

#### NOTES

- Freshman Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) made his fourth consecutive start, posting a save percentage of 55% with 11 saves and 9 goals against.

#### QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Montana: "Montana came out with a lot of energy today and did a great job of capitalizing on their opportunities to really put us on our heels in the first half. The Griz have some talented players and a solid coaching staff which I think will continue to make them competitive."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "We faced a lot of adversity today in the first half which was important for us to overcome and make a bit of a statement in the second half after a frustrating thirty minutes to start. Possession off the draws was key for us today and our offense really clicked over the third and fourth quarters."

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#### SENIOR PROFILES

All four of the Clan's graduating seniors served as Team Captains in 2011.

At defence, he has played 64 games for the Clan registering 226 ground balls with 5 goals and 3 assists. A two-time PNCLL All-Conference selection, he was also named an MCLA All-American Honorable Mention in his junior year. Accompanied by his parents Nigel and Mary, from Vancouver College VIA Ladner, BC **#17 Nathan Clare**.

Playing in 58 games for Simon Fraser as a long pole defender from 2007 to 2011, he has posted 6 goals and 5 assists, while being named to the PNCLL All-Conference 1st Team in both his freshman and junior years. He was also named a

MCLA All-American Honorable Mention last season. Accompanied by his parents Denis and Holly, from Terry Fox Secondary in Port Coquitlam, BC **#36 Luke Genereux**.

A face-off specialist and transition midfielder, he quickly earned a reputation as one of the nation's top drawmen, being named a two-time PNCLL All-Conference selection and a MCLA 2nd Team All-American in his junior year, while posting career totals of 15 goals and 8 assists over 44 games. Accompanied by his parents Kevin and Ann, from Berkshire Preparatory VIA Calgary, Alberta **#25 Ben Johnson**.

Lastly, in 60 games he has scored 104 goals and 46 assists for an impressive 150 collegiate points, good for #10 all-time at SFU in goals and #12 in career points. A two-time PNCLL All-Conference Honorable Mention, he was also named to the PNCLL All-Conference 2nd Team as a sophomore in 2009 and Most Valuable Player of the PNCLL Final Four Conference Championships. Accompanied by his parents Chel and Lisa, from New Westminster Secondary in New Westminster, BC and a graduate of the Burnaby Mountain Selects **#18 Chris Tessarolo**.



#### **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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