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Men's Lacrosse Notes: Nine Clan Players earn Individual Honors in 2011

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

BURNABY, BC (May 31, 2011) – Fresh off a 9-9 season that saw a young Clan squad finish as runners-up in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (PNCLL) Conference Finals, several members of the Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse team earned individual honors in 2011. Four Clan players were named to the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA) Division I All-America Team, while nine SFU players received PNCLL Division I All-Conference recognition. Among the nine all-conference selections were four PNCLL first team honorees, with attackman Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) also being named PNCLL Freshmen of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year.

Craig led the way for the Clan amassing 100 goals and 32 assists for 132 points in 17 games, topping the MCLA in goals-per-game (5.882) and finishing second in points-per-game (7.765). In only his freshman season, Craig became the first SFU player to score 100 goals in a season, also setting the single game records for both goals (15) and points (19). Craig was the only freshman on the MCLA All-America first or second team, in addition to being named PNCLL Freshman of the Year, PNCLL Offensive Player of the Year and to the PNCLL All-Conference First Team.

Joining Craig on the MCLA All-America Team and rounding our Fraser's list of PNCLL First Team All-Conference selections, were senior Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary), an MCLA Third Team All-American, and sophomores Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) and Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) as MCLA All-America Honorable Mentions.

Genereux was named an MCLA All-American for the second straight year after receiving honorable mention status last season. Genereux was also named a PNCLL First Team All-Conference selection for the third and final time in his collegiate career, after earning the same honor in both his freshman and junior year.

Dow finished the 2011 campaign with 56 goals and 55 assists for 111 points in 18 games. His 3.055 assists-per-game ranked second in the MCLA, while his 6.167 points-per-game ranked third. His 55 assists set a school record for assists in a season, while he also registered the program high for assists in a game at 12. Additionally, Dow became the second player in school history to total 100 or more points in a season and only the seventh player at SFU to post over 50 goals in a year. Only a sophomore in 2011, Dow was a PNCLL Honorable Mention as a freshman last season.

Ransom also had an impressive sophomore year, finishing fourth in team scoring with 53 point on 34 goals and 19 assists in 17 games, making him the highest scoring midfield in the PNCLL and earning both All-American and All-Conference recognition for the first time.

Garnering PNCLL All-Conference Second Team honors were freshmen Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) and Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak High School) and junior Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary), while PNCLL Honorable Mentions Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) and Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge Secondary) rounded out the list of PNCLL All-Conference recipients.

Koesdibyo had an outstanding freshmen year, starting 16 games at attack and finishing third in team scoring with 41goals, and 34 assists. His 75 points are the third most all-time by a freshman at SFU. His 34 assists ranked second on the team, while his 41 goals ranked third.

Wanzer also had an impressive freshman year. The Washington State native started 17 games at LSM and finished fourth on the team in ground balls with 73. He also led all Clan long-stick defenders in goals on the season with 4.

Bezuidenhout earned a reputation as one of the PNCLL's top short stick defensive midfielders in 2011, finishing fifth in team scoring with 25 goals and 10 assists for 35 points, while also playing a pivotal role for the Clan on both defense and transition.

Clare wrapped-up an accomplished collegiate career by being named a PNCLL All-Conference selection for the third time, after being named to the PNCLL All-Conference Second Team in 2010 and First Team in 2009. Clare was also named an MCLA All-American Honorable Mention as a junior last season. Clare finished second on the team in ground balls with 96.

Lastly, Weselowski enjoyed one of the finest statistical seasons for a face-off specialist at Simon Fraser in 2011. Stepping in as the Clan's starting face-off specialist three games into the season; the first-year drawman led the team in face-offs won (261), face-off winning percentage (60%) and ground balls (125). His 261 wins in 434 attempts are both program highs, while Weselowski also set the school record for face-off wins in a game (32) and single-game face-off winning percentage (90%).

In seven seasons under current SFU Co-Head Coaches Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins, their teams have now produced twenty-one (21) All-Americans (5 x 1st Team All-Americans) and sixty-two (62) PNCLL All-Conference selections (28 x 1st Team All-Conference).

2011 SFU LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

MCLA 2nd Team All-America

Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) - Attack

MCLA 3rd Team All-America

Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary - Defense

MCLA Honorable Mention All-America

Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) - Attack

Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) – Midfield

PNCLL Division I Offensive Player of the Year

Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) - Attack

PNCLL Division I Freshman of the Year

Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) - Attack

PNCLL All-Conference 1st Team

Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) - Attack

Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) - Attack

Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) - Midfield

Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary - Defense

PNCLL All-Conference 2nd Team

Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) - Attack

Rick Bezuidenhout (Campbell River, BC / Timberline Secondary) - SSDM

Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak High School) - LSM

PNCLL All-Conference Honorable Mention

Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) - Defense

Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) – Face-off Specialist

ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE

Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse will compete in its seventeenth season in 2012 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 rank sixth all-time with ten MCLA National Championship tournament appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009. The Clan are proudly sponsored by Harrow Sports.

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