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Simon Fraser edged 11-8 by Notre Dame de Namur in first Fall Scrimmage

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Koret Field - NDNU, Belmont, CA

Score: Simon Fraser University (MCLA Div. I) 8, Notre Dame de Namur University (NCAA Div. II) 11

Next SFU Game: Sunday, October 9, 2011, 11:00am PDT - vs. Chico State University – Chico, CA (University Stadium)

BELMONT, CA (October 8, 2011) – Simon Fraser opened up their 2011 Fall scrimmage schedule with a game against NCAA Div. II opponent Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont, CA on Saturday, October 8. Playing a modified clock of four 20-minute quarters, running time, the Argos edged the Clan by an unofficial score of 11-8. Freshman Ward Spencer (Saskatoon, SK / Evan Hardy Collegiate) 4g, and sophomore Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) 1g, 3a, led SFU with 4 points each, while fellow attack Frank Davalos (Moose Jaw, SK / Albert E. Peacock Collegiate) added 2 goals in the exhibition loss.

With both teams showing some early season rust to start the contest, the Argos would open the scoring with an open look on the door step to take a 1-0 lead. Koesdibyo converted a pass from fellow sophomore Tommy Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) to tie the game at 1-1 before NDNU scored their second of the game to take a 2-1 lead heading into the second quarter.

After back and forth play for most of the first frame, the Argos would control the pace in the second quarter as turnovers and defensive breakdowns began to put the Clan back on their heels. NDNU scored consecutively to increase their lead to 4-1, until Davalos scored his first of the game on a pass from Koesdibyo to reset the score to 4-2. The Argos would continue to roll, scoring twice more to round out the first half scoring and take a 6-2 lead into the break.

A renewed Clan would start the second half with much better focus, as Ward scored back-to-back out of the gate to close the gap to 6-4. In what was a fast paced match-up from start to finish, the Argos would respond with two goals of their own to extend their lead back to four at 8-4 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was highlighted by increased execution from both teams as the two sides traded goals for the remaining time on the clock. Clan midfielder Eric Ransom scored on a nice drive to make it 8-5. NDNU then made it 9-5 before Spencer completed the second-half hat trick on a man-up goal at 9-6. The Argos once again responded at 10-6 with Fraser going on a 2-1 run to end the contest for a final score of 11-8.

Evenly matched for most of the game, a 4-1 second quarter by NDNU proved to be the difference in a contest where both teams showcased their early season depth by rotating in almost their entire line-up. Down 6-2 at the half, SFU responded with six goals in the third and fourth quarter to outscore the Argos by one over the final forty minutes.

Three of the four goaltenders currently on Simon Fraser's roster saw time between the pipes on the day. Junior Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) started the game, making 7 saves with 6 goals against for a .538 save percentage in the first half. Freshman Alex Lemmon (North Vancouver, BC / Sentinel Secondary) entered the game at halftime, making 4 saves with 2 goals against (.667), while sophomore Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) played the entire fourth quarter making 3 saves with 3 goals against (.500).

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SIMON FRASER 1-1-2-4/8

NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR 2-4-2-3/11

GOALS: SFU: Spencer-4, Davalos-2, Koesdibyo, Ransom. **NDNU:** Unavailable.

ASSISTS: SFU: Koesdibyo-3, Newton. **NDNU:** Unavailable

NOTES

- Fraser dressed twenty-five (25) players including fourteen (14) freshmen, five (5) sophomores, six (6) juniors and no seniors. Not dressed was freshman Quinn Beechinor (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate), sophomore Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary), freshman Casey Foster (Edmonton, AB / St. Francis Xavier HS) and freshman Iain Vickers (Burnaby, BC / Burnaby South Secondary).

- SFU picked-up 29 ground balls. Sophomores Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak HS) and Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) led the way for the Clan with 7 each, while junior goaltender Kyle Middleton registered 3 ground balls in two quarters of action.

- Weselowski went 63% at the face-off 'X' for SFU finishing 10 of 16, while sophomore Tommy Newton 2/2 and freshmen Sam Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) 3/4 and Kurt Pohs (Olympia, WA / Stadium HS) 0/1 were strong in relief going 71% (5 of 7) collectively.

QUOTES

SFU Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On NDNU: "Coach Pedrick looks to be doing a great job of re-laying the foundation in his first season as Head Coach at NDNU. The Argos showed good pre-season form and really pushed the pace despite a short bench on offense. They've got some talented players on offensively and can be a dangerous team 1 on 1. Thanks again to Coach Pedrick for hosting us and best of luck the Argos this season."

On Simon Fraser: "The team has looked great over the first four weeks of practice in terms of our intensity and execution but with such a young group it is realistic to expect a bit of a learning curve and development process. As a group, both players and coaches, I think that we were much more satisfied with our second half then how we played to start the game, especially in the second quarter. Playing quality opponents such as NDNU in our exhibition season is an important part of challenging ourselves to reach the level that we want to be at by the start of our season. This time of year, you always take away the things you need to work on but we will also build on the positives to ensure that today is a good starting step in the right direction."

ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE

Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse will compete in its seventeenth season in 2012 and is a Division I member of 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 proudly wear equipment and apparel by Harrow Sports and Cascade helmets.

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