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Simon Fraser tops Chico State 9-8 in Scrimmage

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: University Stadium – Chico State University, Chico, CA

Score: Simon Fraser University 9, Chico State University 8

Next SFU Game: Sunday, October 16, 2011, 11:00am PDT - vs. Western Washington University – Bellingham, WA (Whatcom Community College)

CHICO, CA (October 10, 2011) – Simon Fraser concluded their fall trip to California on Sunday, October 9 with their second game in as many days versus WCLL opponent Chico State University. With SFU leading 4-2 at the half, a strong third quarter by the Wildcats would force the Clan to come from behind over the final 15:00 minutes to clinch their first exhibition win of the fall. Sophomore Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) and freshman Iain Vickars (Burnaby, BC / Burnaby South Secondary) led the Clan with two goals each, while sophomore Tommy Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) also registered 2-points in the scrimmage with a goal and an assist.

Fraser set the pace in the first quarter with Newton opening the scoring off a drive on one of the Clan's early possessions. Chico State would tie the score at 1-1 before Vickars scored his first of two man-up goals on the day, from Newton, to give SFU back the lead at 2-1. After ringing a shot off the post, sophomore Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) picked up his own rebound in front of the Wildcat net to extend the Clan lead to two and take a 3-1 advantage heading into the second quarter.

With 3:00 in penalties for SFU over the opening 15:00 minutes, an additional 3:00 minutes in penalties, including two non-releasable infractions in the second quarter would begin to slow the tempo as special teams were put to an early pre-season test. Despite numerous chances with the man-advantage, Chico State would strike first at even strength before Fraser capitalized on a man-up of their own with Koesdibyo scoring his first of the game to even the frame at 1-1 and put the Clan up 4-2 at the break.



Fraser faces-off against Chico State at University Stadium in Chico, CA.

Coming out of halftime, the Wildcats would go on the offensive, outscoring Simon Fraser 5-2 in the third quarter to take their first lead of the game at 7-6. Chico scored early, then followed Clan goals by Koesdibyo and Vickars (man-up) with consecutive two-goal runs of their own to take a one-goal advantage into the fourth quarter.

Chico would continued to roll to start the fourth, extending their lead to 8-6 before Fraser began to capitalize on strong play in transition, scoring the games' final three goals for a 9-6 victory. Attackman Ward Spencer (Saskatoon, SK / Evan Hardy Collegiate) started the Clan's ending run by finishing a forced turnover on the ride to close the gap to one. Fellow freshman Mark Hilker (Bowmanville, ON / Clarington Central Secondary) then knotted the score at 8-8 by bouncing in a shot from outside. With about 3:00 minutes left to play, Clan goaltender Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) hit fellow junior, defenseman Sam Biagioni (Surrey, BC / Fraser Heights Secondary) who kept the ball alive on an unsettled fast break, leading to freshman Sam Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) scoring the winner on a 2-on-1 from the crease.

All four SFU goaltenders currently on Clan's roster saw time in the win. Sophomore Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) started the game and played the entire first quarter, making 3 saves with 1 goal against (.750). Alex Lemmon (North Vancouver, BC / Sentinel Secondary) played all 15:00 minutes in the second, making 5 saves with 1 goal against (.833). Fellow freshman Will Esaw started the third quarter, making 3 saves with 3 goals against (.500) while junior Kyle Middleton back-stopped the Clan over the final 26:10 making 7 saves with 3 goals against (.700).

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SIMON FRASER 3-1-2-3/9
CHICO STATE 1-1-5-1/8

GOALS: SFU: Koesdibyo-2, Vickars-2, Clare, Hilker, Newton, Spencer, Weselowski. **CHICO:** Unavailable.

ASSISTS: SFU: Newton, Ransom. **CHICO:** Unavailable

NOTES

- Fraser dressed twenty-seven (27) players including sixteen (16) freshmen, five (5) sophomores, six (6) juniors and no seniors. Not dressed was freshman Quinn Beechinor (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) and sophomore Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary).
- SFU picked-up 28 ground balls. Sophomore Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak HS) led the Clan with 4, while sophomore Tommy Newton and goaltenders Kyle Middleton and Darren Zwack each chipped in with 3.
- The Clan had a tough day at the face-off 'X' with Max Weselowski going 41% on 7 of 17 draws, Sam Clare finishing 0 for 2 and Tommy Newton winning 1 of 1.
- Fraser's special teams looked particularly strong with 3 man-up goals and an additional goal short-handed, representing just under half of the Clan's total scoring. The SFU Man-Down unit also held Chico State to just one goal with the man-advantage, despite clocking 10:30 in penalties, including four 1:00 minute, non-releasable infractions.

QUOTES

SFU Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Chico: "Chico always seems to be a tough opponent in the fall. We beat them 9-7 last October and they once again gave us a great game that was competitive from start to finish. They are a team that competes hard and has some good fire power in the midfield. Thanks to Coach Jackson for hosting us and best of luck to the Wildcats this season."

On Simon Fraser: "It is always great to get a win when you are testing your depth in the fall. We have a relatively large roster this pre-season compared to what we carried last year and it has been nice to see everyone contributing after only a few weeks of practice. Like us, Chico plays a physical style of lacrosse and this caused us to become undisciplined at times. Having to re-focus and dig ourselves out of a bit of a hole will hopefully serve as a valuable lesson for our season. Overall it was a great trip and we are looking forward to getting back out on the practice field to continue our improvement."

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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