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Simon Fraser downs Western Washington 14-3 in Scrimmage

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: Orca Field – Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA

Score: Simon Fraser University 14, Western Washington University 3

Next SFU Game: Saturday, October 22, 2011, 7:00pm PDT – Red vs. White Alumni Game – Burnaby, BC (SFU Terry Fox Field)

BELLINGHAM, WA (October 17, 2011) – Simon Fraser continued their 2011 fall scrimmage schedule on Sunday with a 14-3 win over regional PNCLL Division II opponent Western Washington University. Tied 2-2 at the end of the first quarter, SFU would outscore the Vikings 12-1 the rest of the way to post their second straight win of the pre-season. Eight different players registered points in what was a total team effort for the Clan. Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary), an MCLA All-America Honorable Mention in 2011, lead the Clan with 4 goals and 2 assists in his first action of the fall, while fellow attackmen Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) – 3g, 2a, and Frank Davalos (Moose Jaw, SK / Albert E. Peacock Collegiate) – 3g continued their impressive play of the pre-season with 5 and 3 points respectively.

Western Washington opened the scoring on the game's first possession to take their only lead of the day at 1-0. SFU junior Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) tied the score at 1-1, with Davalos connecting on a pass from Dow to put Fraser ahead 2-1. Despite a dominant riding game to start the contest, the Clan would only be able to convert 2 of their 15 first quarter shots, allowing the Vikings to tie the contest at 2-2 as the whistle blew to end the opening frame.

Dow would shift the momentum back in SFU's favor to start the second quarter as he scored on a solo effort from 'X' to regain the Clan lead at 3-2, before finishing a fast break from Koesdibyo to extend the score to 4-2. Ransom assisted on a man-up goal by freshman Iain Vickars (Burnaby, BC / Burnaby South Secondary) to make it 5-2, with Koesdibyo scoring his first of the game on a nice feed from freshman Travis Hayes (Dublin, CA / Dublin High School) to give Fraser a four-goal lead at 6-2. SFU's freshman would continue to impress on the day, as first-year midfielder Sam Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) found Davalos on the crease to round out the second quarter scoring and give the Clan a 7-2 lead heading into halftime.

After registering 27 shots in the first half, Simon Fraser would slow slightly out of the break with Dow's hat trick marker off a fast break caused by SFU freshman long pole Bayne Bosquet (Coldstream, BC / Kalamalka Secondary) representing the only goal of the third quarter, resetting the score at 8-2 after 45:00 minutes.

The Clan would regain their rhythm to close of the contest as sophomore Tommy Newton (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) and junior Colton Dow scored back-to-back to begin the fourth quarter and extend the SFU lead to eight at 10-2. A Clan delay of game penalty would allow the Vikings to get back on the board at 10-3. Koesdibyo would then spark the Fraser offense the rest of the way, scoring consecutively on feeds from Clare then Dow, before assisting on Newton's second of the game, following a Davalos goal to complete a 6-1 fourth quarter run and a final score of 14-3.

All four SFU goaltenders currently on Clan's roster once again saw time in the win. First-year backstop Will Esaw (Richmond, BC / Vancouver College) made his first start of the fall season allowing 2 goals over the opening 15:00 minutes. Fellow freshman Alex Lemmon (North Vancouver, BC / Sentinel Secondary) made 2 saves to blank the Vikings in the second quarter, while junior Kyle Middleton continued the shutout streak with 4 saves and no goals against in the third. Sophomore Darren Zwack guarded the Clan net in the fourth quarter making a team-high 5 saves with 1 goal against (.833).

Simon Fraser will be back in action next weekend as they conclude their fall season with their annual "Red vs. White" Alumni Game. For further information on Simon Fraser men's lacrosse please visit www.sfulacrosse.com or follow the Clan on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/fraserlacrosse>.

SIMON FRASER 2-5-1-6/14

WESTERN WASHINGTON 2-0-0-1/3

GOALS: SFU: Dow-4, Koesdibyo-3, Davalos-3, Newton-2, Ransom, Vickars. **WWU:** Unavailable.

ASSISTS: SFU: Clare-2, Dow-2, Koesdibyo-2, Hayes. **WWU:** Unavailable

NOTES

- Fraser dressed twenty-seven (27) players including fifteen (15) freshmen, seven (7) sophomores, five (5) juniors and no seniors. Not dressed were freshmen Quinn Beechinor (Saskatoon, SK / Aden Bowman Collegiate) and Ward Spencer (Saskatoon, SK / Evan Hardy Collegiate) who are both out for the remainder of the fall due to injury.
- SFU picked-up a fall-high 41 ground balls. Midfielder Sam Clare led the Clan with 7, while fellow freshman, long pole Markus Critchley (Mission, BC / Hatzic Secondary) and sophomore Cory Koesdibyo each had five.
- Clare was also impressive at the face-off 'X' going 86% on 6 of 7 draws. Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) posted 5 wins in 11 attempts (45%), while fellow sophomore Tommy Newton was 0 for 2 in relief.

QUOTES

SFU Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Western Washington: "Western Washington always gives us a competitive game. With our two schools located so close, it is really beneficial to be able to get in another quality opponent in the fall and preseason. The Vikings continue to grow under Coach Feld and will definitely be a team to watch again this year in MCLA Division II."

On Simon Fraser: "Our goal at the beginning of the fall is to make sure that we are continuing to get better each time we hit the field. After what we felt was a good start to our scrimmage season in California, we broke down film on both games and, as a group, identified the areas where we felt we could be better this weekend. Overall we improved our level of execution and we are looking forward to continuing this same process this coming week in preparation for our final game of the fall versus our Alumni this Saturday."

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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