

Sports

Lacrosse sensation looking south

Faceoff specialist Brett Carlson hoping to land U.S. college scholarship

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When you're 17 and your fallback career is to be a commercial pilot, things are going pretty well.

Chilliwack's Brett Carlson is gearing up for a pivotal year of lacrosse that the Sardis secondary students hopes will land him a spot at an American university.

Carlson, a faceoff specialist who likes to take the body to opposing forwards, has attracted attention from at least a couple colleges after a pair of tournaments with the Burnaby Mountain Selects Senior Elite field lacrosse team.

The Burnaby Mountain squad will kick off its fall season soon. And in November, Carlson and company will travel to Baltimore, Md., for a tournament that will allow East Coast college coaches to take a look at up-and-coming talent.

For Carlson, the possibility

of playing for an American college is exciting.

"Hopefully I get recruited and go to the states, that would be awesome," he told *the Times*. "When we've gone on our trips with the Burnaby Mountain program, we've gone on tours down there and the atmosphere around the sports down there, it's not like it is in Canada."

Carlson has played several tournaments in the United States since he signed on with the Burnaby Mountain program in the fall of 2008. But American colleges are not allowed to directly communicate with athletes until their senior year (they can, however, send recruiting materials).

Burnaby Mountain coach Brent Hoskins, who also coaches Simon Fraser University's men's lacrosse team, said the tournaments provide coaches with the

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Chilliwack lacrosse star Brett Carlson is hoping to secure a U.S. college scholarship with a strong season.

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