

► SFU BASKETBALL

Women's win streak ends; men's still to come

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The Simon Fraser University women's basketball team had its 11-game winning streak snapped by Metro State College.

SFU suffered its first defeat of the season following a 73-62 defeat to the Roadrunners in Denver, Colorado Nov. 27.

The last loss for the 3-1 Clan was a 63-61 defeat to the University of Victoria back in February.

"We came out extremely flat and because of our depth this season we need everyone to show up to have success," said SFU head coach Bruce Langford in a press release. "We were badly out-rebounded again, and you can't be tentative for a second against aggressive people."

On the Friday, SFU got by Western State College 83-79 in the opening game of the Metro State Thanksgiving Classic.

In that game, Nayo Raincock-Ekunwe posted a third consecutive double-double, finishing 12-of-16 from the floor with 28 points and 14 rebounds.

SFU earned the win despite being out-rebounded 31-6 on the offensive glass and 50-39 overall.

Guard Carla Wyman scored a career-high 17 points, while Amonda Francis, with 13 points, and Kristina Collins, with 11, also finished in double figures for the Clan.

In the later game, Collins led the Clan in scoring with 16 points, including four three-pointers.

SFU will host Montana

State University at home on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Clan will then play the University of B.C. Thunderbirds in the annual Barbara Rae Cup in the West gym on Saturday. Tip-off is 5:15 p.m.

Still looking

The men's varsity hoop team is still without a win after a pair of tournament losses last weekend.

SFU dropped to 0-3 following a 77-59 defeat to the University of California San Diego at the Notre Dame de Namur Thanksgiving Classic in Belmont, California last Saturday.

The Clan dropped its opening game at the tournament 95-50 to San Francisco State University on Nov. 26.

SFU shot less than 30 per cent in the opening game, including a dismal four-for-24 from behind the arc.

Ricky Berry led the Burnaby squad with 15 points, while Justin Brown added 12.

In the second game, Brown had a game-high 21 points and Berry added a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Chris Paredes got SFU to within a point midway through the first half. San Diego led 41-32 at half-time.

The men host Quest University in their season home opener today (Wednesday).

SFU will play its first-ever NCAA Div. II Great Northwest Athletic Conference match on Saturday against Montana State Billings.



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Hard work pays off: Natalie Wong, right, recorded her first multi-goal game for the Burnaby/New Westminister C team in a 14-8 loss to Surrey/White Rock B in under-14 ringette at Burnaby Lake Arena Saturday. Wong was given the team's hard hat award for her solid play in the game.

Field Selects take three from Starz

The Burnaby Mountain Selects under-12 and u-13 elite field lacrosse teams won three out of four games in Washington state earlier this month.

The u-13 selects, including Burnaby attacker Jordan Gabriele and midfielder Garrett Wills, and New Westminister goalie Dylan Sharpe, went undefeated in the two games of an exhibition series hosted by the South Sound Starz in Tacoma.

The Selects won their opening game 7-6 against the Grade 8-aged Starz. The Selects then trounced Bainbridge Island,

one of the top high school lacrosse programs in Washington by a score of 15-2.

The u-12s lost to the Starz's Grade 7 team 6-5, but won their opening game 19-3 over the Starz's younger side. The Selects u-12 team included Burnaby midfielder Lucas Greene and New Westminister defenceman Mathew Buchanan.

The two teams are coached by Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse co-head coaches Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins of Burnaby.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Former FC Gold Pride forwards Christine Sinclair of Burnaby and Brazilian star striker Marta are the two top free agents in Womens Professional Soccer.

Marta, the four-time FIFA world player of the year and two-time WPS MVP, led the league with 19 goals in 2010.

Sinclair, Canada's star forward, registered 10 goals and nine assists in her second WPS season.

Free agency opened on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Another player available for free agency is Pride teammate Tiffeny Milbrett, who played with Sinclair earlier in their careers on the Vancouver Whitecaps.

Sign up for lax

Burnaby Minor Lacrosse will be holding new player registration at the Bill Copeland Sport Centre's Lakeview Room in the coming months.

The first session will be held on Dec. 15 between 7 and 9 p.m. A second weekend sign-up will take place on Jan. 11.

There will also be two Saturday afternoon registration dates held in February.

All new players will receive a free lacrosse stick.

For returning players, there is online registration at www.burnabylacrosse.com.

For parental enquiries, e-mail susank@burnabylacrosse.com.

Girls lax to N.W.

New Westminister minor lacrosse has been named host of the 2011 Canadian national bantam and midget girls' lacrosse championships.

The national championships, including a first-ever midget girls' competition, will take place from July 24 to 28.

Goalie gets recall to AHL

Two solid outings with Greenville of the East Coast Hockey League have earned Brian Stewart a recall back to the American Hockey League.

The Burnaby goaltender was called back to Adirondack on Sunday, following the Phantoms' 4-0 loss to the Hershey Bears on Saturday.

Stewart's posted two wins in three games with Greenville since he was loaned to the AA club from Adirondack on Nov. 18.

In his last outing in Greenville, Stewart made 33 saves in a 6-2 win over the Kalamazoo Wings on Nov. 26.

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