

## Canadians in the NCAA 2011 – Week 4

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### New York State of Mind

This past week saw a number of exciting games with the two most important occurring this past Saturday afternoon on Long Island. Virginia's overtime win over Stony Brook lived up to all of the hype and was exactly the kind of game that one would hope to see when two top 5 Div I programs meet face-to-face. The other game occurred a few miles away and saw Hofstra beat Princeton in another well contested match between two talented top-10 squads. Overall, it was a good week for Canadian laxers in the NCAA with Crowley, Lincoln, Noble, Genik, Tao-Brambleby, Adams, Mawdsley, Pecchia, Loewen, Crawford, Lachlan, Beard and Oosting putting up big numbers in their respective games. From a Canadian perspective, here is my recap of the week that was in the NCAA.

### Men's Div I – Living up to all the hype!

On Saturday, #5 Stony Brook hosted #1 Virginia on Long Island in a game that featured some of the best talent in the NCAA. In the end, the game went into overtime with Virginia winning a hard fought victory on foreign soil and did so with a couple of key players out of the line-up. That said, Steele Stanwick put on a show for the ages scoring 5 goals including the game winner in overtime. Teammate Mark Cockerton (Oshawa) had 2 goals and 2 GB's for Virginia in the win while Kevin Crowley (New Westminster) had 4 goals and an assist and Robbie Campbell (Delta) had 3 assists for the Sea wolves. Just down the road, #7 Hofstra hosted #8 Princeton and once again neither team disappointed. In the end, Hofstra prevailed 11-9, with Jaime Lincoln (St. Catharines) scoring 4 goals and Jay Card (Caldeon) adding a goal and 2 assists. Other notable performances last week saw Zach Palmer (Oshawa) score 4 goals and 3 assists in a big win over Delaware earlier in the week. On Saturday, Cornell got its first win of the "Ben Deluca Era" over Hobart with Jason Noble (Orangeville) grabbing 7 ground balls and 5 CT's, while rookie Cody Bremner (Victoria) scored a pair and Mitch McMichael (Port Perry) had a goal, an assist, a GB and a CT – evidently Hobart goalie Evan Kirk (Orangeville) was stellar in goal despite the loss. Hartford got its first win of the season with Aiden Genik (Toronto) scoring a hat-trick while Robert Morris also picked up its first win with Trevor Moore (Port Coquitlam) scoring 2 goals and 2 assists and Corby Tao-Brambleby (Coquitlam) adding two assists and nine GB's. Shayne Adams (St Catharines) scored a program record 7 goals against Mercer on Saturday while Jordan Houtby (St Catharines) grabbed 11 GB's and 6 CT's. Drexel also had a big win on Saturday with Robert Church (Coquitlam) scoring 3 goals and 3 assists and adding a GB and two CT's, while Kyle Bergman (Toronto) added a pair of goals and rookie Ben McIntosh (Coquitlam) scored his first NCAA goal. Sacred Heart had its first win of the season on Saturday with rookie Mark Mawdsley (Innisfil) scoring 4 goals and grabbing 3 GB's with Nick Soubry (Oakville) adding 3 GB's and 2 CTs for the victory. Finally, on Sunday Cam Flint (Georgetown) scored 4 goals and an assist in Denver's win over Vermont while Dillon Ward (Orangeville) was evidently spectacular in Bellarmine's overtime loss to Delaware.

### Men's Div I Canadian Scoring Leaders

It is still early in the season with most NCAA Div I teams having only played a couple of games so far this year. Nonetheless, goals are being scored and here is a quick look at the Canadian scoring leaders in Div I from a purely offensive statistical point of view. The ranking is done by points per game (PPG).

#### Canadian Offensive Statistical Leaders - As of Feb 27/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	Pts	PPG
1	Kevin Crowley	Stony Brook	New West	1	4	1	5	5.0

2	Zach Palmer	Johns Hopkins	Oshawa	3	8	6	14	4.7
3	Robert Church	Drexel	Coquitlam	2	4	4	8	4.0
4	Trevor Moore	Robert Morris	Port Coquitlam	3	9	2	11	3.7
5	Aidan Genik	Hartford	Toronto	2	5	2	7	3.5
6	Cameron Mann	Jacksonville	Hamilton	2	4	3	7	3.5
7	Logan Schuss	Ohio State	Delta	3	6	4	10	3.3
8	Bryan Neufeld	Siena	Virgil/Niagra	3	6	4	10	3.3
9	Cameron Gardner	Bellarmine	Calgary	3	7	2	9	3.0
10	Mitch McMichael	Cornell	Port Perry	1	1	2	3	3.0
11	Cam Flint	Denver	Georgetown	2	4	2	6	3.0
12	Kyle Bergman	Drexel	Toronto	2	3	3	6	3.0
13	Carter Bender	Hartford	Caledon	2	2	4	6	3.0
14	Robbie Campbell	Stony Brook	Delta	1	0	3	3	3.0
15	Scott Jones	UMBC	Port Moody	2	5	1	6	3.0
16	Shayne Adams	Detroit	St Catharines	5	13	0	13	2.6
17	Mike Mawdsley	Sacred Heart	Innisfil	2	4	1	5	2.5
18	Stephen Keogh	Syracuse	Toronto	2	3	2	5	2.5
19	Kiel Matisz	Robert Morris	Stoney Creek	3	3	4	7	2.3
20	Cody Bremner	Cornell	Victoria	1	2	0	2	2.0
21	Dan Keane	Delaware	Elora	1	2	0	2	2.0
22	Mark Matthews	Denver	Oshawa	2	3	1	4	2.0
23	Travis Comeau	Georgetown	Red Deer	2	3	1	4	2.0
24	Jay Card	Hofstra	Caledon	3	3	3	6	2.0
25	Jaime Lincoln	Hofstra	St. Catharines	3	6	0	6	2.0
25	Matt Cockerton	Virginia	Oshawa	1	1	1	2	2.0
26	Kyle Buchanan	Robert Morris	Nepean	3	3	2	5	1.7
27	Kevin Brownell	Robert Morris	Burlington	3	3	2	5	1.7
28	Colton Clark	Bellarmine	Nanaimo	2	1	2	3	1.5
29	Adam Jones	Canisius	Owen Sound	2	1	2	3	1.5
30	Karsen Leung	Bellarmine	Victoria	3	2	2	4	1.3

### Men's Div I – Impact Leaders

As readers of this column are aware, I look where possible to ensure that where the defensive part of the game is captured statistically it is represented somewhere in the discussion of “who’s got game”. In this context, two statistics that are collected in the NCAA, namely ground balls (GB’s) and caused turnovers (CT’s) provide an opportunity for both offensive and defensive players to show their contribution to the game above and beyond goals and assists. Under my “impact point” system a goal, an assist and a ground ball (GB) are equal, while a caused turnover (CT), which occurs far less frequently than either goals or ground balls is scored at 2x a goal, assist or ground ball. Based on that formula, here are the “Canadian Impact leaders” in Division I through Feb 27. The table below is ranked by impact points per game (IPG).

#### Canadian "Impact" Leaders - As of Feb 27/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Jason Noble	Cornell	Orangeville	1	0	0	7	5	17.00
2	Jordan Houtby	Detroit	St Catharines	5	0	1	36	19	15.00
3	Kevin Crowley	Stony Brook	New West	1	4	1	3	0	8.00

4	Dan Coates	Canisius	St Catharines	2	0	0	8	4	8.00
5	Robert Church	Drexel	Coquitlam Port	2	4	4	2	2	7.00
6	Trevor Moore	Robert Morris	Coquitlam	3	9	2	7	1	6.67
7	Nick Soubry	Sacred Heart	Oakville	2	0	0	5	4	6.50
8	Zach Palmer	Johns Hopkins	Oshawa	3	8	6	5	0	6.33
9	Logan Schuss	Ohio State	Delta	3	6	4	5	2	6.33
10	Aidan Genik	Hartford	Toronto	2	5	2	5	0	6.00
11	Cameron Mann	Jacksonville	Hamilton	2	4	3	3	1	6.00
12	Bryan Neufeld	Siena	Virgil/Niagra	3	6	4	8	0	6.00
13	Mitch McMichael	Cornell	Port Perry	1	1	2	1	1	6.00
14	Robbie Campbell	Stony Brook	Delta	1	0	3	3	0	6.00
15	Dan Keane	Delaware	Elora	1	2	0	2	1	6.00
16	Travis Comeau	Georgetown	Red Deer	2	3	1	8	0	6.00
17	Cameron Gardner	Bellarmino	Calgary	3	7	2	4	2	5.67
18	Mike Mawdsley	Sacred Heart	Innisfil	2	4	1	6	0	5.50
19	Stephen Keogh	Syracuse	Toronto	2	3	2	6	0	5.50
20	Kyle Buchanan	Robert Morris	Nepean	3	3	2	8	1	5.00
21	Chad Mitchell	Bellarmino	Calgary	1	1	0	2	1	5.00
22	Myles Jeffers	Bellarmino	Saskatoon	1	0	1	4	0	5.00
23	Karsen Leung	Bellarmino	Victoria	3	2	2	6	2	4.67
24	Arden Wipf	Bellarmino	Saskatoon	3	0	0	4	5	4.67
25	C Tao-Brambleby	Robert Morris	Coquitlam	3	1	2	10	0	4.33
25	Kyle Bergman	Drexel	Toronto	2	3	3	2	0	4.00
26	Carter Bender	Hartford	Caledon	2	2	4	2	0	4.00
27	Shayne Adams	Detroit	St Catharines	5	13	0	5	1	4.00
28	Kiel Matisz	Robert Morris	Stoney Creek	3	3	4	5	0	4.00
29	Cody Bremner	Cornell	Victoria	1	2	0	2	0	4.00
30	Mark Matthews	Denver	Oshawa	2	3	1	2	1	4.00

### Men's Div II – Catawba, Limestone and Mercyhurst all looking strong

A potent offence and a hot goalie are the stuff of championships and in this context Catawba is looking very strong. Last Wednesday the Indians beat a gritty Pfeiffer team 8 to 6 and goalie Michael Pecchia (Coquitlam) made 15 saves on 21 shots for the win. On Saturday, # 4 Limestone beat Florida Southern 19-7 with Riley Loewen (Burnaby) scoring 4 goals and Shayne Jackson (Bowmanville) adding 1 goal and 5 assists. Mars Hill, currently ranked #9 continues to win by lopsided scores, defeating Lenoir – Rhyne 25-6 with Ty Farmer (Calgary) scoring 6 goals and an assist and Eric Benesch (Bloomington) adding 5 assists. On Sunday, Pfeiffer hammered #12 ranked St Leo 19 to 3 with James Sheppard (St. John) scoring 4 goals and rookie Bob Hope (Peterborough) grabbing a goal, an assist and a GB. Finally, #3 Mercyhurst grabbed its first win of the season with a 13 to 8 victory over Wingate which saw Kyle Kallay (Orangeville) score 3 goals and an assist, Zac Reid (St. Catharine) score twice and Cam Mclean (Victoria) score a goal and 2 assists.

### Men's Div III – Crawford, Midwinter, Bowman and Lachlan have big week

Randolph Macon is off to strong start this year. Last Thursday the Yellow Jackets beat Wesley 13 to 7 with Jason Crawford (Burlington) making ten saves in goal and Ty Midwinter (Hamilton) adding 2 goals and an assist. A few days later, Randolph Macon won big over Southwestern with Ty Midwinter scoring 4 goals and 2 assists and Brett Austin (Vancouver) adding 3 goals, and assist and a couple of GB's.

Wisconsin based Carthage College is emerging as the team to beat in the Mid-West with a big win on Saturday over Dallas which saw Keegan Bowman (New Westminster) score 2 goals and 2 assists, and a 13-9 win over Hendrix which saw Bowman score 2 goals and 3 assists. The Roanoke Maroons also had a big win on the weekend, defeating Franklin and Marshall 19-13. Richard Lachlan (Port Coquitlam) had 3 goals, 4 assists and 2 GB's in the win.

#### **Women's Div I and II – Lady Laxers putting up good numbers down south**

Canadian women have had a pretty good week in NCAA. In Div I, Ohio State beat St Bonaventure 19 to 4 and Jayme Beard (Hawkeston) had 2 goals, 2 assists, and a GB while Natasha Blackburn grabbed 3 GB's and a CT. Canisius split a pair of games this week with goalie Allison Daley (Peterborough) making 11 saves and grabbing 4 GB's in loss to Vanderbilt. A few days later, Canisius defeated Detroit 17 to 6 and Megan Oosting (Lakefield) had 4 goals, 2GB's and a CT and Carly Quinn (Orangeville) had 3 goals and 1 CT. In Div II, Lauren Martin (Whitby) had 3 goals and an assist in Lees-Mcrae's win over NC Wesleyan, while Sarah Oor had 2 goals, an assist and 2 GB's in Limestone's win over St Andrews

#### **MCLA – Tough week for a young SFU Team**

Simon Fraser had a couple of tough losses on the weekend falling 12-11 to Utah and 16-8 to perennial powerhouse BYU. 2011 is a rebuilding year for the Clan with a roster that is relatively young but building for the future. The Clan's next game is in Vancouver, Washington against Michigan State Spartans, and the next home game is March 5<sup>th</sup> in New Westminster against Boise State.

#### **Games upcoming**

Besides the SFU game previously mentioned, there are several NCAA games this weekend that are relatively close to the Can/US border. This Friday night, Syracuse hosts Virginia in what is easily the most important game so far of this NCAA Division I season – this one's worth skipping school for!. On Saturday Canisius hosts Binghamton in Buffalo, Colgate plays at Hobart and a little farther afield, Penn State hosts Ohio State. On Sunday, Lehigh plays at Detroit.

#### **Final thoughts**

Its early days now but the games that have been played so far raise a million questions? Can Stony Brook and Hofstra hang with the elite teams – so far the answer is yes but other big games lie ahead. In Division II, is Mars Hill for real and can they break into the top 5? In Division III, is Roanoke for real and can Randolph Macon move up in the polls? And what about Carthage – should a school from Wisconsin be taken seriously? Stay tuned!