

## Canadians in the NCAA – Week 6

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### Having a blast in Baltimore!

The Konica Minolta Face-off Classic has emerged as a superbly well crafted showcase of NCAA lacrosse and the 2011 edition held this past weekend in Baltimore did not disappoint. Of the three games, two were closely contested with the Syracuse vs. Georgetown game proving to be the best of the trio. With only 5 seconds left in the match Georgetown forced the game into overtime before Stephen (Killer) Keogh placed the final dagger in a potential Georgetown upset. The Cornell versus Virginia game was also a well played affair but in the end Virginia had too many weapons for the Big Red to contain while the final game saw John Hopkins win easily over a young UMBC squad. Overall, a great weekend of lacrosse with "Northern Laxers" featuring prominently in games all over the country and players like Keogh, Crowley, Houtby, Card, Buchanan, Card, Melnyk, Melnychenko, Sheppard, Artem, Kiekebelt, Bowman, Boissonneault, Mahorn and Jamieson having particularly strong showings. Here's my recap of the week that was in the NCAA from a Canadian perspective.

### Div I Men – Stephen (Killer) Keogh Plays Big In Baltimore

Division I lacrosse saw a number of exciting games this past weekend but none more so than game 1 of the Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic that saw Syracuse visit M&T Stadium to play quasi-home team Georgetown. While the Orange were heavily favored coming into this game, somebody forgot to tell that to the Georgetown players who came to play and refused to "pack up their tent" despite being down by 2 goals at the half and at the end of the third quarter. While the Hoyas fought valiantly throughout the game which included a dramatic fourth quarter charge to force overtime, in the end the Orange prevailed on the back of Stephen Keogh's (Toronto Beaches) overtime goal, his fourth of the afternoon. In other lacrosse action on the weekend, Stony Brook picked up another win by defeating Delaware 14 -9. Kevin Crowley (New Westminster) was once again dominant scoring 3 goals and 3 assists while grabbing 4 GB's and a CT. Hofstra had a similar result on Sunday, defeating Air Force 11 to 6 with Jay Card (Caledon) scoring three times and adding two assists and 3 GB's. It hasn't been a great season for Presbyterian this year but Tyler Melnyk (Calgary) is still playing hard, scoring 5 goals and an assist while grabbing 5 GB's in a 15-9 loss to VMI. Quinnipiac won again on the weekend with a 9 to 3 decision over Providence that saw Dylan Webster (Brampton) scored 2 goals while grabbing 2 GBs and a CT and Jake Emms (Victoria) adding a pair of goals in support. Yale remains undefeated this year as it quietly moves up in the USILA polls thanks in part to the performance of Deron Dempster (Orangeville) who scored twice in a 10-6 win over Lehigh on the weekend. Bellarmine played Detroit on Sunday and won by a goal. The game saw Kyle Buchanan (Nepean) score 2 goals and 2 assists while grabbing 7 GB's and 2 CTs. Detroit's Jordan Houtby (St Catharines) snagged 10 GB's and added 4 CT's for the Titans. Finally, Mark Matthews (Oshawa) scored 4 goals and added an assist and a GB in a 10-9 loss to Notre Dame in front of the largest home crowd in Denver lacrosse history. Canadian impact leaders in Division I lacrosse as of Sunday are presented below.

### Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Div I – As of Mar 12/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Jordan Houtby	Detroit	St Catharines	8	0	1	55	30	15
2	Jason Noble	Cornell	Orangeville	4	1	0	25	9	11
3	Kevin Crowley	Stony Brook	New West	3	10	4	10	2	9.3
4	Dan Coates	Canisius	St Catharines	4	0	0	19	8	8.8
5	Mark Matthews	Denver	Oshawa	5	14	9	10	3	7.8

6	Kyle Buchanan	Robert Morris	Nepean	6	9	6	21	4	7.3
7	Bryan Neufeld	Siena	Virgil	6	11	8	15	2	6.3
8	Logan Schuss	Ohio State	Delta	6	13	9	11	2	6.2
9	Trevor Moore	Robert Morris	PoCo	6	17	5	12	1	6
10	Karsen Leung	Bellarmine	Victoria	7	6	6	17	6	5.9
11	Jay Card	Hofstra	Caledon	5	9	8	11	0	5.6
12	Cameron Mann	Jacksonville	Hamilton	6	9	6	14	2	5.5
13	Tyler Melnyk	Presbyterian	Calgary	6	12	2	15	2	5.5
14	Dylan Webster	Quinnipiac	Brampton	4	5	1	10	3	5.5
15	Jordan McBride	Stony Brook	New West	3	7	1	4	2	5.3
16	Stephen Keogh	Syracuse	Toronto	3	5	2	7	1	5.3
17	Travis Comeau	Georgetown	Red Deer	5	8	2	14	1	5.2
18	Zach Palmer	Johns Hopkins	Oshawa	6	11	9	11	0	5.2
19	Kiel Matisz	Robert Morris	Stoney Creek	6	4	8	13	3	5.2
20	Dan Linter	Cornell	Courtice	1	1	0	2	1	5
21	Shayne Adams	Detroit	St Catharines	8	21	1	11	3	4.9
22	Jeremy Noble	Denver	Orangeville	5	2	0	18	2	4.8
23	Mitch McMichael	Cornell	Port Perry	4	4	3	10	1	4.8
24	Reid Acton	Loyola	Toronto	4	0	0	5	7	4.8
25	Dan Keane	Delaware	Elora	2	3	0	4	1	4.5
26	Robert Church	Drexel	Coquitlam	6	7	9	7	2	4.5
27	Nick Soubry	Sacred Heart	Oakville	5	0	0	8	7	4.4
28	AJ Masson	Vermont	Newmarket	5	3	1	14	2	4.4
29	Kirby Zdrill	Yale	Edmonton	3	3	2	4	2	4.3
30	Simon Giourmetakis	Canisius	Edmonton	4	5	2	6	2	4.3
31	Mike Mawdsley	Sacred Heart	Innisfil	5	9	2	8	1	4.2

### Div II Men –Sheppard, Artem and Melnychenko Have Big Week

Perhaps the biggest upset so far this year in Division II lacrosse occurred on Sunday when the unranked Chestnut Hill Griffins defeated then #2 Mercyhurst Lakers 8-7 in overtime and in doing so recorded their first ever victory over an ECC opponent. Mike Melnychenko (St Catharines) had a big day defensively for Chestnut Hill grabbing 5 GB's and 3 CT's to go along with an assist while teammate Shane Morlock (Whitby) scored a goal and 2 assists. The other big game from a poll perspective saw #3 Limestone and #7 Mars Hill go head to head with Limestone winning a close one 13-11. Shayne Jackson (Bowmanville) led Limestone with 2 goals, 3 assists and 3 GB's, while Jackson Decker (Port Moody) and Tyler Baker (Peterborough) each scored a pair of goals. Responding for Mars Hill was Eric Benesch (Bloomingtondale) who scored 2 goals and grabbed 8 GB's while Ty Farmer (Calgary) added a hat trick and T.J. Cowx (Delta) scored 3 points and grabbed a pair of GB's. Braden Artem (Acton) and Michael Pecchia (Coquitlam) continue to perform superbly for Catawba who put together a couple of important wins this week that led to a #12 ranking in the USILA polls. In the first win over St Leo, Artem scored 8 times and added 2 assists while Pecchia was all over the field making 8 saves, grabbing 3 GB's and 3 CT's. In the second win over Rollins, Artem scored on 4 occasions while Pecchia made 10 saves for the win. Pfeiffer beat St Andrews quite handily this week with James Sheppard (St John) scoring 7 goals, Robert Hope (Peterborough) adding a goal, 4 assists and 4 GB's, and Mike Triolo (Toronto) adding 4 GB's. Finally,

Dowling defeated Seton Hill 17-10 on the weekend with Dylan Lefebvre (Regina) scoring a hat trick while adding an assist and a pair of GB's and James Delaney (Port Coquitlam) adding 2 goals and an assist in the loss.

**Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Div II - As of Mar 12/2011**

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Chris Cudmore	Mars Hill	Whitby	6	1	1	30	21	12
2	Ty Farmer	Mars Hill	Calgary	6	21	7	13	5	8.5
3	Mike Melnychenko	Chestnut Hill	St. Catharines	5	11	4	20	3	8.2
4	Braden Artem	Catawba	Acton	6	22	5	12	5	8.2
5	Mark Burnett	Mars Hill	Pickering	6	0	0	16	16	8
6	James Sheppard	Pfeiffer	St. John	6	25	2	18	1	7.8
7	Shayne Jackson	Limestone	Bowmanville	5	8	23	5	1	7.6
8	Eric Benesch	Mars Hill	Bloomington	6	9	12	12	5	7.2
9	T.J.Cowx	Mars Hill	Delta	6	4	12	14	5	6.7
10	Eric Whettel	American Intl	La Salle	3	0	0	15	2	6.3
11	Riley Loewen	Limestone	Burnaby	5	17	3	10	0	6
12	Dave Marrese	Dominican Coll.	St Albert	3	0	0	7	5	5.7
13	Dylan Lefebvre	Seton Hill	Regina	4	8	2	11	0	5.3
14	Dan MacLissac	American Intl	Port Perry	2	5	1	2	1	5
15	Chris Delaney	Dominican Coll.	PoCo	3	5	0	8	1	5
16	Jesse Peterson	Dominican Coll.	Saskatoon	3	4	5	4	1	5
17	Brandon Ree	St Andrews	Barrie	9	3	1	21	10	5
18	Nick Amendt	American Intl	Ponoka	3	3	0	5	3	4.7
19	Robert Hope	Pfeiffer	Peterborough	6	4	10	10	2	4.7
20	Michael Pecchia	Catawba	Coquitlam	6	0	0	11	8	4.5
21	Alex Jones	Dominican Coll.	St Albert	3	5	1	5	1	4.3
22	Kyle Kallay	Mercyhurst	Orangeville	4	9	1	7	0	4.3
23	Tyler Douglas	Dominican Coll.	St Albert	3	0	0	6	3	4
24	Mike Triolo	Pfeiffer	Toronto	6	0	1	15	4	4
25	Cameron McLean	Mercyhurst	Victoria	4	2	4	5	2	3.8

**Div III Men – Watch out for RIT!**

RIT continues to look impressive in early season play and its 18 – 6 win over Keuka on the weekend that leaves the team with a 3-0 record to start the year. M.J. Kiekebelt (Caledon) is a big part of the RIT success story and on Saturday he was impressive in all phases of the game with 2 goals, an assist, 5GB's and 3CTs. Alex Crepinsek (Oakville) also had a great day for RIT with a goal, an assist and 5 GB's. Carthage continues to roll through the mid-west and hammered Hanover 21-3 on Saturday with Keegan Bowman (New Westminster) contributing 3 goals, an assist and 3 GB's. Mike Pantelone (Aurora) has been similarly impressive at Neuman, leading the team in scoring and adding 2 goals, 2 assists and 3 GB's in a victory last Thursday over Messiah. Finally, Ty Midwinter (Hamilton) and Jason Crawford (Burlington) continue to perform admirably at Randolph Macon which beat Kings College on the weekend. Midwinter scored 4 goals and an assist in the game while Crawford made 6 saves for the victors.

### Statistical leaders in Division III

Many of the northern Division III teams have played only one game so far this year and many are notorious for having very poor websites and/or only reluctantly keeping them up to date – which is where the statistics that appear in these tables come from. That said, from a purely offensive scoring perspective, Keegan Bowman, Mike Pantelone, Richard Lachlan and Ty Midwinter are off to a great start this year. In terms of impact points, which allow players to add in their defensive stats along with their offensive numbers, a couple of additional names float to the top. These include MJ Kiekebelt, Brandon MacDonald (Midhurst), Dustin Reykdal (Red Deer), and Mitch Barnard (Barrie). Goalie Jason Crawford is also impressive with 21 GB's and 4 CT's.

#### Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Div III - As of Mar 12/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Keegan Bowman	Carthage	New West.	5	16	14	16	6	12
2	MJ Kiekebelt	RIT	Caledon	3	2	1	13	8	11
3	Brandon MacDonald	Adrian	Midhurst	3	0	1	18	4	9
4	Mike Pantelone	Neumann	Aurora	3	10	2	11	0	7.7
5	Dustin Reykdal	La Roche	Red Deer	3	2	3	10	3	7
6	Mitch Barnard	Adrian	Barrie	3	2	1	15	0	6
7	Richard Lachlan	Roanoke Randolph	PoCo	5	13	6	8	1	5.8
8	Jason Crawford	Macon Randolph	Burlington	5	0	0	21	4	5.8
9	Tyler Midwinter	Macon	Hamilton	6	12	7	11	2	5.7
10	J.G. Thouin	La Roche	Laval	3	7	1	7	1	5.7
11	Crawford Healey	La Roche	Calgary	3	3	1	11	0	5
12	Alex Crepinsek	RIT	Oakville	3	1	1	9	2	5
13	Tyler Tanguay	Adrian	Pt. Colborne	3	4	5	3	0	4
14	Jordan McIntosh	RIT	Oakville	3	6	1	5	0	4
15	Daniel McQuade	Whittier	New West.	1	2	0	2	0	4
16	Danny Dahms	Concordia	Calgary	1	0	0	2	1	4
17	Elliot Cowburn	RIT	Oakville	2	0	0	5	1	3.5
18	Mitchell Banister	La Roche	Okotoks	3	0	0	4	3	3.3
19	Brayden Gerrie	Roanoke	Fergus	3	0	0	6	2	3.3
20	DJ Clevely	Adrian	Orangeville	2	3	1	2	0	3
21	Kyle Aquin	RIT	Hamilton	2	2	1	3	0	3
22	Brian Gillis	New Eng.Coll.	North Van.	1	0	0	3	0	3
23	Troy Grogran	Roanoke	Palgrave	5	0	0	7	4	3
24	TJ Cook	Adrian	Caledon	2	4	0	1	0	2.5
25	Neal Hopps	Cortland	Akwesasne	4	3	4	1	0	2

### Div I Women – Boissonneault, Mahorn and Campbell lighting it up in Motown

In Women's Div I lacrosse, three young women that go by the names Emily Boissonneault (Brooklin), Corina Mahorn (Whitby) and Erin Campbell (Orangeville) are putting up some terrific numbers at both

ends of the field at Detroit-Mercy. While Detroit isn't winning a lot of games, they are battling hard and it's only a matter of time before this team makes a break-through on the win column. In a loss earlier this week to Cincinnati, Boissonneault scored 3 goals while grabbing 4 GB's and 5 CT's, Mahorn had a goal and an assist to go with 5 GB's and 2 CT's and Erin Campbell added 4 goals, 2 assists and a GB. Canisius also had a good week and picked up a couple of wins in the process. In a 12 to 7 victory over Binghamton, Carly Quinn (Orangeville) scored 4 goals and an assist while Allison Daley (Peterborough) made 11 saves in the victory. A few days later Canisius topped Longwood 8 to 7 with Carly Quinn scoring 2 goals, Megan Oosting (Lakefield) adding a goal and an assist, and Allison Daley making 9 saves while grabbing 6 ground balls. Impact rankings for our ladies playing in Division I are presented below.

#### Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Woman's Div I - As of Mar 12/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Emily Boissonneault	Detroit	Brooklin	3	8	1	11	7	11
2	Corina Mahorn	Detroit	Whitby	3	3	1	7	7	8.3
3	Erin Campbell	Detroit	Orangeville	3	7	4	3	1	5.3
4	Megan Oosting	Canisius	Lakefield	6	9	4	8	4	4.8
5	Jayme Beard	Ohio State	Hawkstone	7	9	8	7	4	4.6
6	Allison Daley	Canisius	Peterborough	6	0	0	14	1	2.7
7	Carly Quinn	Canisius	Orangeville	6	12	1	3	0	2.7
8	Natasha Blackburn	Ohio State	Mississauga	7	0	0	10	4	2.6
9	Katie Guy	Penn State	Whitby	5	1	0	3	3	2
10	Savanna Smith	La Salle	Delta	1	0	0	1	0	1

#### Div II and Div III Women – Rachel Johnston Still Going Strong!

It was a relatively quiet week in Womens Division II and Division III play this past week. Limestone beat West Chester 16-10 and Sarah Oor (Uxbridge) scored 3 goals while compatriot Melissa Nakasuji (Ajax) added a goal. In Division III play, North Carolina Wesleyan's Courtney Jamieson (London) had a big game against Agnes Scott scoring 2 goals and grabbing 5 GB's and 2 CTs for the win. Adrian also enjoyed another victory this week, this time with Rachel Johnston scoring 3 goals and an assist to go with a GB and a CT. Olivia Duncan (Orangeville) also had a hat-trick and Hannah Early (Shelburne) added a goal and 2 CT's. Impact rankings for the Canadian women in Div II and Div III respectively are presented below.

#### Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Woman's Div II - As of Mar 12/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Lauren Martin	Lees McRae	Whitby	2	3	1	4	0	4
2	Melissa Nakasuji	Limestone	Ajax	6	1	0	8	5	3.2
3	Sarah Oor	Limestone	Uxbridge	6	9	1	6	1	3
4	Jessica Tessman	Limestone	Whitby	2	0	0	1	1	1.5
5	Samantha Cock	Mercyhurst	Terra Cotta	2	0	0	1	1	1.5
6	Jill Dixon	Notre Dame Ohio	Fenwick	3	0	2	0	1	1.3
7	Megan Clumpus	Gannon Univ.	Whitby	0	0	0	0	0	NA
8	Dara Hayes	Merrimack	Calgary	0	0	0	0	0	NA
9	Ally Phillips	Notre Dame Ohio	St Catharines	0	0	0	0	0	NA
10	Jackie Gardner	Urbana	Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	NA

**Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Woman's Div III - As of Mar 12/2011**

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Rachel Johnston	Adrian	St Catharines	4	15	3	2	3	6.5
2	Courtney Jamieson	N.C. Wesleyan	London	3	4	3	8	2	6.3
3	Hannah Early	Adrian	Shelburne	4	1	0	7	5	4.5
4	Emma Schepers	Elmira	Elmvale	2	3	1	3	1	4.5
5	Olivia Duncan	Adrian	Orangeville	2	6	1	1	0	4
6	Cassie Edmondson	Morrisville State	Oshawa	1	0	0	2	1	4
7	Lisa Seidel	Potsdam	Vancouver	3	1	0	4	2	3
8	Paige Ottaviano	Buffalo State	Port Colborne	3	0	0	0	0	0
9	Muriel McIntyre	Concordia Univ.	Penticton	0	0	0	0	0	NA
10	Courtney Kerslake	N England Col.	Sarnia	0	0	0	0	0	NA

**Games upcoming – Go to Cuse to See Johns Hopkins**

For those of you who live in Canada and want to travel south to watch NCAA lacrosse there are four games of interest this weekend. My pick of the bunch is the Johns Hopkins at Syracuse game on Saturday but Jacksonville at Canisius and VMI at Detroit are both very close to the border. In Division II play, Mercy plays at Mercyhurst which is about a 2 hour drive from Toronto. Simon Fraser is on the road this week and won't be back at home for a while.

**Final thoughts – Here today, Gone to Maui**

You won't be hearing from me next week as I am heading to Maui for Spring Break. Among the books I will be packing for the beach is a dog-eared copy of the best coaching book I have ever read and that is *The Double Goal Coach* by Jim Thompson. I stumbled across this book years ago in a bookstore in Calgary and what I liked about the book was its central thesis that the twin goals of 1) winning and 2) using positive reinforcement – were completely compatible. *The Double Goal Coach* is a wonderful read as it describes all kinds of ways to be a better and more positive coach – without sacrificing winning. This book is full of all kinds of wonderful idealism and practical ideas about how to implement a positive approach to coaching – and I read this book every spring to remind myself why I got into coaching in the first place and the ideals that I will try my best to uphold. I am far from being a perfect coach but I try my best and I find this book really helps to get me started in the right direction.