

Canadians in the NCAA – Week 10

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Playing lacrosse in the Wild West!

Let's face it – just about every fan of Division I lacrosse would love to see a dark horse team win the “big enchilada”, AKA the NCAA Tournament. Further, given the performances that we have seen over the past few weeks we now know that the leading candidates to accomplish this feat in 2011 are no longer based in Long Island but instead hail from the western fringes of Division I lacrosse. Here we are specifically talking about Notre Dame and Denver. Notre Dame has been quietly putting together another stellar season while Denver has only lost twice this season and those losses came at the hands of the #1 and #2 ranked teams in the country.

Denver's win over Duke this week was a major statement game for the Pioneers which move them to a #6 ranking in the USILA poll while Notre Dame, which came from behind to beat Georgetown on the weekend sits and waits for Syracuse to stumble. If that doesn't happen soon, both teams will meet at the end of the month to decide interim bragging rights ahead of the season ending tournament. Elsewhere, Maryland, Bucknell and Colgate continue to gain luster in the eyes of the pollsters while Duke and North Carolina are losing momentum.

From a Canadian perspective it's been another impressive week, with strong performances from the likes of Keogh, Comeau, Masson, Mann, Webster, Schuss, Pecchia, Triolo, Delmonico, Levick, Mahorn, Oor and Johnston. Here's my recap of the week that was from a Canadian perspective.

Men's Division I – Keogh, Comeau and Masson bringing their “A” game

Syracuse's leading scorer Stephen Keogh (Toronto) continues to act like a man with a mission as evidenced by his 3 goals, an assist and 2 GB's in a 13 to 11 win over Duke early last week which was followed up with another hat trick in a 7 to 5 win over Princeton a few days later. Travis “Might Mouse” Comeau (Red Deer) has been similarly potent scoring 3 goals, 2 assists, while grabbing 4 GB's, in a win over Mount St Mary's and then scoring 3 goals while grabbing 7 GB's in a tough 7-6 loss to Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Vermont is having a great season and the emergence of sophomore AJ Masson (Newmarket) is an important part of the story. Masson has been particularly strong of late as evidenced by his 4 assists, 2 GB's and 3 CT's in a 11 to 6 win over Albany which he followed up with a goal, 2 assists, a GB and a CT in a 15 to 5 win over Holy Cross. Siena had a clutch road win over Jacksonville 13 to 12, with Bryan Neufeld (Virgil) scoring a goal, 2 assists, and 3 GB's, while the Dolphin's Cameron Mann (Hamilton) relied with 5 goals, 3 assists, 2 GB's and 2CTs. Dylan Webster (Brampton) was named NEC “Rookie of the Week” for the fourth time this year, this time for scoring a goal, 3 assists, while grabbing 7 GB's and 2 CT's as Quinnipiac defeated Robert Morris 19 to 15. Trevor Moore (Port Coquitlam) had 5 goals and 2 assists, and Corby Tao-Brambleby (Coquitlam) had 2 goals, 3 assists, 4 GB's and a CT for the Colonials. Finally, Logan Schuss (Delta) was sharp as usual for Ohio State who defeated Hobart 11 to 4 and saw Schuss score 4 goals and 3 assists to go with 3 GB's. Impact rankings for Canadians in Div I are presented below.

Canadian Div I “Impact” Leaders – As of Apr 10/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Jordan Houtby	Detroit	St Catharines	12	2	2	77	40	13.4
2	Kevin Crowley	Stony Brook	New West	9	21	16	25	7	8.44
3	Mark Matthews	Denver	Oshawa	10	27	16	24	6	7.9

4	Jason Noble	Cornell	Orangeville	10	1	1	47	13	7.5
5	Dan Coates	Canisius	St Catharines	8	1	0	34	12	7.38
6	Dylan Webster	Quinnipiac	Brampton	8	9	6	27	8	7.25
7	Jeremy Noble	Denver	Orangeville	10	6	6	46	5	6.8
8	Cameron Mann	Jacksonville	Hamilton	11	17	14	31	6	6.73
9	AJ Masson	Vermont	Newmarket	11	8	16	25	12	6.64
10	Bryan Neufeld	Siena	Virgil	11	23	13	30	2	6.36
11	Trevor Moore	Robert Morris	PoCo	10	29	8	20	3	6.3
12	Tyler Melnyk	Presbyterian	Calgary	10	20	9	24	4	6.1
13	Karsen Leung	Bellarmino	Victoria	12	9	11	34	8	5.83
14	Travis Comeau	Georgetown	Red Deer	10	23	5	28	1	5.8
15	Logan Schuss	Ohio State	Delta	10	24	13	17	2	5.8
16	Kyle Buchanan	Robert Morris	Nepean	10	13	9	28	4	5.8
17	Simon Giourmetakis	Canisius	Edmonton	8	15	7	16	4	5.75
18	Jordan McBride	Stony Brook	New West	9	19	5	18	3	5.33
19	Shayne Adams	Detroit	St Catharines	12	29	5	23	3	5.25
20	Corbyn Tao-Brambleby	Robert Morris	Coquitlam	10	14	6	28	2	5.2
21	Reid Acton	Loyola	Toronto	9	1	0	14	15	5
22	Kiel Matisz	Robert Morris	Stoney Creek	10	6	11	22	5	4.9
23	Robert Church	Drexel	Coquitlam	11	19	15	13	3	4.82
24	Carter Bender	Hartford	Caledon	10	18	14	13	1	4.7
25	Mike Mawdsley	Sacred Heart	Innisfil	10	21	6	18	1	4.7
26	Jay Card	Hofstra	Caledon	11	22	11	16	1	4.64
27	Stephen Keogh	Syracuse	Toronto	9	20	5	14	1	4.56
28	Zach Palmer	Johns Hopkins	Oshawa	10	14	15	16	0	4.5
29	Jaime Lincoln	Hofstra	St. Catharines	11	25	8	15	0	4.36
30	Mitch McMichael	Cornell	Port Perry	10	5	6	26	3	4.3

Men's Division II – Meet the Goalies behind the Goal Scorers

Canada is known for producing lacrosse players who can put the ball in the net but let's not forget that all of those goal scorers came from teams that also employed some fairly decent goalies. Catawba's Michael Pecchia (Coquitlam) is a case in point. Catawba has put together a very fine season, including two wins over ranked opponents and last week's 6 to 5 win over Belmont Abbey showed once again that Pecchia, who made 14 saves in the victory, should be considered amongst the best goalies in Div II. Speaking of best, Limestone remains #1 in the USILA polls and defeated Pfeiffer 9 to 4 last week in a game that saw Riley Loewen (Burnaby) score a hat trick while Pfeiffer's Mike Triolo (Toronto) scored a goal, grabbed 8 GB's and 3CTs in defeat. Seton Hill won a gutsy victory over Chestnut Hill that saw Matt Delmonico (Port Moody) score 6 goals, 2 assists and grab a GB and Ethan Garland (Victoria) score 2 goals and 2 assists, while Mike Melynchenko (St Catharines) scored 4 goals and an assist while scooping up 3 GB's for Chestnut Hill. Mat Thompson (Akwasasne) continues to score in bunches, this time scoring 6 goals and an assist as Florida Southern topped St Leos 17 to 4. American International defeated New Hampshire 11 to 8 and the game saw Dan MacIssac (Port Perry) score 5 goals and Eric Whettel (La Salle) grab 9 GB's. Finally, Alex Jones (St Albert) scored 4 goals, 2 assists and grabbed 2 GB's in Dominican Colleges 13 to 17 loss to NYIT. Impact rankings for Canadians in Div II are presented below.

Canadian Div II "Impact" Leaders – As of Apr 10/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Chris Cudmore	Mars Hill	Whitby	13	5	4	61	38	11.2
2	Mike Melnychenko	Chestnut Hill	St. Catharines	9	30	6	30	4	8.22
3	Shayne Jackson	Limestone	Bowmanville	12	21	40	24	6	8.08
4	Mark Burnett	Mars Hill	Pickering	13	1	0	33	33	7.69
5	Ty Farmer	Mars Hill	Calgary	13	41	11	28	9	7.54
6	Eric Benesch	Mars Hill	Bloomingtondale	13	27	21	30	7	7.08
7	Brandon Ree	St Andrews	Barrie	16	5	3	52	25	6.88
8	Riley Loewen	Limestone	Burnaby	12	43	16	18	2	6.75
9	Braden Artem	Catawba	Acton	12	34	11	22	5	6.42
10	T.J.Cowx	Mars Hill	Delta	13	12	26	26	9	6.31
11	Eric Whettel	American Intl	La Salle	9	0	0	44	5	6
12	Dave Marrese	Dominican Coll.	St Albert	11	0	0	35	15	5.91
13	Dan MacIssac	American Intl	Port Perry	8	22	1	15	4	5.75
14	James Sheppard	Pfeiffer	St. John	10	27	3	23	1	5.5
15	Kyle Kallay	Mercyhurst	Orangeville	9	26	3	15	2	5.33
16	Mike Triolo	Pfeiffer	Toronto	13	1	2	40	12	5.15
17	Alex Jones	Dominican Coll.	St Albert	11	25	9	18	2	5.09
18	Dylan Lefebvre	Seton Hill	Regina	9	15	10	20	0	5
19	Jeremy Serraglio	Limestone	Coquitlam	4	0	0	7	6	4.75
20	Robert Hope	Pfeiffer	Peterborough	13	9	13	27	6	4.69
21	Bal Keegan	Lake Erie	Coquitlam	9	16	3	13	5	4.67
22	Jesse Peterson	Dominican Coll.	Saskatoon	11	17	15	13	3	4.64
23	Matt Delmonico	Seton Hill	Port Moody	9	19	10	9	1	4.44
24	Sheldon Burns	Dowling	Whitby	10	2	1	27	7	4.4
25	Michael Pecchia	Catawba	Coquitlam	12	0	0	28	12	4.33
26	Chris Delaney	Dominican Coll.	PoCo	8	13	2	17	1	4.25
27	Trevor Tarte	Lake Erie	Amherstburg	9	18	3	10	3	4.11
28	Shane Morlock	Chestnut Hill	Whitby	9	7	12	13	1	3.78
29	James Delaney	Seton Hill	PoCo	9	14	11	8	0	3.67
30	Mat Thompson	Florida So.	Akwesasne	13	28	5	13	0	3.54

Men's Division III – Longland Has another Big Game for Morrisville State

The number of Division III teams without a loss is now down to a handful and #4 RIT is one of the chosen few. RIT won twice last week with the more important of the two victories being an 11 to 9 win over upstate New York rival Ithaca College. Jordan Macintosh (Oakville) had another strong game with 2 goals, 3 assists, 2 GB's and a CT while MJ Kiekebelt (Caledon) grabbed 5 GB's and 5 CT's. Tom Longland (Dunnville) continues to perform yeoman's service as Morrisville State beat Penn State Abington 16 to 4 with Longland grabbing 6 GB's and 2 CT's. Medaille College found itself on the fun side of a 24 to 16 shootout that saw Brock Levick (Newmarket) score 8 goals and an assist and Joe Kozovski (Ajax) score 4 times while grabbing 3 GB's. Finally, La Roche College won again with Dustin Reykdal (Red Deer) scoring

4 goals and 2 assists while grabbing 3 GB's and Crawford Healey (Calgary) adding a hat trick and an assist to go with 3 GB's. Impact rankings for Canadians in Div III are presented below.

Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Div III – As of Apr 10/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	MJ Kiekebelt	RIT	Caledon	9	2	4	52	27	12.4
2	Tom Longland	Morrisville State	Dunnville	8	0	2	39	18	9.63
3	Keegan Bowman	Carthage	New West.	11	33	29	22	8	9.09
4	Danny Dahms	Concordia	Calgary	8	22	4	17	10	7.88
5	Jordan McIntosh	RIT	Oakville	9	20	10	25	6	7.44
6	Brock Levick	Medaille	Newmarket	9	32	11	17	3	7.33
7	Dustin Reykdal	La Roche	Red Deer	7	14	9	21	3	7.14
8	Brandon MacDonald	Adrian	Midhurst	10	0	2	43	12	6.9
9	Crawford Healey	La Roche	Calgary	7	14	4	30	0	6.86
10	Dustin Gatt	Elmira	Welland	6	3	1	21	6	6.17
11	Mitch Barnard	Adrian	Barrie	10	9	4	36	6	6.1
12	Tyler Tanguay	Adrian	Pt. Colborne	10	19	14	17	5	6
13	Pat Miles	New Eng.Coll.	Brampton	13	4	4	39	11	5.31
14	J.G. Thouin	La Roche	Laval	7	13	3	17	2	5.29
15	Mark White	Southern Maine	Oakville	9	11	8	19	4	5.11
16	Richard Lachlan	Roanoke	PoCo	13	34	9	18	2	5
17	Tyler Midwinter	Randolph Macon	Hamilton	11	17	12	19	3	4.91
18	Jeff Hebert	Trinity	Cornwall	9	15	10	18	0	4.78
19	Jason Crawford	Randolph Macon	Burlington	10	0	0	35	6	4.7
20	Mike Pantelone	Neumann	Aurora	9	24	3	15	0	4.67
21	Joe Kozovski	Medaille	Ajax	9	12	13	14	1	4.56
22	Alex Crepinsek	RIT	Oakville	8	1	4	22	4	4.38
23	Rick Acorn	Elmira	Barrie	4	4	7	5	0	4
24	John Clewlow	Elmira	Brampton	3	0	0	10	1	4
25	Shawn Teixeira	La Roche	Calgary	5	1	9	9	0	3.8
26	Mitchell Banister	La Roche	Okotoks	7	1	1	18	3	3.71
27	TJ Cook	Adrian	Caledon	10	20	3	14	0	3.7
28	Daniel McQuade	Whittier	New West.	8	12	3	11	1	3.5
29	Brayden Gerrie	Roanoke	Fergus	3	0	0	6	2	3.33
30	Kyle Burrell	Concordia	Calgary	8	3	6	11	3	3.25

Women's Div I – Mahorn, Oosting and Quinn have big week

Detroit split a pair of games this week in Division I women's play with the more noteworthy result being a 15-14 victory over Presbyterian that saw Corinna Mahorn (Whitby) score 4 goals and an assist while grabbing 3 GB's and 2 CT's and Emily Boissonneault (Brooklin) contributing 3 goals and 2 assists while scooping up 6 GB's and 3 CT's. Canisius split a pair of games this week as well. In the first game, the Gryphon's beat Marist 15-8 with Megan Oosting (Lakefield) scoring 4 goals while grabbing 4 GB's and a CT and Carly Quinn (Orangeville) scoring a hat trick. Allison Daley (Peterborough) made 8 saves in net for

the win. In the second game, a 12 to 8 loss to Fairfield Oosting scored a hat trick while Quinn had a goal and 3 assists. Impact rankings for Canadians in Division I are presented below.

Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Woman's Div I – As of Apr 10/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Emily Boissonneault	Detroit	Brooklin	11	31	4	27	22	9.64
2	Megan Oosting	Canisius	Lakefield	13	29	8	27	18	7.69
3	Corina Mahorn	Detroit	Whitby	11	16	2	19	18	6.64
4	Jayme Beard	Ohio State	Hawkstone	12	16	15	17	6	5
5	Carly Quinn	Canisius	Orangeville	13	31	13	6	2	4.15
6	Erin Campbell	Detroit	Orangeville	7	9	5	9	1	3.57
7	Natasha Blackburn	Ohio State	Mississauga	12	0	0	16	7	2.5
8	Katie Guy	Penn State	Whitby	11	4	0	9	5	2.09
9	Allison Daley	Canisius	Peterborough	13	0	0	20	1	1.69
10	Karli Mackendrick	Vermont	Whitby	9	0	0	7	3	1.44

Women's Div II and III – Sarah Oor has a Magical Week

Limestone freshman Sarah Oor (Uxbridge) had an amazing week as she tallied 12 assists and four goals in two games and was voted the NCAA Div II Conference Carolina player of the week. Limestone, which is undefeated this year is currently ranked 4th in the IWLCA polls. Rachel Johnston (St Catharines) also had a big week scoring 6 goals and grabbing 2 GB's in Adrian's 24 to 16 victory over Sewanee. Fellow Canuck Olivia Duncan (Orangeville) scored 4 goals in the victory. Morrisville State defeated Wilson College 17 to 4 and Cassie Edmondson (Oshawa) scored 2 goals while grabbing 3 GB's and a CT. Impact rankings for Canadians in Div II and III are presented below.

Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Woman's Div II – As of Apr 10/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Sarah Oor	Limestone	Uxbridge	12	17	18	13	5	4.83
2	Lauren Martin	Lees Mcrae	Whitby	2	3	1	4	0	4
3	Jackie Gardner	Urbana	Windsor	9	1	0	23	5	3.78
4	Melissa Nakasuji	Limestone	Ajax	12	1	0	17	9	3
5	Jill Dixon	Notre Dame (OH)	Fenwick	11	6	6	8	4	2.55
6	Jessica Tessman	Limestone	Whitby	8	0	0	7	6	2.38
7	Dara Hayes	Merrimack	Calgary	8	3	1	5	0	1.13
8	Samantha Cock	Mercyhurst	Terra Cotta	11	0	0	6	1	0.73
9	Megan Clumpus	Gannon	Whitby	0	0	0	0	0	NA
10	Ally Phillips	Notre Dame (OH)	St Catharines	0	0	0	0	0	NA

Canadian "Impact" Leaders In Woman's Div III – As of Apr 10/2011

Rank	Player	School	Hometown	GM	G	A	GB	CT	IPG
1	Cassie Edmondson	Morrisville	Oshawa	8	11	3	29	12	8.38
2	Rachel Johnston	Adrian	St Catharines	16	60	11	14	12	6.81

3	Courtney Jamieson	N.C. Wesleyan	London	12	10	4	28	8	4.83
4	Olivia Duncan	Adrian	Orangeville	14	31	8	11	3	4
5	Lisa Seidel	Potsdam	Vancouver	10	1	0	18	7	3.3
6	Hannah Early	Adrian	Shelburne	16	1	0	21	8	2.38
7	Emma Schepers	Elmira	Elmvale	9	3	1	5	4	1.89
8	Courtney Kerlake	N England Coll.	Sarnia	9	2	4	8	0	1.56
9	Paige Ottaviano	Buffalo State	Port Colborne	11	0	0	2	3	0.73
10	Muriel McIntyre	Concordia	Penticton	0	0	0	0	0	NA

MCLA – SFU Splits Games With Ranked Opponents on Weekend

SFU, which entered the weekend ranked #16 in the MCLA polls split a pair of games this past weekend in Oregon. In the first game SFU fell to conference rival and #15 ranked Oregon Ducks 22-14 while in the second game SFU edged #7 ranked Cal Poly 17-15. SFU's next two games are in Arizona against #3 Arizona State (April 15th) and #21 Arizona (April 17th). SFU's next home game is on the 24th of April at 12:00PM at the SFU Campus against the Montana Grizzlies.

Games Upcoming – Stevens at RIT is the Game Worth Traveling For

There are not a large number of game options close to the border this weekend. In Division I, Bellarmine plays at Hobart and Providence plays at Syracuse. In Division III, #6 Stevens plays at #4 RIT and this should be a terrific match between two superb programs. In Women's Division I play, Detroit hosts Howard.

Final Thoughts

As the NCAA season works its way through April, one should not lose sight of the fact that these are student athletes that we are reading and writing about each week. While the pressure to excel on the field is huge let's not forget that sometimes term papers and exams get in the way of lacrosse – and that's the way it's supposed to be! Managing a full academic course load while playing in the NCAA is an incredible achievement that goes unrecognized so for my part I just want to congratulate all of our student athletes for a job well done so far and the best of luck as you head into the final weeks of your "academic" season.