

Canadians in the NCAA – Week 3 - 2010

Week 3 of the NCAA season did not disappoint with a number of exciting games taking place including a couple of upsets and many high scoring performances. Dickson, McBride, Neufeld, Crowley and Matisz led the scoring barrage over the weekend while rookies Serville, Flint, Palmer, Loewen, Lachlan, Delaney and Soubry have served notice that a new crop of Canadian Laxers has been launched and have already begun to generate their own highlight-reel material. Here's a quick recap of NCAA lacrosse games in week three from a Canadian perspective.

Jacksonville earns first Division I win

The mighty Dolphins of Jacksonville have been on the losing end of a couple of close games this year but on Sunday they were able to finish strong and earn their first NCAA Division I victory. Down 8-4 at halftime, Jacksonville battled back to force overtime and secure a 13 to 12 win over a tired Denver team that had flown in from Syracuse the night before. Ryan Serville (Toronto) led the Dolphins with 3 goals and 2 assists while Cam Flint (Georgetown) scored 4 goals and Mark Matthews (Oshawa) had 2 goals and 2 assists in a losing effort for Denver.

Syracuse off to a great start

Last Friday night I had the chance to watch the Denver vs. Syracuse game in person and came away with the distinct impression that Syracuse can definitely repeat as national champions. While much of the focus of the Syracuse offense has been placed on Cody Jamieson (Six Nations) and Stephen Keogh (Toronto Beaches) it was the athleticism of the Syracuse midfield that impressed me the most. On the strength of its midfield play, the Orange jumped out to an 8-2 first quarter lead before the "Cuse" attacks had hardly touched the ball. Cody Jamieson scored 4 goals and Stephen Keogh added a pair as Syracuse managed to pull-off a 15-9 win with most of its starters out of the line-up by the middle of the 3rd quarter. Mark Matthews got a goal and an assist in the loss and rookie Cam Flint scored his first goal.

Canadian's scoring in large quantities

Four different Canadian's scored at least 5 goals in a game this past weekend and highlighted the scoring punch of the current crop of Canadians playing in the NCAA. Curtis Dickson (Port Coquitlam) led Delaware to an upset 11-10 win over UMBC in triple overtime with Dickson scoring 7 goals. Meanwhile, Stony Brook pasted Siena in their season opener. Jordan McBride (New Westminster) led the Seawolves in scoring with 8 goals and 2 assist, Kevin Crowley (New Westminster) added 4 goals and 5 assists, and Robbie Campbell (Delta) had 3 goals and 2 assist. Replying for Siena was Bryan Neufeld (Virgil) who scored 7 goals and an assist for Siena. Robert Morris also enjoyed a great start to their season with a 24 to 17 drubbing of Pennsylvania rival Penn State. Kiel Matisz (Stony Creek) had 5 goals and an assist in the win while Trevor Moore (Port Coquitlam) had a hat-trick and Corby Tao Brambleby (Coquitlam), Kyle Buchanan (Nepean) and Kevin Brownell (Burlington) each added 2 goals and an assist. Finally, much anticipated rookie Zach Palmer (Oshawa) scored a goal for Johns Hopkins in their 14 -3 drubbing of Manhattan and Nick Soubry (Oakville) had a strong game at long pole as Sacred Heart earned its first win of the season.

Lots of Canucks scoring in Division II

Mars Hill features several Canadian players and they were prominent in an 18 to 6 victory over St Andrews this past weekend. Eric Benesch (Bloomingdale) led the way with six goals, while

Cade Zulak (Ajax) added a hat trick, and Ty Farmer (Calgary), Danny Farmer (Calgary) and T.J. Cowx (Delta) each added four points apiece. Catawba's Braden Artem (Acton) continues to find the net with 2 goals in a loss to top ranked C.W. Post and 4 goals and an assist in a win over Pfeiffer. Jackson Decker (Port Moody) had 2 goals and 2 assists and Riley Loewen (Burnaby) had 2 goals to lead Limestone to victory last week, while Drew Comeau (Red Deer) had 4 goals in Notre Dame de Namur's win over Dominican College. Finally, rookie James Delaney (Vancouver) had two goals and an assist as Seton Hill edged Belmont Abbey 10-9.

Players to watch in Division III – Quinton, McIntosh, Bowman and Lee

In 2010 there will be 40 Canadians playing in Division III and the top scorer will likely be Roanoke's Matt Quinton (Elora) who scored a goal and an assist this past weekend as Roanoke beat St. Mary's 22 to 7. Rookie Richard Lachlan (Port Coquitlam) also added three goals for Roanoke. Another player to watch in Division III this year is Jordan McIntosh (Oakville) who has transferred to RIT from Gordon College. Last year McIntosh scored 33 points for Gordon in nine games and this year with a longer schedule and a stronger supporting cast should easily beat last year's numbers. Other players to watch in 2010 are Carthage's Keegan Bowman (New Westminster) and Virginia Wesleyan's Curran Lee (Calgary), each of whom put up good numbers last year. Lee is off to a good start with 4 goals in a 14-13 win over York College this past weekend.

Hobart, Colgate and Syracuse hosting games close to home this weekend

A number of NCAA teams have yet to play their first game of the season but this will change this weekend as most Division I and II teams are in action. For those living close to the border in Ontario there are three games of interest and they include Cornell at Hobart and Dartmouth at Colgate on Saturday and Army at Syracuse on Sunday. The Toronto Rock host the Orlando Titans this Saturday in Toronto and both teams feature numerous NCAA stars including Garrett Billings, Stephan LeBlanc, Casey Powell and Ryan Boyle.

Concluding Remarks – Kerwick looking good

I had a chance to hear a talk by Jacksonville Dolphin coach Matt Kerwick a couple of years ago at the coach's convention in Baltimore. His talk was on riding and I found his presentation very insightful and helpful and my hunch at that time was that Kerwick would turn out to be a pretty good Division I coach. Three games into its inaugural season, Kerwick appears to be doing a superb job of turning a fledgling program into a winner and we look forward to following the progress that the Dolphins make as the year goes on. Go Dolphins Go!

NCAA Div III - Canadian and Iroquois Players - 2010

Rank	School	Player	Hometown	Year	Position
		Brandon			
1	Adrian	MacDonald	Midhurst	Freshman	LSM
2	Adrian	Eric Amodeo	Oshawa	Freshman	Defence
3	Adrian	Jeff Ivey	Orangeville	Junior	Attack
4	Adrian	Mitch Barnard	Barrie	Sophomore	Midfield
5	Adrian	DJ Clevely	Orangeville	Sophomore	Attack

6	Adrian	TJ Cook	Caledon	Sophomore	Attack
7	Adrian	Tyler Tanguay	Port Colborne	Sophomore	Midfield
8	Becker	Aaron Fill	Ladner	Senior	Midfield
9	Carthage	Keegan Bowman	New Westminster	Sophomore	Attack
10	Elizabethtown	Kurt Deschner	Kelowna	Junior	Attack
11	Elmira	Scott Gamble	Toronto	Senior	Midfield
12	Elmira	Rick Acorn	Barrie	Sophomore	Attack
13	Gettysburg	Matt McMurray	Orangeville	Sophomore	Midfield
14	Morrisville State	Alex Tillaart	Ashburn	Freshman	Midfield
15	Morrisville State	Tom Longland	Dunnville	Sophomore	Defence
16	Neumann New England	Mike Pantelone	Aurora	Sophomore	Midfield
17	College	Brian Gillis	North Vancouver	Freshman	Attack
18	Ohio Wesleyan	A.J.Pellis	Edmonton	Freshman	Attack
19	Oswego State	Kris Clement	Pierrefonds	Senior	Defence
20	Potsdam	Jordan Joncas	Kanata	Senior	Attack
21	Potsdam	Ben McCullough	Brampton	Senior	Midfield
22	Potsdam	Todd Hosmer	Scarborough	Sophomore	Attack
23	Randolph Macon	Tyler Midwinter	Hamilton	Sophomore	Attack
24	Randolph Macon	Jason Crawford	Burlington	Sophomore	Goalie
25	RIT	Elliot Cowburn	Oakville	Freshman	Defence
26	RIT	MJ Kiekebelt	Caledon	Junior	LSM
27	RIT	Jordan McIntosh	Oakville	Junior	Midfield
28	RIT	Sean Gilles	Oakville	Senior	Attack
29	RIT	Dan MacCrae	Oakville	Senior	LSM
30	RIT	Alex Crepinsek	Oakville	Sophomore	Midfield
31	Roanoke	Brayden Gerrie	Fergus	Freshman	Midfield
32	Roanoke	Richard Lachlan	Port Coquitlam	Freshman	Attack
33	Roanoke	Matt Quinton	Elora	Senior	Attack
34	Salisbury	Adam Dickson	Toronto	Freshman	Defence
35	Virginia Wesleyan	Curran Lee	Calgary	Junior	Attack
36	Whittier	Mark Cuthbertson	Red Deer	Freshman	Attack
37	Whittier	Matt Pick	Edmonton	Freshman	LSM
38	Whittier	Daniel McQuade	New Westminster	Sophomore	Attack

Source: Team Websites