

Canadians in the NCAA - Week 5

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Better weather and closer games

Week 5 in the NCAA saw another exciting series of lacrosse games characterized by close scores and better weather. Several Canadians had big weeks on the score sheet including Dickson, McBride, Matthews, Moore, Matisz, Schuss, Neufeld, Genik, the Farmer's, Morlock, Bowman, Midwinter and McIntosh. In this week's report we add in statistical tables for the first time which rank the leading Canadian scorers in Divisions I, II and III respectively by points per game (PPG). Finally, I have included the just announced roster for Team Canada which was released on Monday morning in Toronto. Here's my recap of the week that was in the NCAA from a Canadian perspective.

Division I - Dickson and McBride continue to lead the band!

Curtis Dickson (Port Coquitlam) continues to score in amazingly large numbers, with 8 goals and 2 assists in a 16-9 win over Albany. Dickson has started the season with 24 goals in 5 games with the Blue Hen single season record established in 1951 by Don Swan who scored 65 – we will let you know if Dickson comes close to breaking that record as the season progresses. The Stony Brook Seawolves had a big 14-11 win over Towson this past weekend and the Canadian contingent was once again prominent with Jordan McBride (New Westminster) scoring 6 times and adding an assist while Keith Crowley (New Westminster) had 3 goals and 2 assists. Detroit lost to Quinnipiac on Sunday but Joel Matthews (St Catherines) continues to lead all Canadian rookie scorers and managed to score 3 goals and 3 assists in the defeat. The Robert Morris offense has yet to run out of steam with the evidence being a 19-8 win over VMI this past weekend. Kiel Matisz (Stoney Creek) scored 5 goals for the Colonials, while Trevor Moore (Port Coquitlam) added a goal and 4 assists and Corby Tao-Brambleby (Coquitlam) added a hat trick in the win. Jacksonville continues to impress as a nascent Division I lacrosse program, earning a 14-7 win over Mount St Mary's. Jacksonville is now 3-3 with two of the losses being by a goal. In the win over Mount St Mary's Cameron Mann (Hamilton) scored 3 goals and added 2 assists while Ryan Serville (Toronto) chipped in 2 goals and an assist. Ohio State beat Penn State 11-10 and rookie Logun Schuss (Delta), who is third in rookie scoring amongst the Canadians was strong once again, contributing a goal and 4 assists in the win. Aiden Genik (Toronto Beaches) had a good week scoring 4 goals and an assist in leading Hartford to its first win of the season. Denver split home games over the weekend with Can Flint (Orangeville) scoring a hat trick in Sunday's win over Lehigh. Siena's Bryan Neufeld (Virgil) had a big game against Albany last week in a 13-12 win by contributing 4 goals and an assist. Yale beat Presbyterian 14-5 with two Canadian freshmen, Yale's Deron Dempster (Orangeville) and Presbyterians' Tyler Melnyk (Calgary) each scoring a pair. The top 25 Canadian scorers in Division I as of the 6th of March are as follows.

NCAA Div I - Leading Canadian Scorers - Ranked by PPG										
Rank	Player	School	Hometown	Year	GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	
1	Curtis Dickson	Delaware	PoCo	Senior	5	24	8	32	6.4	
2	Jordan McBride	Stony Brook	New West	Junior	3	14	3	17	5.7	
3	Kevin Crowley	Stony Brook	New West	Junior	3	9	7	16	5.3	
4	Joel Matthews	Detroit	St Catharines	Freshman	3	12	3	15	5.0	
5	Trevor Moore	Robert Morris	PoCo	Junior	3	6	8	14	4.7	
6	Jaime Lincoln	Hofstra	St. Catharines	Junior	2	5	3	8	4.0	
7	Kiel Malisz	Robert Morris	Stoney Creek	Sophomore	3	11	1	12	4.0	
8	Ryan Serville	Jacksonville	Toronto	Freshman	6	13	10	23	3.8	
9	Logan Schuss	Ohio State	Delta	Freshman	4	7	8	15	3.8	
10	Bryan Neufeld	Siena	Virgil	Sophomore	4	13	2	15	3.8	
11	Adam Jones	Canisius	Owen Sound	Junior	2	5	2	7	3.5	
12	Aidan Genik	Harford	Toronto	Sophomore	3	8	1	9	3.0	
13	C. Tao Brambleby	Robert Morris	Coquillam	Junior	3	8	1	9	3.0	
14	Tyler Melnyk	Presbyterian	Calgary	Freshman	3	5	4	9	3.0	
15	Dave Brock	Albany	Burlington	Senior	3	7	1	8	2.7	
16	Cody Jamieson	Syracuse	Six Nations	Senior	3	5	3	8	2.7	
17	Adrian Sorichetti	Hofstra	Whitby	Freshman	2	3	2	5	2.5	
18	Jay Card	Hofstra	Caledon	Junior	2	3	2	5	2.5	
19	Cameron Mann	Jacksonville	Hamilton	Freshman	6	10	5	15	2.5	
20	Kyle Buchanan	Robert Morris	Nepean	Sophomore	2	2	3	5	2.5	
21	Cam Flint	Denver	Georgetown	Freshman	5	12	0	12	2.4	
22	Robbie Campbell	Stony Brook	Delta	Sophomore	3	5	2	7	2.3	
23	Stephen Keogh	Syracuse	Toronto	Junior	3	7	0	7	2.3	
24	Jarrett Davis	Bellarmine	Port Moody	Senior	5	4	7	11	2.2	
25	Chase Williams	Bellarmine	Vancouver	Senior	5	5	6	11	2.2	

Source: Team websites

Division II – All in the family!

The Canadian contingent at Mars Hill had a big game against Catawba this past week, with Danny Farmer (Calgary) scoring 4 goals and 3 assists, brother Ty Farmer scoring 4 goals and 1 assist, and cousin Eric Benesch (Bloomington) adding 3 goals, 2 assists and 6 ground balls. Shane Morlock (Whitby) announced his arrival in the NCAA this week with 3 goals and an assist in Chestnut Hills 10-7 win over Neumann. Le Moyne beat Limestone and Jackson Decker (Port Moody) had 2 goals and an assist in the loss. The top 10 Canadian scorers in Division II as of the 6th of March are as follows.

NCAA Div II - Leading Canadian Scorers - Ranked by PPG										
Rk	Player	School	Hometown	Year	GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	
1	Kyle O'Brien	Dowling	Whitby	Senior	2	8	5	13	6.5	
2	Danny Farmer	Mars Hill	Calgary	Senior	4	9	10	19	4.8	
3	Ty Farmer	Mars Hill	Calgary	Junior	4	11	7	18	4.5	
4	Eric Benesch	Mars Hill	Bloomingtondale	Junior	4	12	5	17	4.3	
5	Shane Morlock	Chesnut Hill	Whitby	Freshman	1	3	1	4	4.0	
6	Drew Comeau	Notre Dame DN	Red Deer	Senior	4	7	7	14	3.5	
7	Alex Jones	Dominican Coll.	StAlbert	Junior	1	3	0	3	3.0	
8	John McClure	Dowling	Brampton	Senior	1	3	0	3	3.0	
9	Jackson Decker	Limestone	Port Moody	Sophomore	3	5	4	9	3.0	
10	Braden Artem	Calamba	Acton	Sophomore	4	8	2	10	2.5	
10	T.J.Cox	Mars Hill	Delta	Sophomore	4	4	6	10	2.5	
<i>Source: Team websites</i>										

Division III – Bowman, Midwinter and McIntosh scoring big while Crawford grabs a win in net

Keegan Bowman (New Westminster) had big game against Southwestern, leading Carthage to a 19-3 victory with 6 goals and 2 assist. Ty Midwinter (Hamilton) had 4 goals and 2 assists in a 15-13 win over Wesley College and Jason Crawford (Burlington) earned the win in net. Jordan MacIntosh (Oakville) had an interesting week, scoring 9 goals and an assist on a combined basis in two one goal losses to Stevenson and RPI respectively. The top 10 Canadian scorers in Division III as of the 6th of March are as follows.

NCAA Div III - Leading Canadian Scorers - Ranked by PPG										
Rk	Player	School	Hometown	Year	GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	
1	Daniel McQuade	Whittier	New West	Sophomore	3	17	3	20	6.7	
2	Keegan Bowman	Carthage	New West	Sophomore	3	12	7	19	6.3	
3	Tyler Midwinter	Randolph Macon	Hamilton	Sophomore	1	4	2	6	6.0	
4	Jordan McIntosh	RIT	Oakville	Junior	2	9	1	10	5.0	
5	Matt Quinton	Roanoke	Elora	Senior	5	18	5	23	4.6	
6	Brad Levick	Elmira	Newmarket	Senior	1	4	0	4	4.0	
7	Richard Lachlan	Roanoke	Port Coquillam	Freshman	5	14	2	16	3.2	
8	DJ Clevely	Adrian	Orangeville	Sophomore	1	0	2	2	2.0	
9	Tyler Tanguay	Adrian	Port Colborne	Sophomore	1	2	0	2	2.0	
10	Sean Giles	RIT	Oakville	Senior	2	3	0	3	1.5	
10	Curran Lee	Virginia Wes.	Calgary	Junior	2	3	0	3	1.5	
<i>Source: Team websites</i>										

Games upcoming – Two great games worth seeing in upstate NY

This past weekend I had the pleasure of watching Cornell beat Army in overtime – pleasurable in part because I am a retired naval officer. Looking ahead, there are a number of exciting games worth watching if you live close to the Canada/US border. The two highest profile games include Virginia at Cornell and Georgetown at Syracuse, both on Saturday afternoon. Molloy plays at Mercyhurst on Saturday as well if you are interested in taking in a game in Erie, Pennsylvania which is about an hour from Buffalo. In NLL action Buffalo plays at Toronto this Friday night at the ACC and it should be a great game.

Final comments – Team Canada announced

Team Canada announced its final roster today and there were few surprises. This year's Team Canada features two active NCAA players, namely Ryan McClelland and Evan Kirk who are currently playing in the NCAA for Colgate and Hobart respectively. Alex Jones, who hails from St Albert and plays at Dominican College in NY will be playing at the worlds for the Dutch National Team. The just announced Team Canada is as follows.

Attack: Garrett Billings, Langley, B.C.; John Grant, Peterborough, Ont.; Zack Greer, Whitby, Ont.; Kevin Huntley, Baltimore, Md.; Merrick Thomson, Hamilton, Ont

Midfield: Dan Dawson, Oakville, Ont.; Rhys Duch, Victoria; B.C. Jordan Hall, Surrey, B.C.; Ryan McClelland, Brampton, Ont.; Gavin Prout, Whitby, Ont.; Billy Dee Smith, St. Catharines, Ont.; Geoff Snider, Calgary; Alta; Mark Steenhuis, St. Catharines; Shawn Williams, Oshawa, Ont.

Defence: Mac Allen, Toronto; Ont, Curtis Manning, Surrey, B.C.; Brodie Merrill, Orangeville, Ont.; Patrick Merrill, Orangeville; Ont, Phil Sanderson, Orangeville; Ont, Jon Sullivan, St. Catharines; Ont, Matt Vinc, St.Catharines. Ont

Goal: Angus Dineley, Toronto; Ont, Evan Kirk, Kitchener, Ont.; Chris Sanderson, Orangeville.Ont

Please note that a report for week 6 will not happen as I will be skiing with my family in Alberta next week – I will be back in roughly two weeks time.

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