



## The Triangle's First Organized Summer League

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Back in the spring of 92, Joe Wolhar (then Winter League Commissioner) and Kelly Ferguson (young deb with drums and no band) put together the first fledgling summer league. The season began with some fanfare, but the casual approach to field procurement ("uh, whatever set of fields we can poach") and the variable commitment level of vacationing players brought this enterprise to a sad, barely gasping demise even before the season had ended. It was during the next summer that the Triangle instituted the twice-weekly Hat Series (the brain child of Andy Brewer) to fill the area's gaping summer ultimate deficit.

It was up against the tradition of a thriving Hat Series and some new, generally good pickup venues in the Summer that this year's fledgling Summer League pitted itself. There was plenty of market research, as TFDA membership was polled to confirm that the time was right for another stab at a Summer League. While there was no groundswell for this, there was occasion, and that was the announcement that Holly Springs Parks and Rec wanted to run such a league. Part of the polling process was a determination of what kind of league the membership would prefer, one that was run by Holly Springs (with self-formed teams) or a league run by TFDA (with teams drafted to maximize parity).

Once the poll results were in, Holly Springs was contacted, and it was agreed that TFDA would run the show. It was decided that there would be eight teams to accommodate what was expected to be a turnout of 160 people, making for individual team rosters of 20 to assure good turnouts despite vacations and other summer activities. As it turned out, each team ended with 24 players. Volunteering to be captains at the draft were:

Rich Bolen, Missy Summerville/Kris Bass, Mike Soo, Mike Beatty, Scott Hoffman/Scott Vandelinde, George Wilder/Mark Britt, Garrett Dyer, and Christian Schwoerke.

In a nutshell, the season went swimmingly. The 10am start time for the games was a blessing for many, and the fields had never been more lush or verdant. Mike Beatty's yellow team (Buttercups) was especially good at enjoying the post-game get together, most Saturdays setting up a grill and entertaining players from other, less catered-to teams. Most games wrapped up by 12:30, at latest by 1pm. The Scotts' Green team was notable in going the distance in two capped games over the course of the season, winning both. (On the other end of the capped game continuum were Buttercups' two barnburners, both losses.)

The regular season finish had teams in the following order, tie-breakers being head-to-head results and point differentials in the case of the three-way tie for fifth.

1. White 6-1 (Missy/Kris)
2. Black 6-1 (Christian)
3. Purple 5-2 (Mike Soo)
4. Green 4-3 (Scotts)
5. Red 2-5 (George/Mark)
6. Orange 2-5 (Rich)
7. Blue 2-5 (Garrett)
8. Yellow 1-6 (Mike Beatty)

### The Tournament – Saturday

The tournament was slated for the July 14-15 weekend, with pool play on Saturday and modified double-elimination on Sunday to create an A and B division after the quarterfinals round. Saturday remained on the cool side and overcast the entire day, some rain threatening early on but never arriving. The pools and results were as

follows, the initial post-season, pre-tourney seed in parentheses and win/loss record in brackets.:

#### Pool A

- (1) White [3-0]
- (3) Purple [2-1]
- (6) Orange [1-2]
- (7) Blue [0-3]

#### Pool B

- (2) Black [2-1]
- (4) Green [2-1]
- (5) Red [2-1]
- (8) Yellow [0-3]

Pool A had everyone maintaining seed, and White's closest game was against Purple, a 14-12 time-capped game. Pool B had #1 seed Black losing a time-capped squeaker 11-10 to Green. However, Red's victory over Green in the next round set up a three-way tie, and once again point differentials were called on to sort things out. Black held onto its #1 position, but Red and Green flip-flopped, while Yellow held steady.

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## SHORT PASSES

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### Ultimate in Difficult Times

With many sectionals tournaments scheduled throughout the nation on the weekend after the terrorist attacks, there was much debate if the tournaments should be held. The Ultimate Players Association (UPA) staff decided that yes, it was a time to be with friends. Before each tournament began, teams gathered to read a letter from the UPA, observe a moment of silence, and throw a black disc. At the coed sectionals in Garner the disc was thrown by Trey Jolly who is a paramedic, a Gulf War veteran, and an Ultimate player.

### Womens' Clinic and Hat Tournament

On April 22, a clinic and hat tournament for women was held at NC State. It was a great time for new players to learn skills and bond with more experienced players. A photo of the women was published in the national UPA newsletter.

### Triangle Teams Rock!

Leesville Road High School participated in the juniors nationals in

May. The UNC and Duke mens' teams competed in the collegiate nationals tournament in Boston over Memorial Day weekend... [www.buda.org](http://www.buda.org). Ring of Fire (men), Backhoe (women), Cranky (masters men), and Griffins (coed) will compete in the club nationals in Sarasota the first week of

November...[www.upa.org](http://www.upa.org). All of this activity prompted a newspaper journalist to call the Triangle the hotbed of ultimate...

[www.fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2001/102001/10062001/413399](http://www.fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2001/102001/10062001/413399)

### Corporate Tournament

The corporate tournament was held in Holly Springs on June 16. Two teams from IBM, two from SAS, and a State Employees team competed. The competition was fierce and hot with the State Employees coming away with the win. Thanks to Pat Cox from IBM for organizing again this year.

### Summer Ultimate Sizzles

Along with the Holly Springs Summer League, the Summer Hat Series continued this year at Lake Crabtree. Eric Trunnell was the hat master. Eric did a great job of keeping everyone informed and motivated by sending out emails every Tuesday.

Also, Winter League founder Brian Dobyms organized the Durham-Efland Summer League (DESL). Games were concluded on August 3 at Brian's field of dreams in Efland. With the addition of DESL, there was Ultimate to be had almost every day this summer.

### Throw to Juniors Ultimate

Not only do we need volunteers for all our juniors programs, but they need equipment, too. Please get in touch with Paul Mullin...

[pauillinator1@aol.com](mailto:pauillinator1@aol.com) ... if you have cleats and/or discs to donate.

### TFDA ListServ and Forums

Thanks to Jeff Reinhardt and XFire Web for expanding the TFDA website to include off-Ultimate topics such as finding a home for yourself, an animal, or both. Please use the TFDA listserv only for Ultimate posts. To join the listserv, send an email with *subscribe* in the subject line to [join-ultimate@franklin.oit.unc.edu](mailto:join-ultimate@franklin.oit.unc.edu)

### Dollars and Disc

Does your company hold a United Way Campaign? Did you know you could designate your donation to go to TFDA? That's right, as a 501c(3) non-profit organization, TFDA qualifies for United Way funds. Also, don't forget to shop at [www.greatergood.com](http://www.greatergood.com) this holiday. All your favorite catalogs are there and 5 percent of your purchase goes to TFDA.

### A Picture is Worth a 1000 Discs

Tim Pflaum, Hart Matthews, and others have taken many Ultimate pictures over the past year. Here are the websites to peruse at your leisure.

<http://community.webshots.com/user/ncsutourney>  
<http://pantheon.yale.edu/~bcw24/photo/kudzu2001/index.htm>  
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offer. And besides, TFDA as a non-profit organization receives some proceeds of each book purchased so you save money and you contribute to supporting the ultimate community here in the triangle.

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## JUNIORS

### The Ebb and (Mostly) Flow in Juniors Ultimate

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Just a few years ago, high school ultimate teams came and went. Last year, however, we saw an veritable explosion of growth in the area with new teams at Cardinal Gibbons (NC champion), Enloe, Fuquay Varina, and Leesville Road HS (qualified for and attended UPA Junior Nationals). Most signs are again pointed skyward this year, for example:

- East Chapel Hill HS joins the pack under the strong tutelage of volunteer Brian Dobyms; and all indications are that South East Raleigh HS will surface with a team this year.
- The *Underdogs* (ex-Jordan), a team with a 15+ year history, have appeared back on the scene after fizzling into non-existence last year.
- The perennial NCSSM team, also with a 15+ year history, has gotten an early start in scheduling and playing scrimmages during a rebuilding year.
- CHUF (Chapel Hill HS) is hard at work with several early season victories – including a trip to Richmond. Given that CHUF is usually hurting in the fall due to competition for players with other sports, this is a pleasant surprise.
- Fuquay Varina, coached by teacher Becca Bradford, has had a strong turnout this year and is holding regular practices.
- Cardinal Gibbons *Crusaders*, the team with the strongest school admin support in the area, apparently, have hired an assistant coach in Ryan Smith, NCSU co-captain.
- Recruiting is strong for the Leesville *Pitans* after losses to graduation, and they rebuild with assistance from new volunteer Andy Kelly.

While the Cary Academy team seems to be lost for the time being, momentum is good overall. Teams seem intent on regularly scheduling scrimmages nowadays. Moreover, TFDA members continue to step forward to help teams in need. Yet perhaps the most promising event in the early season was the entry of a juniors all-star team into the UPA's Fall Series NC Open Sectionals. Coached by Chip Depew (the only "adult" to play) and Dan Parrish, the *Tomacco Farmers* managed a remarkable victory over Duke and were a completed pass away from defeating ASU. (Make sure Vertigo doesn't live that one down for a while.) This all surely stands as a sign of more good things to come on the Juniors scene in the Triangle. Watch it grow!

### CHUF Meets NCSSM in Year Opener

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On a slightly gusty field in the Northwestern corner of Durham just around the corner from Magnolia Grill, CHUF met NCSSM in the year opener for both Ultimate clubs. CHUF sorely missed the leadership and charm of Ellie B. on the field and there was certainly a lack of cursing during play. Rachel "field commander Patton" S. tried to fill in but lacked the necessary nautical experience to truly engender the verbal role. With veteran senior Bryan "full field flick" H. playing in awesome form, Josh "the freshman" T. and Zach "Jesus" Z. captained the squad to a firm victory.

Young NCSSM only returned four veterans from last year's JUST NC squad. Other schools need not take them lightly however as many of their new players are sporting some very competent flicks as well as some decent wheels when it comes to chasing down an errant throw from either side. CHUF, with a generally more experienced squad rolled out the first five points by taking advantage of several turnover opportunities. While we will not mention innocents' names, like Emily "which way" S., CHUF did enjoy the traditional running towards the wrong endzone on turnover that seems to make it's way into every early game. Along with "Patton," Em contributed to the human scoreboard method that will be the rage of Juniors Ultimate this year -- home team scores on one forearm and opponent's on the other. Some trouble was created by having both in the game at the same time. Paige "not Robin" C. managed to take flexibility in catching to a new level as she caught a disc while dropping into a split. Men and women including Robin "not Paige" C. around the field were caught grimacing. The "freshman" managed to add some reception excitement with his own, patented "15 contacts before firm" catching style in the zone.

CHUF and S+M player contributions were many and varied, but a game report can run overlong. S+M pulled together to bring their total to 9 before CHUF closed out the game at 15 on a hammer into the zone. Mad props to S+M for their recruiting and CHUF looks forward to a rematch later this fall!

### Tomacco Farmers

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It was a weekend to remember. At this year's North Carolina Club Sectionals Tournament, the Tomacco Farmers, a juniors team consisting of some of the best high school players from the Triangle area, made an impressive stand. In their first game of the tournament, the team showed poise and confidence by coming from a 6-1 deficit to defeat Duke's "A" team 9-8. Later that same day, the Farmers went the distance with the Vertigo of Appalachian State, taking half 7-6 and coming within one goal of a second upset and a trip to the quarter finals. After the game, ASU graciously invited the Tomacco Farmers to the Blue Ridge Blowout, a college tournament they were hosting the following weekend.

Building and sustaining a strong high school ultimate community benefits both college and club teams. As these players move on to college, college teams benefit by having a pool of experienced freshman players. Club teams then benefit by having a larger pool of experienced college players. Over the last few years, juniors ultimate in North Carolina has grown far beyond anyone's expectations. With a solid 7th place finish at the Juniors National Championship tournament last May, the Triangle's high school players have proven they are among the best in the country. With the emergence of powerhouses Leesville Road and Cardinal Gibbons, and first year teams like East Chapel Hill, it's safe to say that competitive juniors ultimate has arrived in the Triangle.

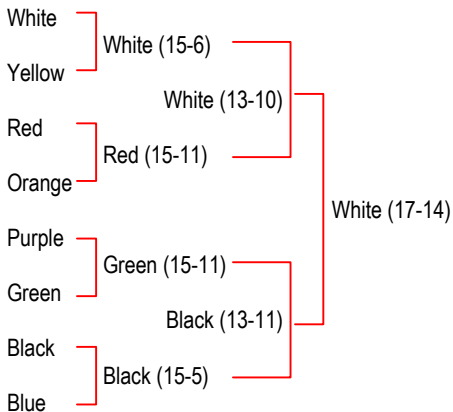
So what can YOU do to help juniors ultimate continue to thrive? Come out and be a coach! Jordan, SE Raleigh, Enloe, and several other schools are looking for volunteer coaches. These kids are practicing on their own, but they currently have no one to show them the finer points of the game. More teams means higher quality competition. To learn more about coaching opportunities, contact Paul Mullin...[paullinator1@aol.com](mailto:paullinator1@aol.com) or Chip Depew...[cdepew@nc.rr.com](mailto:cdepew@nc.rr.com).

Many of you will have one or more high school players on your Winter League team this year. Take some time to mentor them, help them continue to improve, and share with them your love of The Game. It takes a village to raise an Ultimate player!

## Summer League continued

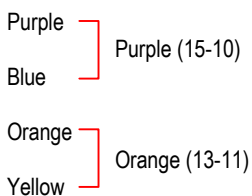
### The Tournament – Sunday

The Sunday brackets, with results looked like this:



The only upset in the quarters round was Green's 15-11 performance against Purple, setting up a grudge re-match between Black and Green in the semis. Green pulled ahead to take the half, 8-6, but the Green squad was thin on Sunday and growing wearier with each play, while Black continued to cycle in its 18 players. Down 10-11 when the cap went on, Black tied the game at 11s, setting the game as a first-to-13 match. Too exhausted to put up a full-fledged, error-free offense, Green could not score again, falling 13-11. In the other semis game, Red was pitted against White and through good defense was up 8-7 at half. White was indomitable, however, and when Red got the score up to 10-8, White came on strong to take the next 3 points. With the cap on, the game was now first-to-13. There was enough give and take in the final two points that they might have gone either way, but they went to White, which won 13-10.

After the quarters a B Division semifinals round went down with the following results.



While slated to play a final B Division championship game, Orange and Purple mutually declined to play in favor of either going home or watching the White-Black A Division finals.

The finals were to be a rematch of the two 6-1 teams, White having made it through the

Saturday and Sunday gauntlet with a 5-0 record, while Black had lapsed on Saturday with a single loss. Both teams had just finished close semis games and each squad was showing some fatigue.

With the likes of Kevin Cale, Derek Dail, Kris Bass, and Kristen Collins maintaining possession of the disc and continually shooting for the goal, White was able to persevere over the Black squad, despite the fine efforts of Wes Hunt, Staci Hemmer, Tim Lupo, TJ Cawley, and Jeff Faulkner. Tying the game at 13s was about all that Black could muster for a solid burst, and it was either fatigue or focus that prevented more than a single point during the final stretch, as White took the lead again and widened the gap to win, 17-14. The SL trophy is immense and was presented to the winners by the Holly Springs Parks and Recreation Department.

### Spirit Award Winners

Captains of all the summer league teams were asked to honor a teammate with a spirit award disc. The following were the individuals selected and some choice words by their captains.

#### ●Black (Christian Schwoerke)

Charlie Wiss came to the Panthers as a wet-behind-the-ears cub, but by the end of the season was roaring loudly and baring his fangs. Charlie provided a benchmark for the team, helping to give focus to our goal of being an inclusive group, and his dedication to this new sport was a testament to his good spirit and the team's as well.

#### ●Blue (Garrett Dyer)

Blue Hawaii - Aaron Stern. Aaron made it to nearly every game all the way from Greensboro, which was especially important to our team because of the low number of men we had each week. He was someone that truly bought into and fostered the concept of our team (the Hawaiian aspect, that is). You might've seen him with a lei around his neck or a fake flower pedal attached otherwise. He seemed to gain much confidence in his play this summer, as it was evident that he took on greater responsibility in his role on offense, while marking players of increasingly more skill on defense as the year went on. And he did it all with this big grin on his face...great season Aaron! Honorable mention goes to Maria Rodriguez. Maria is a true student of the game, always asking the how and why questions about the way the game is played. She played in nearly

every game and worked on her throws before, during, and after each game, taking advice/instruction whenever someone would lend it. Thanks to Maria for being a wonderful part of our team!

#### ●Green (Scott Hoffman)

Green gave the Spirit Disc to Brett Chavis for his beer, understanding of issues regarding playing time and his ability to complete a backhand blade with consistency that was undeserved.

#### ●Orange (Rich Bolen)

Our spirit winner was Judi O'Briant. She always played hard (including playing savage 6 for one game.) She showed up for every game but one. You could see as the summer season went on that she was getting hooked on Ultimate. She always played spirited in that she had respect for her opponent but more importantly, she displayed the spirit of the ultimate player. One who thinks of ultimate more as a way of life than just a way to get exercise.

#### ●Purple (Mike Soo)

Purple people eater's spirit winner was a tough choice. Chuck and Freddy Wayne both drew consideration. The award this year goes to Megan Insko. She played hard all season and is a team player. She was always positive. She improved the most and she put up with Andy.

#### ●Red (Mark Britt/George Wilder)

The winner of the Spirit Disc for Red Hot (formerly Red Menace) was Tammy Lauvray. Tammy was everywhere, all the time, showing the intensity of a border collie, on the field and from the sideline. She never got down on herself and always helped lift the rest of the team.

#### ●White (Missy Summerville/Kris Bass)

Jeanne Stallings was our Spirit Winner. Jeanne had a very fun attitude, showed up at almost every game, played hard and REALLY improved as the season progressed. She was always willing to learn our plays and do whatever was necessary to help the team. We all enjoyed having Jeanne on the team!

#### ●Yellow (Mike Beatty)

Our player was Robert Grau. Robert always played at 100%, always had a good attitude, subordinated individual play for team play and could always be counted for 2 or 3 excellent "Ds" per game.

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**WOFOIT HOSONIT!**

The Triangle's own WOFOIT played the entire weekend without a loss to hold onto the Kudzu laurels for a second year. In the B division, the victors were DC's His & Hers, upset early on Sunday but resolute in taking advantage of another chance to show their mettle in the second ranks.

Teams playing the fourth year of this Classic were

1. WOFOIT (2000 champs)
2. Misfits (2000 runner up)
3. Kudzu (2000 semi-finalist)
4. Bears (a scion of Spear, led by Tim Brooks)
5. His and Hers (DC's #1 rep to Kudzu since 98)
6. Big Winston (new found prestige since the WUFF Coed Championships)
7. Single and Looking to Score (DC's #2 rep to Kudzu since 98)
8. Elvis Needs Boats (Triangle's longest-running Elvis tribute team)
9. Gröve (that's with an umlaut to make it sound like groove, from Asheville)
10. Blue Ridge Ultimate (Rich Franck's team from Charlottesville)
11. Donkey Bomb (second year for this Philly team)
12. SugarBuzz (the talk of the Triangle, powered by Krispy Kreme)
13. Mothers (the longest running ultimate team in the nation?)
14. Shiva-Kali Consortium (Hindu avatars from DC and environs)
15. Clouds of Joy (the Triangle's 4th year rep to Kudzu)
16. DC Chase (a Charlottesville team led by Geoff Smith)
17. NEO (Henry Lee's crew from DC)
18. CHUF (Chapel Hill High School's indomitably spirited coed squad)

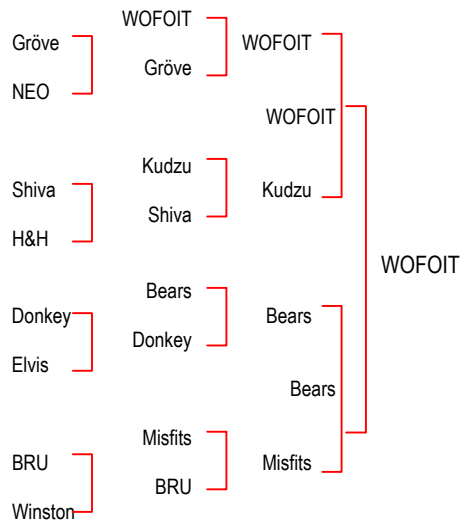
Two pools of 5 and two pools of 4 were composed with a numbering scheme to try to make the #1 seed face competition equally tough as that faced by other top seeds. The day's schedule had the two 5-team pools play a simple round robin, with a single bye, while the 2 4-team pools played round robin, then had like seeds face off to acquire the next best seed. For example, Kudzu and Bears finished in their pools undefeated and thus faced off in the last round of play to attain (or retain) the #3 seed, while number two finishers in each of the two pools (Gröve and BRU) faced off to attain/retain the #8 seed.

The day started with a good deal of intermittent rain, with some stoppages of play due to lightning, but the schedule was maintained and some games were simply truncated. By 1pm, the standing water had been fully absorbed and the fields were comfortably soft and firm. Results at the end of the day yielded the following:

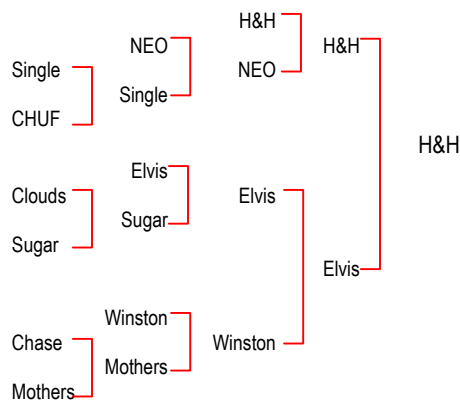
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| 1. WOFOIT                | 10. Elvis Needs Boats           |
| 2. Misfits               | 11. Big Winston                 |
| 3. Bears                 | 12. NEO                         |
| 4. Kudzu                 | 13. Single and Looking to Score |
| 5. His and Hers          | 14. Mothers                     |
| 6. Donkey Bomb           | 15. Clouds of Joy               |
| 7. Blue Ridge Ultimate   | 16. SugarBuzz                   |
| 8. Gröve                 | 17. DC Chase                    |
| 9. Shiva-Kali Consortium | 18. CHUF                        |

Saturday's play in the A-pool was especially tough, and a 3-way tie for second resulted, each with a 2-2 record. Point differentials separated out His&Hers, NEO, and SugarBuzz, in that order, but it was especially heart-breaking to the SugarBuzz contingent to find their fine record could only bring them out of their pool as the #4 team, with a #16 seed overall.

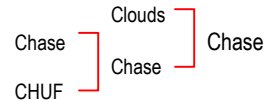
In A Division play on Sunday (a perfectly sunny day throughout, with a high of 81 and steady winds out of the south), there was a pre-quarters round, which had the 5-12 seed finishers face off for the opportunity to meet the still-sleeping 1-4 finishers in the quarters.



B Division Results (which allowed for the losers of the A Division pre-quarters to participate)



The C Division went as follows:



Sunday's schedule was designed to have all games finished by the time the A Division finals commenced, and the sidelines for each team were crowded with players from teams who'd not yet left. Heckling from the sidelines was rampant, especially as hometown teams WOFOIT and Bears were well known. The game see-sawed and the much-sought 2-point cross-gender huck was assiduously guarded against, especially by the Bears who had to defend against the big arms of Beth Cates and Amy Seagroves, who were looking for male receivers to make the big cut to the endzone. The half ended with Bears up, 8-7, but the lead was hard to keep, and the two teams were again rocking back and forth, finally tying at 13. The game was to 15 and everyone knew that 2 pointer was the order of the day. Late in the second half, Tim Brooks had made three spectacular interceptions in a single point, undoubtedly exhausting himself in the process -- it is perhaps this fact that prevented the Bears from being fully ready for the next point... Bears pulled, and the WOFOIT team set up a near-horizontal stack, made a quick pass to Stick Williams (well short of the mid-field line) who took a quick look downfield, found his target and launched the huck. Six-foot Amy Seagroves had no trouble reaching high over her much shorter defender to pull down the shot, ending the game conclusively, 15-13.

No tournament runs successively without a good deal of help. My thanks to the captains (and teams) for seeing to it that the schedule was adhered to and that all fields were well-cleaned at the end of each day. Thanks go to Kudzu party hosts Anthony Burgess and Tim Pflaum, to Rodney Guajardo for the comestibles, and to Craig Murray for the water. Thanks also to co-Tournament Director Garrett Dyer for his work on the website and with the internet announcements for each day's weather-variable play. Special commendation to Tom Herndon for enrolling the Chapel Hill High School ultimate team in this year's play. They were a great addition to the ranks, and they played with great skill and spirit.



**Backhoe**

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BackHoe has been rapidly evolving in recent years and has taken women's Ultimate in the Triangle to a new level. While losing strong players such as Tonya Little, Thuy Boyd and Debbie Byles for the season was a big blow, we have also made some strong additions to the team. While always a strong contender locally and within in the state, BackHoe has shown that we are a force to be reckoned with regionally and nationally as well. We have had a successful early season and a string of victories including a strong showing at Seattle's Emerald City Classic and placing second at Tune-Up in Chicago where we defeated the top ranked women's team, Boston's Godiva, in the quarter finals. Recently we won the NC Sectional and Mid-Atlantic Regional titles which earned us a spot at Nationals in Sarasota, FL for the National tournament Nov. 1st through Nov. 4th, where we have hopes for a high-placed finish. This year we think that BackHoe has what it takes to win nationals and have be working hard toward that goal since July when we began having 3 days of practice and 1 day of track workout every week.

We appreciate the support that everyone has shown the team this year and again would like to thank those who helped BackHoe raise over \$1000 during a yard sale which has helped to offset the cost of going to tournaments. Be sure to check out [rec.sport.disc](http://rec.sport.disc) Nov. 1st - 4th to track our progress at Nationals as well as the progress of other Triangle teams who will be there.



**SugarBuzz**

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Good job at Sectionals!! For those who weren't there or didn't hear yet, SugarBuzz beat their seeding (5th out of five) by finishing in fourth place on a very windy day. Buzz beat Charlotte 13-11, coming behind from a 6-3 deficit and an 11-10 deficit. Buzz almost beat Groove, being tied at 8 in a game to 10, with probably the longest point in Buzz history at game point. We also scored the most points (5) against the powerful Griffins team. We played very hard all day, except for probably the final game against Elvis, and we played a good zone defense almost exclusively when we could. Kudos again to all the Buzz newcomers who played so well.

At the Regional Tournament in Richmond, SugarBuzz was the 11th seed out of 16 and we lost our first game to Philadelphia's 5th seeded Donkey Bomb (15-5). We played fairly well. The game was played in a warm, windy rain. Our second game was against Charlotte's Kitchen Biscuit. The warm windy rain was now a cold windy rain and life became very miserable for the Buzzers as we played poorly against Charlotte and lost (15-5). Thankfully, the rain ended, the wind subsided some, and we were all able to put on dry clothes for our third game against Fredricksburg's Mothers. This was a very close game with SugarBuzz relaxing some and playing much better. The game went to 14-14. Buzz then marched down the field for the winning score and everyone started to forget some of the pain from the rain. Our final game of the day was against Pittsburgh's Double Entendre. This was also a good close game. With the score tied at 9, a Pittsburgh woman injured her ankle. After being attended to for about 5-10 minutes by the Buzz's Dr. David K, the woman was still in very intense pain. A quick survey was conducted amongst the Buzz players, and we decided to offer to quit the game with Pittsburgh and declare the game a tie. They accepted and the first tie game in SugarBuzz's short history occurred.

Saturday night festivities included a nice team dinner at the Mexico restaurant, followed by many interesting events back at our Days Inn Headquarters that I will not divulge. We had no games on Sunday, so after a hearty team breakfast, Matt and Joelle Burleson invited the team to visit their houseboat at Kerr Lake on the way back home. A majority of the team accepted their invitation and a great 4 hour cruise followed. The cruise entertainment was highlighted by Alton, Terry, and Matt's dog Sandy swimming in the cool autumnal water.


Thanks again to all the Buzzers who attended Regionals and made it such a fun weekend!! 

**Augie Retires from Ring**

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Hello, everybody. Augie has decided not to play with Ring of Fire this year, citing a number of reasons. Obviously, he and Liz becoming parents is the biggie. Most times, not much is made of people stopping play on a given team. I am sure Aug will continue to be around the ultimate scene for quite a while. But I wanted to publicly recognize what he has done for Ring of Fire.

Augie was the last person left from the founding of Ring of Fire in 1989. He has been the heart and soul of the team for most of that time. Always staying in great shape, going to the tournaments, showing up at practices, etc... We have seldom been able to get the whole team committed at any one time, early on because our older players had family commitments, and later on, because our roster was filled with many college players who had obligations to their other teams. The fact that he put in more time than anybody else didn't create visible resentments, he just worked harder. More importantly, he was steadfast in his belief that Ring of Fire could reach any heights we set our eyes on. I remember a team meeting in the beginning of the fall 1997 meeting when Augie looked at everyone and sincerely stated that he thought our goal should be to win nationals, and that we could do it. We hadn't even made nationals the year before(as En Fuego). Well, no one said much about it, but I think the general consensus was that he might not be fully in touch with reality. Three or four months later, we beat a New York team to make semifinals (something we had never done), and we were one half way (up 9-4) from upsetting DoG and making the finals at Nationals. While we didn't end up winning nationals that year, what we did accomplish was in large part because of the confidence created from his unflinching belief in the team and from the hard work that he modeled. The team confidence that developed that season continues to this day, even though very few of us from that team still play on Ring.

I know Augie's belief in the team remains. The rest of Ring of Fire carries the welcome burden of trying to equal the effort Augie put in to help make us so successful over the years. Thanks, Aug. 

### White's Winning Captain Weighs In

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Organized ultimate in the Summer??? It's not right I thought. Summer is for relaxing, kicking back with a pina colada enjoying the sun, the beach, and the mountains. But I said oh what the heck they needed another captain so I called my old friend Kris Bass up and said, "hey how about some Summer League, you play a little, I play a little, it'll be fun, relaxing and no pressure, whaddya say.." He agreed. We decided to drag Roger along for the ride, had a quick draft, and voila the first ever TFDA organized Summer Ultimate League began!

Christian did a great job of organizing the league, ordering the shirts, setting up the fields early every Saturday, keeping track of everyone that hadn't paid, etc. The 8 teams were captained by: Christian Schwoerke (Black), Garrett Dyer (Blue), Scott Hoffman and Scott Vandelinde (Green), Rich Bolen (Orange), Mike Soo (Purple), Mark Britt and George Wilder (Red), Missy Summerville and Kris Bass (White), and Mike Beatty (Yellow).

First game of the season I remember thinking... Whew 80+ degrees it's pretty hot... I'm sure glad we kept White as our team color! Our first opponent was Mike Soo and the Kelly boys to name a few, and it was a heated battle which set the tone for the very competitive league, much more competitive than I had anticipated!

Amongst all the competition was the relaxed post-game socializing. It was summer after all and we all needed a cold drink and some food after playing hard! With all the games starting at 10:00 am and ending around 12:00ish, it was just in time to make the Carolina Brewery Tour. Some teams brought grillables and had cookouts at the fields after their game... it was great fun!

The teams seemed pretty even when all the draft picks showed up and although Black and White were tied for 1<sup>st</sup> going into the tournament any team was good enough to win it all. The pools ended up A Pool: White, Purple, Orange, Blue and B Pool: Black, Green, Red, Yellow. In the A Pool all the games were pretty close as I recall and all the teams held seed.

Now the B Pool was a different story. Their games were much closer and they ended up in a 3-way tie for first! Black held on to first and the Red team bumped up to 2<sup>nd</sup> based on point differential.

After a long day of playing in the hot sun everyone was ready for a relaxing night and the first annual TFDA Summer League party at East Village! It was a simple affair started early so as to not keep players out late...there was good socializing and some great photos from the day...thanks to Tim Pflaum. At the end of the party, the White team instigated by the hard-core Ex-ECU players decided the night was young and some pool and dancing were in order. Needless to say the White team won the party, with 11 in attendance at one point and some were out until 2:30 am!

Sunday morning came early... the quarterfinals were upon us, Black beat Blue, White beat Yellow, Red beat Orange, Green beat Purple. Into the Semi-Finals... White vs. Red, this was a much-anticipated rematch as Red was the only team to beat White in the regular season and White wanted revenge! Red came out strong, took the lead and led most of the game. But... the White team never gave up the fight and took the lead by 1 just as the cap was going on. The Red team called a time out giving the White team time to call their strongest "D" team in who managed to pull out a victory.



On the other side of the field the Green team was giving the Black team a run for their money. Green looked a little tired, being short on players. They fought hard, but Black prevailed! So the final game in the first ever TFDA organized Holly Springs Summer League Championship was set...the #1 seeded White team against the tied also #1 seeded Black team! How often does that happen where the top 2 teams from regular season actually end up in the tournament finals?

Game on...with a crowd of spectators in the 80-degree weather middle of July! The Black team seemed a little tired at first, White came out strong led by Kevin Cale, Derek Dail, Kris Bass and Kristen Collins to name a few, taking the half 9-6. Going into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the Black team came back strong with Christian Schwoerke, Tim Lupo, Jeff Faulkner, Wesley Hunt running hard and killing any lead the White team had. Both teams were playing good and fighting to win it all, the White team had a few more subs and managed to maintain the lead in the end 17-14. It was a great battle for the 2001 Championship!

Many thanks to Christian for organizing everything, the captains for all your work, the players for making it out every week, and Holly Springs Parks and Rec for the use of their nice fields and trophy they donated. If you didn't play in the Holly Springs Summer League I suggest you consider it next year...it was a great group of people and a lot of fun!

## WINTER LEAGUE

### 2001-2002 Winter League Information

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Believe it or not, the winter season will soon be upon us, and before you know it, the Winter League signup deadline will have come and gone. Will you have taken care of business, or will you be on the outside looking in? This year, it's definitely something to keep in mind because we're going to make a real push to only allow paid players. I've said that in the past and for one reason or another it hasn't materialized, but I mean it this year! Seriously though, the TFDA Board has decided that if there are enough people who have signed up and paid prior to the **November 10** deadline this year, those who haven't paid will be shut out until 2002 (late-signees start play in January). To aid in your attempt to get this done, we're allowing you to pay your fee with a credit card when you sign up online. Not only it will save us all the headache of dealing with sending checks through the mail, but it will allow you to take care of everything you need to do to sign up for Winter League in one step.

I'm sure the question you're wondering about right now is where will we be playing? We are fortunate enough to have gotten access to the Cedar Fork District Park fields at Morrisville again this year. It's going to cost a bit more (it won't affect your WL fee), but I think we all feel that it's worth it. My apologies to all you dog owners out there who don't like to leave your pups at home, but I think the benefits outweigh that negative.

For those of you who have questions, I invite you to check out the FAQ at the TFDA site. If something still troubles you, drop Missy Summerville a line at [missys@us.ibm.com](mailto:missys@us.ibm.com). Also, Winter League rules are online for your viewing pleasure. It's an ongoing list, so if you have anything to add, let me know. Once we're into the season, though, I ask that questions that you have be sent through your team captain so that she's not bombarded with queries all year long.

There will be no pairing of more than one player this year. Meaning: Joe, Bob, and Laura can't sign up to be on the same team this year. If you feel you have a hardship case, you can e-mail me at [garrettdyer@nc.rr.com](mailto:garrettdyer@nc.rr.com) and I'll discuss it with you. On that note, I would like you to carefully consider whether you need to sign up with someone else this year. The reason that pairing is allowed is for players who have significant others to play together, as well as vehicularly-challenged players who need to pair up with a neighbor who has a car. The problem that this creates is that first I must evaluate the pair and determine whether or not a draft pick is lost because of the paired player, and what round must be forfeited, and second, the captains must approve of these forfeitures before the draft can begin. Basically, it's a big pain. Pairing is not made available so that two people can simply play together, it's there because in certain circumstances, it just makes the most sense. If you just want to make sure that you're on the same team as your friend, the two of you should captain a team. And what a great segue into...

I encourage anyone and everyone to be a captain this year. You don't have to be a club player, and you don't need to be there every week. You just need to have a positive attitude and a willingness to be the go-to person. The draft is being held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. I don't like drafts that last until 1 in the morning, so we're doing it on a Saturday afternoon this year. If you would like to be a captain, please contact Chris Roessler at [chris.roessler@ncmail.net](mailto:chris.roessler@ncmail.net).

### Graphics Needed

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It's almost time for Winter League! We are looking for a Winter League graphic for the T-shirts and discs and thought we would open it up to anyone that wanted to submit something. The design should include *NC Winter Ultimate League 2001-2002* and [www.tfda.org](http://www.tfda.org)

Send me a PDF or bitmap for the shirts and a photo-ready art for the discs (I can probably print it out myself). The deadline will be **November 10**, mark it on your calendars!

### Bring a Sponsor to Winter League

We are again looking for Sponsors to contribute \$350.00 or more. Sponsors will get their logo silk-screened on the back of the Winter League shirts, their logo on the TFDA website linking the browser to the destination of their choice, and a tax write off. Whoever obtains a Sponsor gets to play Winter League for FREE! Send the information to MaryMolly Taylor...[marymolly\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:marymolly_taylor@yahoo.com) by November 16.



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## Winter League Registration Form

Note: We encourage you to sign up online at [www.tfda.org](http://www.tfda.org) however, if you prefer you can send this form in with your payment. Deadline is **November 10, 2001**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Female  Male

Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
(I need to be paired with this person (s/he must also send in a form))

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ It's find to list this in the Winter League directory Yes No

Email \_\_\_\_\_ It's find to list this in the Winter League directory Yes No

1. How many games do you plan to play in out of 11? Mark One:

1-3  4-6  7-9  All

2. Will you participate in the Winter League Tournament (Feb. 23-24)? Mark One:

Yes  No  Commit to anything that far away? Hah!

3. Experience Level (choose the highest level you've participated in):

Club Last team you played on \_\_\_\_\_

College Last team you played on \_\_\_\_\_

High School Last team you played on \_\_\_\_\_

League Last league you played in \_\_\_\_\_

Send your form, plus a check for \$36 made out to TFDA, to:

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**Deadline is November 10, 2001!**

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## Elvis Needs Boats

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Why is this team so often unmentioned? Is it fear, regret or tough love? Or is it because neither Augie nor Mike Soo nor their spouses have ever played, nor expressed interest in playing, on this team? No one really knows. The fact remains, however, that this is the triangle's only real team! (The Bermuda Triangle, that is.) As I was derelict in attendance due to a misplaced ACL (where DID I leave that sucker? Oh yeah, at Bliss field...) I find myself in position as the perfect commentator, much in the way I am the perfect parent.

Elvis has gotten younger, taller and cuter this year. New members are faster, louder, and have better hair. There is a rumor that the

team is changing its name to "Elvis Doesn't Need You Guys Anymore". However, the fact remains that Elvis' strength lies in its indomitable teamliness and good spirit. Practices were hard-run this year, turn-out was good and enthusiastic. (I'm guessing, of course.) And it shows. After a strong showing at Sectionals, whatever that means, Elvis went on to Regionals, and under sunny or stormy skies, with certain awesome as well as unmentionably embarrassing plays, came in 4th in the region: 2nd in their section behind Griffins. Someone said "Elvis rocks!" A few teammates made stellar throws, grabs, Ds. You know who you are, although I don't. The US Postal Service took note by planning

to expand its two-Elvis stamp series to include the Ultimate Elvis.

Elvis wants to congratulate the other triangle teams, who don't really need to expand their egos anyway, and Asheville area, which is also becoming a hotbed of U (three teams in the top 6 at Regionals: way to go!!) We are excited about next season. The roster is strong and growing stronger: two of our prime singles have married and commenced the inbreeding program (congrats to Lee and Bobby) while our more senior members are successfully clinging to life.

See you all on the fields!



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