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Akbar's Fribble Downs PBR -- Braaaaaap! -- to Win 2004 Gail Grail

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The last Summer League weekend, July 10 and 11, was perhaps cooler than the shadier parts of Baghdad, but the humidity was higher and the sun was brighter. This proved a perfect backdrop for orange-hued Akbar and his Fribble to steadily roll over the opposition on the way to a 17-14 win over Mr. Pabst's Cordon Bleu squad in Sunday's Summer League finals.

Saturday's pool play was predicated on the seeding derived from regular-season play, which typically is meaningless when the chips are finally on the line in the season-ending tourney. Nonetheless, Pools A and B looked like this:

Pool A	Pool B
Black	Violet Femmes
Akbar's Fribble	Jaundisc
PBR	White
Lava Caliente	Groove Salad

Seventy-five percent of the teams going into the tourney had losing records, so it looked like a shoe-in for Black and Violet Femmes, both with 6-1 records, to trample the opposition.

The Femmes held up their end, going 3-0 against White (15-9), Groove Salad (15-11) and Jaundisc (15-9). However, Black, anchored with Chris Hinkle in place of absent captain Ribault, was not as forthcoming for the odds makers, finishing the day with a 1-2 record. Black's first game was against PBR, and it was a time-capped barn burner, ending 14-16, in favor of the blue-clad squad. Against Lava in the second round, Black again fought hard but was the victor at the end of another 2-point time-cap game, 14-12. In the final round, apparently depleted, Black mustered only 7 to Akbar's 15.

Akbar, it turned out, was the team to watch, though they didn't necessarily think so at first, with captain Victor advising his team to embrace inevitable loss against PBR. When

his team defied him, and beat up on PBR (15-9), Victor wasn't sure how to inspire his team in the final round against Black. (Whatever he said, it led to the team's third win.)

In second in Pool B was White, taking down Jaundisc and Groove Salad by the same 15-9 score. PBR came in second in Pool A, but only with another tough 2-point victory against the quick-start, bad-closing Lava (15-13).

The matchups on Sunday looked like this:

Akbar's Fribble 15) Akbar 15) Akbar 17
Groove Salad 11		
Black 14) Black 11	
White 9		
PBR 15) PBR 15) PBR 14
Jaundisc 10		
Violet Femmes 15) Femmes 14	
Lava Caliente 13		

Of note in the semis was the ousting of favorite Violet Femmes. Down 5-8, PBR put together a 7-point run to lead 12-8. When the Femmes finally answered, they put on their own 5-point run to go up 13-12. PBR took two in a row to go up 14-13. The cap went on, and the game was first-to-15. Violet tied the game and brought it to 14s, with a universe point in the offing. The game-ender gave Violet no chance to play offense, as PBR took the pull and maintained possession all the way into the endzone, and into the finals.

Only fifteen minutes separated the conclusion of PBR's semis game and the finals, while Akbar's Fribble got themselves a 40-minute rest. Nonetheless, from the first point, finals were hard fought. In general, Akbar was

running more smoothly, able to move the disc from player to player, with an almost metronomic dump-swing-upfield, dump-swing-upfield cadence. PBR, on the other hand, stood out as relying on the big play, which they successfully did at least three times, sending deep shots to streaking endzone receivers. That said, both teams used multiple strategies to advance the disc and score. Both teams ventured to use a zone defense at least once, but there was no wind to slow upfield movement.

Akbar's standout player was Jared Inselmann, late of Darkside, who was able to help shepherd the disc by ably distributing to a deep, deep bench of un-flashy role players. Meanwhile, PBR might have tried to rely a bit too strongly their horses (Lang, Revell, Hoyle and Croom on the guys' side and McCormack and Chauvigne on the gals' side), not able to get the entire team involved.

The game was to 17 with the second half very tight. Heat, fatigue, and strong defense from the Akbar squad kept PBR from answering Akbar's #15 goal, and that 2-point run from Akbar put PBR on game-point alert. Scoring #14 kept PBR alive, but the point was not easily won, so it was no wonder that the defense in the next (and as it turned out, final) point was no match for the controlled Akbar disc handling.

Congratulations to Akbar's Fribble for their triumph over season-long mediocrity and the all-out, last-ditch efforts of a hard-fighting, talent-laden PBR squad.

Also inside:

- Winter League
- Carrboro Fall League
- Nationals Assistance Grant

Josh Torrell, National Treasure

Congratulations to Josh Torrell who was chosen as a member of the Junior Boys Team that represented the United States in Turku, Finland, August 1-7, 2004. Josh was the only North Carolina player on the team. To top that off, he caught the winning goal for the US in the finals against Canada.

Sowing Fields

Christian Schwoerke has been TFDA's political voice this year trying to get equal time on the Capital Area Soccer League (CASL) fields. He attended Raleigh City Council meetings and appeared NBC17's *At Issue* program. The CASL Executive Director was forced to admit that the agreement for the fields needs to be re-negotiated. Thanks, Christian!

Coaching Corps

The UPA has held a number of coaching certification clinics around the country. A clinic was held on June 12 at Chapel Hill High School and was well attended by local area players. TFDA helped out by paying the registration fee for some of the attendees.

Nationals Assistance Grant

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With its new secure credit card site, TFDA is in a good position to act as a middleman in helping local colleges and high schools with funding for their appearances at their respective Nationals tournaments.

Donors to TFDA earn a tax exemption for their donations. What this enables TFDA to do is in turn present earmarked donations to specific designees in the form of a grant.

Towards this end, TFDA has created a Junior and College Nationals Assistance Grant, designed to allow contributions to TFDA to be given directly to high school or college teams headed to National Championships. However, your receipts will indicate that your contribution is to 501(3)c TFDA, in order to enable you to deduct these donations on your federal and state income tax returns. Donors have the choice of donating to a particular team or the general assistance fund.

The first teams to benefit from this grant were the men's and women's NC State college teams, both of whom competed in Seattle at the College Nationals on Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to everyone's support who helped defray the \$20,000 cost of sending these two teams to Nationals.

A Picture is Worth 1000 discs

Thanks to all the photographers out there who help us remember the good times with our Ultimate friends. Below are their websites to peruse at your convenience.

Winter League photos

<http://home.earthlink.net/~scadams/photos/index.htm>

Corporate Tourney

<http://www.papadisc.com>

7th Carolina Kudzu Classic

<http://www.scadams.com/galleries/disk/kudzu04/saturday/index.htm>

<http://www.scadams.com/galleries/disk/kudzu04/sunday/index.htm>

Summer League

<http://www.wigfy.com/gallery/JFNC04SLT>

Carrboro League

www.pbase.com/andrewross/carrboro_fall_league

Club Nationals

<http://www.durhamdigital.com/disc/index2.html>

College & Club Nationals

NC State women made their first trip ever and joined the NC State men at College Nationals May 28-30 in **Seattle**. Ring of Fire and Backhoe competed in Club Nationals in **Sarasota**, October 28-31.

Summer Hat

BJ Witkin stepped up to be the Summer Hat Master this year. He did a wonderful job juggling the higher-than-average rainfall and the floodplain fields. How hard can it be to play Ultimate with water wings on?

Ultimate Books

Two Ultimate books have been published this year. The first is an Ultimate history book sponsored by the UPA. More information can be found at

<http://www.ultimatehistory.com>.

The second is *Ultimate Technique & Tactics* by long-time players James Parinella and Eric Zaslow. More information on this book can be found at

<http://www.humankinetics.com/products/showproduct.cfm?isbn=073605104X>



Ultiplex Update

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Thanks to your generous donations, the Ultiplex war chest is at \$84k, which we think is sufficient to initiate the next step: making an offer on some property.

We have identified a parcel of property between Raleigh and

Durham, one which already has enough space cleared to permit 4 immediate fields, and which can be then further developed to have as many as 16 fields.

We still need your help to reach that \$100k: please continue to give what you can to the Ultiplex fund. This year we have created a stand-alone **Ultiplex** site, where--in addition to making online, tax-free credit card donations--you can read further about the dream and the current operations, and you can see some representations of the projected Ultiplex designs. The address for the site is <http://www.tfda.org/ultiplex/>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Put the liME in the Loretta Cup

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The Winter League season came to its conclusion on a clear, sunny weekend, February 7 and 8. Unfortunately, the clear skies came after two weeks of snow and rain, and the fields that we'd wanted were not available, so the tourney was held at our reliably dry site: Lake Benson in Garner.

While the sun did shine, the winds were easily in the 15 mph range all through the day on Saturday, preventing many games from having 13-point winners (i.e., there were lots of turnovers).

Pool Play Results

Pool A

Olde English 800 Malt Liquor 4-0
liME 3-1
Red Stripe 2-2
Big Bird 1-3
Red Pill 0-4

Pool B

Simply Red 4-0
Chili con D 3-1
Twisted liME 2-2
Bad News Berries 1-3
Ninjas 0-4

Pool C

Yuengling 4-0
Chicken Fried Jake 3-1
Stuff 2-2
Who's Your Poppy? 1-3
UPS (Ultimate Playing S**t) 0-4

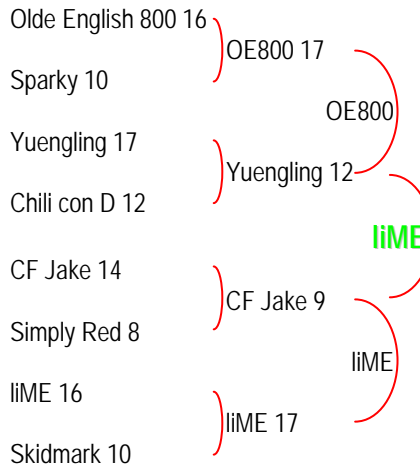
Pool D

Skidmark 4-0
Sparky 3-1
Poison Arrow Frog 2-2
Post-it 1-3
Tarts 0-4



Elimination Play Results

Sunday's games were all to 17, with 2-hour rounds. Even with the stakes higher in these games, there were still many turnovers in the quarters and semis due to winds just as intense as Saturday's. By mid-semis, the winds were only a whisper, though this didn't keep the disc from going back and forth during any given point.



Finals

The final game of the tourney and the 2003-4 WL season was a rematch between liME and OE800, a pool-play upset that propelled OE800 to the #1 seed going into Sunday's play. That game was settled by a single goal, 10-9.

In this longer Finals game with no time cap, there would be no occasion for a single-goal victory, unless the teams prevailed to the 21-point hardcap. The game began with an OE800 6-2 run, but then the half concluded with the liME crew pulling a similar 7-2 run, to bring the score to 9-8, liME.

Out of the gate at half, liME took the first point, 10-8. OE800 answered with 3 in a row to go up, 11-10. liME retorted with another 3-point run of its own, 13-11. OE800 got its final goal to bring it within 1, 12-13, but liME closed out the game with a 4-point run, to conclude the tourney with a 17-12 victory.

Both teams were short-handed on Sunday with few men and no women subs. Beth Cates and Jen Hsieh (of liME) and Tracy Cate and Lesley McCormack (of OE800) gutted it out the entire game, each of them making big plays for their teams.

Juniors Update

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We had three summer camps - one each in Chapel Hill, Orange County, and Carrboro. The intended participants were entering or just leaving middle school so we flexed the age range accordingly to the 11-14 age group. With a significant number of repeat offenders, the camp was structured to match the different experience levels during the individual and small-group skills phases.

Several new teams may be on the rise in Wake County. Cary High and Cary Academy are properly captained and practicing. Cary Academy even has a coach. Cary High and other new Wake programs may need coaching as the year develops.

Additionally, East Chapel Hill High school may be about to reestablish its Juniors Club team, pending support and approval from the administration.

CHUF (at Chapel Hill High School) has scrimmaged Jordan one round to get the fall rolling. Additional scrimmages are being planned.

CHUF played UPA sectionals. They managed to hold seed. Crazy elimination from the UPA format left CHUF opponentless on Sunday. In an improvised game, Goomi Bears beat CHUF 13-4— a most inconsolable consolation game.

We are about to see a resurrection of the area girls' Junior team, Durga, with Amy Morrison taking over the coaching duties.

Lastly, looking ahead to next spring/summer. We're going to develop a Triangle Area Juniors team for UPA Juniors Club tournament next August. The team: NC 7teens. We are considering forming as an open team or a mixed team; whichever option opens the best door for a bid. It may be possible to take an Open and Girls Team. Other adults interested in participating on the coaching end of that team please contact Tom later this winter/spring.

Sorry all the stuff I'm working on is on this side of the Triangle. If anyone else would like to start up similar programs on other ends, I got a few pieces of advice and experience. Therein lies a need to get more people involved. . . hmmm. . .



WOFO4IT Takes 7th Annual Carolina Kudzu Coed Classic

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The 7th Annual Carolina Kudzu Coed Classic was held this past Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 and 30, in Morrisville, NC, in the heart of the Triangle (home to Ring of Fire, Alias, Elvis Needs Boats, Olio, SugarBuzz, Cranky, THOR, NC State's Wolfpack and JägaMonsta, Carolina's Darkside and Pleiades, and Duke's Vertigo and Chakra).

With so many able players in the area, it was no wonder that there were eight Triangle teams in the field of 19. Next most represented was the DC area, with four teams, while VA sent three teams (Charlottesville, Falls Church, and Blacksburg) and NC another two (Charlotte and Winston-Salem), and Pennsylvania sent down a Philly squad.

Saturday morning began with clear skies, in direct contrast to the previous five days, and the good weather held all day, from the 10am start time to the last round's last game's finish at 6:45. For some teams, the beer began flowing earlier than the official 4th-round tapping, which might explain some of the upsets.



After Saturday's play the pools looked like this:

Pool A
WOFO4IT (4-0)
Mustard (3-1)
Donkey Bomb (2-2)
Blacksburg (1-3)
Lilac (0-4)

Pool B
BIG (4-0)
K-Biscuit (3-1)
SugarBuzz (2-2)
Brood X (1-3)
Nekkid (0-4)

Pool C
Bears (4-0)
Nasty (2-2)
Monkey (2-2)
XXX (2-2)
CHUF (0-4)

Pool D
B+ (3-0)
His&Hers (2-1)
HOT Dog (1-2)
Elvis (0-3)

Point differentials in Pool C's 3-way tie were +1, 0, and -1, an unfortunately slim margin on which to hang the difference

between playing for the Kudzu laurels and being relegated to the B-Division. His&Hers must have taken umbrage at the low #13 seed bestowed on them, and they used this to fuel an upset in the D pool, toppling both HOT Dog and Elvis Needs Boats. In the D pool's longer, 17-point games Elvis gave up leads to lose heartbreakers at 17-19 (HOT Dog) and 16-18 (His&Hers). Meanwhile, in pool B, just to save their #10 seed, SugarBuzz had two come-from-behind victories to win: 13-12 (Brood X) and 12-11 (Nekkid).

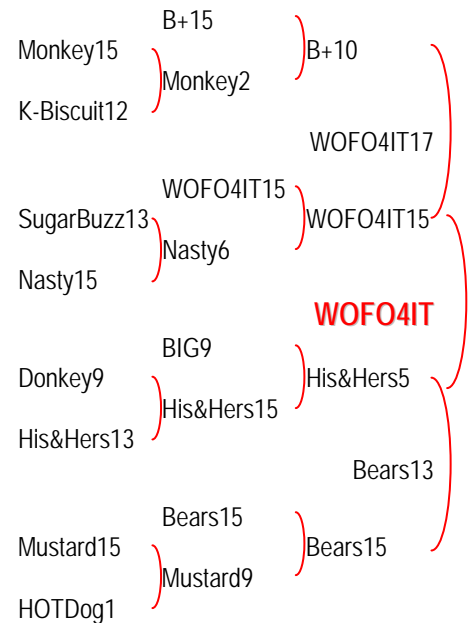
The top seeds in each pool dispatched their opponents handily, only B+ allowing a "lesser" team to come even as close as 3 (15-12, against His&Hers). The most prodigious display of dominance was WOFO4IT's 60-11 cumulative points, in which no opponent was allowed more than 3 points.

The specific Kudzu coed rules were in full play, with most teams working hard to either stifle or take advantage of the 2-point cross-gender huck. While always something of a challenge for both teams to keep straight, the alternating gender pull rule forced teams to slightly alter offensive and defensive strategies. With the 4/3 gender ratio dictated by the offense, there were numerous occasions when particularly strong women squads dominated.

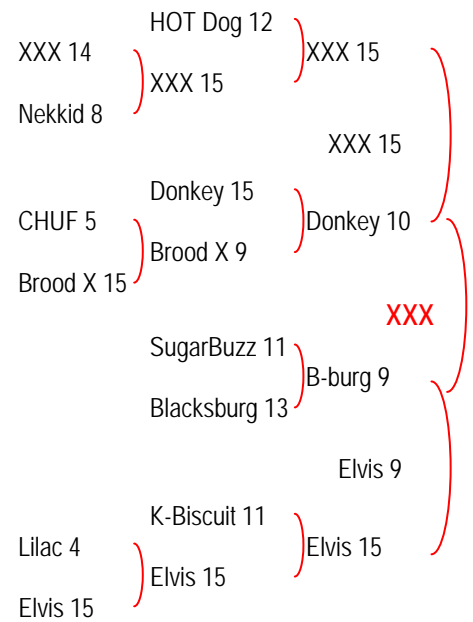
Beginning early on Sunday morning (1am-ish), an inch and a half of rain had fallen at the fields by the time teams began to arrive for first round pre-quarters games at 10am. Despite slight standing water and some drizzle, the fields were still playable, and the tourney continued apace (this in direct contrast to the previous year when on two occasions the games had to be halted and resumed at a different site).

With all teams guaranteed two games on Sunday (excluding the top finishers in each pool, who'd earned themselves a first-round bye), there were two pre-quarters. Winners in the A-Div pre-quarters earned the right to play the top pool finishers, while the losers dropped down to play for the B-Div title. In the B-Div pre-quarters, the winners stayed to face the A-Div losers, while losers played out for a C-Div title.

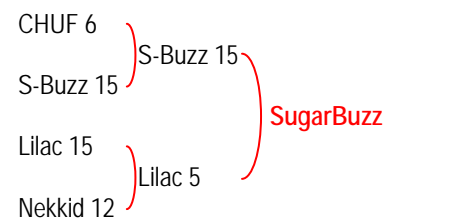
A-DIVISION



B-DIVISION



C-DIVISION



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In a serious misjudgment of the numbers who'd be interested in playing on July 3, I woke early on Saturday to see what the online registration would yield: there were 26 souls, one of whom I knew had dropped. Since I'd been informed by 2 others that they'd show and pay on site, there were thus 27 folks committed to having an ultimate time.

The format concocted was a 5on5 tourney, with teams of 7 (with one team having only 6, without the single woman that each other team had). Games were first to 9, with a single time out, in rounds of 45 minutes. Round-robin play was followed with single-elimination play, with the same 9-point games and 45-minute rounds.

When the dew had departed by the end of the first round, the humidity continued to keep the disc wet throughout the remainder of the day. Three shade tents were aligned between the two fields, and few strayed from outside their cover when not playing.



First round play had Rodney's team over Tiger's squad, with a 4-point run to close it out, 9-6. Baker's team struggled to find itself, while Jeff's team was fast out of the gate with a 9-2 victory.

Second round had Jeff's team going up 8-3 on Tiger's crew, which then ran off 3 in a row, but finally succumbing, 9-6. Baker's squad had found their mojo and were putting it to use, keeping the game tight with Rodney. The round ended with Rodney's team tying it 7-7, so an overtime point was played: Rodney's bunch got the score to win 8-7.

Third-round play had Tiger's team whupping up on Baker's bunch, 9-3, in a bid to end the game quickly and recuperate for the elimination play. Meanwhile, Rodney and Jeff's teams were in the midst of what ended as another overtime do-or-die battle. After going down 0-3, Jeff's squad was able to trade points till 4-7, then had a burst of three to tie it. The overtime point saw each team get possession, but Rodney's bunch remained most poised and found the goal for another 8-7 victory.

Standings after round-robin play:

Rodney	3-0
Jeff	2-1
Tiger	1-2
Baker	0-3

Thirty minutes was granted for teams to recuperate in preparation for the elimination play. Natalie Dale, sporting a black eye and swollen left-cheek due to a head-on collision with another player earlier in the week, had volunteered during the break between the 2nd and 3rd rounds to make a grocery store run. Everyone sprawled as much as possible in the limited shade and partook of their provisions.

In the semis, Rodney's team efficiently eliminated Baker's bunch, 9-3, and lollid, while on field 2, Tiger and Jeff's teams battled. Tiger's crew went up 2-0 and held the lead the entire game, until, with the score 8-7, and the subsequent point underway, the round ended. The point was concluded with Jeff's team tying the game, resulting in

the third overtime game of the tourney. An efficient, error-free point had Tiger's team roar at the end of their 9-8 victory.

It was decided that Tiger's team, having played with only 6, could pickup either of the women from the eliminated teams. Julie Lanford and Christina Sheedy ro-shammed for the honor, though I'm not certain whether Christina, joining up with Tiger, was the winner or loser.

Players on several teams had been cramping, but it finally became an issue in the finals. Tiger's team scored the first point, and both teams traded till tied at 4s. Ben Wiesehan cramped early in the game and removed himself, and then at 3s, Tiger himself cramped and took an injury sub. At 5-4, with the advantage Rodney's, and Tiger's team savage and gimpy, Tiger, unshod, agreed to play as a sub if the game were to 6. The sideline heckled the shortened game, but there was little that could be done. Both teams had multiple possessions in what turned out to be the final point, as Rodney's crew ended the game 6-4, becoming the July 3, 2004

Hat Tourney champs, and recipients of a case of beer.

Special note should be made of the good play from the ladies: Julie, Christina, and Michelle played more than their share of the points on a blistering day, contributing effectively when their teammates were wilting. Also noteworthy was the participation of Carrboro pickup players, Zack Robert Shaw and Bradley Manton, both of whom represented in the finals.

For those feeling they missed out, there will be more hat tourneys in the future, and we'll try to ensure a greater lead time. Thanks to all those who participated and contributed their \$5 and more towards the Ultiplex fund.



2K4 Corporate Tourney

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The 2004 Corporate Ultimate Tourney was a success! First, I would like to thank everyone for coming out even though the weather was not very cooperative. Also, thanks to the folks who stayed a bit late and helped with the trash pickup!

The following teams met at Lake Benson on May 1:

- 3 teams from IBM
- Cisco/Medical Professionals merger
- Government Employees
- SAS

Missy Summerville's IBM team won the championship game against Allan Axon's Government Employees team.

We managed to raise \$155.00 for the Ultiplex fund, which does not include donations from my own team (SAS). I'm looking forward to next year!



Carrboro Fall League

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The second year of the Carrboro Fall Ultimate League began with a challenge. How could we follow up on the wonderful success of the inaugural year while also making the Fall League more fun, more competitive, and also more exciting? The answer: more teams, more players, and more equality throughout the league.

To make this happen, we increased the league from 4 to 6 teams, from 65 to 100 participants, and to games on two nights a week – both Mondays and Wednesdays. But the most successful change that we made was to use a semi-blind draft in forming the teams.

What is a semi-blind draft? It is a draft where the teams are essentially selected at random while also taking into account the skill levels of all the players, the abilities of the captains, as well as requests for pairings. And looking at the league results, this method had the desired effect – even teams and even games where everyone was able to have more fun.

Nearly half of the league games were decided by 3 points or less. The team that was the eventual champion, Derelict, actually went 1-1 against EVERY team in the league for the regular season. And there were three other teams with nearly the same record as the champion by the end of the tournament (Derelict finished 8-5, Incendiary 7-5, O.P.U.S. 7-4, and AIRBORNE 7-5).

All of this, plus the league was played on a wonderful lined field with a scorekeeper/timer provided by Carrboro Recreation and Parks. There was no need to question the score – Mike (our scorekeeper) knew it. No need to wonder how many time-outs one had left – Mike knew. And no games starting late or half-times running long – Mike had a stopwatch!

Many thanks are due to the Carrboro Recreation and Parks department for keeping this league running smoothly, efficiently, and with a

wonderful atmosphere. Players could concentrate solely on playing, games started on time (point penalties would be assessed for starting just 5 minutes late), and thus everyone could have more fun.



So how did the league turn out on the field? Well, the regular season ended with O.P.U.S., captained by Dano Parrish and Ginger Denison, on top – looking to be the team to beat. But a couple of late-season losses showed that this team wasn't invulnerable.

Next in the standings came a very interesting tie for second between Jeff Loperfido and

Wendy Richardson's Incendiary and the AIRBORNE team of Julia Lavell and Pat Inman. A tie that was so even, it had to be decided by multiple

tiebreakers in order to give Incendiary the 2nd place seed and AIRBORNE 3rd place going into the tournament.

The eventual champion Derelict, captained by Derrick Mertz and Ricardo Pollitt, actually started the tournament in 4th place, coming off of a last-minute surge in the standings. And rounding out the standings: I, Pimbot, captained by Blair Holloway and Rocky Payne, in 5th, and Spite, led by Daran Edmonds and DiShon Cain, in 6th.

With these standings, the quarterfinals consisted of a 3 vs. 6 match-up of AIRBORNE against Spite, and a 4 vs. 5 game between Derelict and I, Pimpbot. These two games were played out on a very windy and occasionally drizzling Wednesday night where zone defense was the norm. Both games ran long and hard, highlighted by intense D but also some spectacular O. And as no surprise considering the parity in the league, both games also ended very close – 3-point victories for both AIRBORNE and Derelict.

So these two teams moved on to the semifinals, to meet up with the number 1 and number 2 teams who each had byes and who were thus rested for a week and a half. Would this much time off from play be a blessing or a curse?

The first game of the very cold Monday night was a rematch of O.P.U.S.'s first game of the regular season, where they lost a very surprising match to an extremely undermanned Derelict (who I believe only had 2 subs for the game, and who started the game with the motto "hey, we don't have much of a

chance against the no. 1 team, so let's just go have fun"). Derelict won that earlier game by 2, and yet it was still a huge surprise to see them upset O.P.U.S. once again, this time by a convincing 6 points. Maybe all of that time off had caused O.P.U.S. to lose some of their luster. Or maybe Derelict, playing its 6th game in less than 3 weeks, was looser and more unified as a team from the dense schedule.



Would 2nd place Incendiary suffer the same fate against AIRBORNE? Remember, these two teams had actually finished the league in a tie for second. They had gone 1-1 against each other. Both of those two games were played less than a week apart, each time with the

victor taking home a 5-point win. This game would be much closer, though, with Incendiary eventually pulling out the 15-12 victory to put themselves in the championship game.

So the championship game was set: Derelict versus Incendiary. The two teams who had played the longest game of the league early on, a 17-16 Derelict victory, followed by a mid-season match-up nearly as close, a 15-13 win for Incendiary. Everyone expected a tough, close game, and a large contingent of spectators showed up despite the near-freezing temperatures to see this one fought out at 8:45 on a Wednesday night.

Many long hucks and spectacular plays combined with great D and multiple turnovers to draw this one out for nearly 2 hours. Neal Brincefield and Alan Dibb pulling down high ones in the endzone for Incendiary, Derrick Mertz and Lizzette Pothoff laying out for scores for Derelict, and Jeff Loperfido (Incendiary) and John Kitchens (Derelict) providing more than their share of highlights for the videotape. (Yes, we actually had two video cameras rolling for this one. Look for a "Best of Carrboro League" video coming out soon.)

Although the intense play went all around, Derelict had the advantage on the scoreboard. And despite a couple of strong rallies, Incendiary couldn't keep up. Derelict won the championship title with a 15-11 victory. Many, many congratulations to Derelict for a spectacular season, and kudos to the rest of the teams for a fun league full of great spirit.

Keep your eyes open for next year! The Carrboro Fall Ultimate League isn't a well-kept secret anymore....



Kudzu (cont'd)

Dealt a bad hand with the point-differentially-decided #4 finish in their Saturday pool, XXX played for keeps on Sunday. With the likes of Ring's River, Lang, Ribault, and McNally, there were an assortment of trick throws and circus catches, along with some strong defense when the zaniness had lulled their opponents. Similarly, Elvis also played for keeps, after having gone 0-fer on the previous day. The Elvis v. XXX matchup in the B-Div finals went all the way, with XXX ahead at the end, 15-13.

Reaching the C-Division after having tumbled from A-Division prequarters, through B-Division quarters, SugarBuzz defeated both CHUF (Chapel Hill HS Ultimate Frisbee) and Lilac to go 4-4 overall and take home some lesser laurels.

The A-Division bracket had an upset in the prequarters, with Monkey Knife Fight over Kitchen Biscuit (15-12). In the quarters, where dominant pool-winning teams made their first appearance of the day, no upsets

were expected, but His&Hers continued its hard-playing ways and overcame last year's Kudzu runner-up, BIG Winston, 15-9. Seeds held in the semis, with WOFO4IT over a strong-running, young B+ (15-10) and the Bears putting a stop to further upsets by His&Hers (15-5).

WOFO4IT was captained this year by Mel and Jon Proctor, and their teammates included current and former Ring players Tuba, Ray Parrish, John Kitchens, and Stick Williams, along with current Alias women Beth Cates, Amy Seagroves, Katy Harris, and Tonya. Meanwhile, the Bears were being captained jointly by Alan Hoyle and Tim Brooks, whose teammates included Ringers Augie Krievnas, Jesse Overby, and Taylor Pope, along with Alias's Denice Cunningham, just-graduated Duke Chakra luminaries, and Amy Morrison.

Both teams guarded against the 2-point huck, so much so that the under game was pre-dominant in the first few points. With the game tied at 3s, the Bears

sagged in the backfield, and a 2-pointer got through. The Bears tried too hard to answer in kind, losing possession and allowing another singleton from WOFO4IT. With more looks deep, the Bears again lost possession and allowed another 2-pointer. Given some breaks after losing possession, the Bears turned the disc over on the goal line, and WOFO4IT took back the disc to take half, 9-4.

The Bears came out in the second half to earn their 5th point, but then gave up another 2-pointer. At 13-6, it looked like WOFO4IT was going to walk away with the game, but the Bears worked some smooth points underneath and even got a fast-break 2-pointer to bring it within 3, 11-14. Another 2-pointer for the Bears followed a singleton by WOFO4IT to make it 15-13. Stifling defense by WOFO4IT's big men prevented any further Bear scores, and it ended 17-13, the Kudzu laurels falling justly on this year's most dominant team.



Post-Turkey Day Hat Event

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Too small to call a tourney, this post-Thanksgiving Friday event was nonetheless chock full of ultimate. The total number of those showing up was 26, which enabled formation of 2 teams of 6 and 2 of 7. Format was 5on5, games to 11, round-robin play.

First round games were tight, with margins of 1 and 2, but the second-round games had margins of 7 and 8. It was good then that the 2-0 and 0-2 teams met up in the final round, giving that last game some added significance. In the case of the 2-0 teams, there was promise of a battle royale for the post-turkey day crown, and for the 0-2 teams it was a matter of pride avoiding the title of post-turkey day clowns.

Weather was beautiful all day, with direct sunlight to make low 50s temperatures comfortable. With a slight, variable breeze, the disc hopped a bit, allowing some peculiar zone play by Dan Axon's team.

In the final round, the 2-0 teams, led by Dan Axon and Tim Sannes, kept it tight in the first half, with Tim's team just edging Dan's at the half-way mark. A 3-0 run after the half put Tim's crew up 9-5. Some

trading brought it to game point, 10-7. The miracle comeback did not materialize, and Tim's team took control and scored an easy second half victory, 5-2 to take the 2004 Gobbler Goblet.

Meanwhile on the other field, squads led by Garrett Dyer and Ben Pagano fought to elude the 2004 Gobbler Giblet. It was largely a see-saw battle, with multiple Ds and turnovers per point, with each team looking to full-field 50-yard hucks to bail them out of any given point. Ben's squad took half, then continued to keep the lead through the second half, finally finishing out with an 11-9 victory.

Standings at the end of play:

Team D: Tim Sannes (3-0)
Team A: Dan Axon (2-1)
Team C: Ben Pagano (1-2)
Team B: Garrett Dyer (0-3)

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making this a fun time! Next year's event will be advertised several weeks in advance.



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