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Luke Gomm (BAF) get high for a D - photo by Kevin Leclaire (UltiPhotos.com)

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THURSDAY SOCIAL EVENTS

Body Painting + String Quartet

Body Painting performance: Body Painting is a fascinating art form, using the human body as its “support”. It has ancient roots, and is used today as a pure expression of art and entertainment. Human bodies are totally painted, adorned only with colour, giving life to painting, and becoming a real artwork in motion. Whereas once clays and natural pigments were used, taken from the surrounding environment, nowadays the colors used are water-based, and created specifically for the skin, providing a wide range of hues. Three professional Italian body-painters will perform on stage: Marilena Censi, Arianna Barlini and Gloria Masuzzo.

LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY 8/7

11:00	Buzz Bullets vs Boston Ironside	OPEN
3:00	Women’s quarterfinal	TBD*
5:45	Open quarterfinal	TBD

Ultimate Mamas & Papas

by Ráchel Tošnerová

There comes a time in most players’ lives that we realize that there are also things in real life other than ultimate. Often the biggest change is becoming a parent. Suddenly, attending practices or traveling to tournaments requires a whole lot more planning and coordinating than it used to, while running on a lot less sleep. With kids limiting the opportunities to play, maybe that’s why a lot of women don’t give up playing even at higher stages of pregnancy. Looking over the La Poncia fields in Lecco, it becomes clear that all of the children could fill up an entire grade of kindergarten. It’s rare to find a sideline without at least one infant supporter. However, the most common combination seems to be men playing and women watching with the children. A lot of male players have also left their families at home and will be joined by them after the tournament for a vacation. The wife of one of the players on Flood (CAN) responds that sometimes the families simply can’t afford to travel together.

But what happens if both parents refuse to give up competing? Can they really concentrate on the game and their performance in it with a stroller standing on the sideline? Sophie Beavan, of Robot (UK) feels like without the help of grandparents, who traveled to Lecco, it would be impossible to coordinate only with her husband Matthew, who plays with Chevron Action Flash (UK). She explains why she came to play in the women’s masters division: “I obviously haven’t had as much time to practice, but I tried to start playing as soon as possible and really wanted to come (to worlds).” Teammate of Miho Miyabe of Sanz (JAP), whose husband plays for Buzz Bullets (JAP), said that Miho is the one taking care of the daughter during game time, only with support from other women on her team.

Still, there are a couple of things all parents agree upon. They confirm it’s almost always the woman who is more affected by the arrival of an offspring. But as the children grow, men also seem to take up more responsibility. Christian Lang, of Wolpertinger (GER) presents a rare exception to the “woman on the sideline”

rule. He has brought two of his children to Lecco and so far he's only had one problem: "My children are the worst at cheering. My son is more interested in listening to the coverage of a Quidditch match in his Harry Potter audio book than enjoying an exciting game of ultimate." They also appreciate the overall family atmosphere at the tournaments. Kids often find friends of their age and manage to play together

for hours. "Yes, my husband and I really hope our children eventually start playing ultimate. Sometimes we joke about having to stop playing ourselves to take them to ballet or horse-riding", laughs the wife of a Goldfinger (GER) player. At the end, these children really might be the future of ultimate. So keep having them.



Winnipeg Flood getting high fives from their fans
Kevin Leclaire (Ultiphotos.com)

OPEN MASTERS STANDINGS

POOL A

	W	L	D
Surly	5	0	50
Flood	4	1	10
BAF	3	2	10
MTX	2	3	-8
Mokonui	1	4	-20
Deduska	0	5	-42

POOL B

	W	L	D
Boneyard	5	0	35
NSOM	4	1	10
Ultimate Vibration	3	2	7
Wolpertinger	2	3	-6
El Dorado	1	4	-34
Eastern Greys	0	5	-12

POOL C

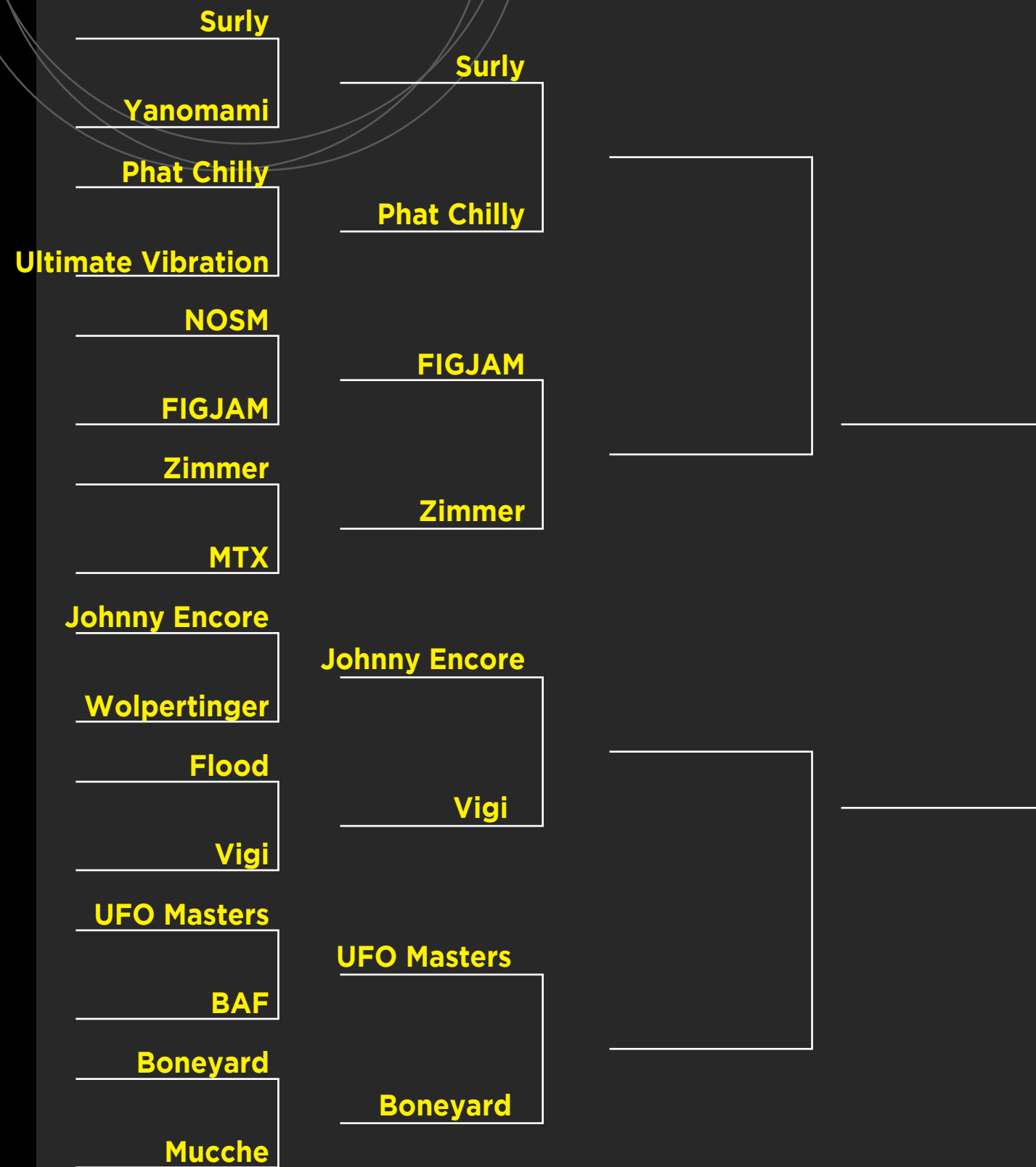
	W	L	D
Johnny Encore	4	1	33
Phat Chilly	4	1	23
FIGJAM	4	1	27
Ultimate Bergamo - Mucche	2	3	-14
JUNK	1	4	-25
Goldfingers	0	5	-44

POOL D

	W	L	D
Zimmer	5	0	39
UFO Masters	4	1	6
Vigi	3	2	10
Yanomami	2	3	-11
MM	1	4	-20
Gronical Dizziness	0	5	-24

W = games won L = games lost D = point differential

OPEN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET



WOMEN'S



Sophie Peters (Nice Bristols) gets the D against Irina Ryazhechkina (Brilliance)
Photo by Kevin Leclaire (UltiPhotos.com)

This is Pool J

by Nicky Smith

Drawing the top teams from Pools A and H and the second place teams from Pools D and E, Power Pool J contains a colorful array of skills and stories, as well as the reigning American, Russian, and European champions.

ICENI

“Iceni really represents London,” says player Mara Alperin. While it is London’s premiere representative team, coming first in the UK and all of Europe in for the last three years, what Mara means is that the international make-up of Iceni mirrors London’s international flavour, with the team drawing some of their strength from overseas players (mainly North America and Germany at the moment, previously Australia as well).

Iceni has signed on for a huge season this year, traveling to the US Open in July, currently peaking here in Lecco, and aiming to peak again in time for UK Championships in August, and the European Championships in October. Leading the charge are captains Sonia Komenda and Ange Wilkinson, and a host of strong rookies add significant depth to the team.

With their first loss of the tournament to Showdown on Wednesday, they will need to beat top American seed Scandal on Thursday to qualify for the quarterfinals

SHOWDOWN

Hailing from Texas, Showdown has a strong, experienced roster helping them into this power pool. “We’re a vet-heavy team,” says Tina Woodings, “with a bunch of our D line retiring after this tournament.” They also have former Iceni captain Bex Forth adding significant strength to their squad.

After a disappointing loss to Japan’s HUCK in initial pool play, Showdown is stepping it up in the power pools. They took half over Iceni 8-4, which was the same halftime score as their US Open matchup, and ended up winning by a 9-point margin. They came within a whisper of beating Scandal in a hotly-contested game Wednesday morning. The Pool J Showdown-Scandal matchup is not a new one; they’ve recently met at the US Open, in TEP in Colombia, and will see one another again at the Labor Day tournament in September.

COSMIC GIRLS

The Cosmic Girls are used to playing in all conditions, so the muddy fields (which are now drying rapidly) are no problem for them. “There were layouts yesterday which appeared to be an arm catching a disc, sticking out of a swamp,” says captain Lisa Verenkova.

Coming into Pool J as the underdog, this St. Petersburg-based team is excited to play against strong American sides, as well as old rivals. Having had a disappointing result against Iceni in Windmill Windup earlier this year, the Cosmic Girls were determined to have a better game this time around. They fought hard, going down 11-13.

Many of the Cosmic Girls played with the Russian beach ultimate team, which finished first at European Championship of Beach Ultimate. Two of their players, Sasha Pustovaya and Olga Kochenova, finished with the top stats for the tournament, showing that the Russians do indeed relish a variety of playing conditions.

SCANDAL

Scandal is America’s reigning national champion, and aiming for big things here at WUCC 2014. They are hoping to improve on their 5th place finish at the US Open in July; all but five of their 2013 championship roster have helped them remain undefeated thus far in this tournament. “Power pools are the fun part,” says coach Alex “Dutchy” Ghesquiere.

Captains Octivia “Opi” Payne and Sandy Jorgensen are the heart of the team’s very

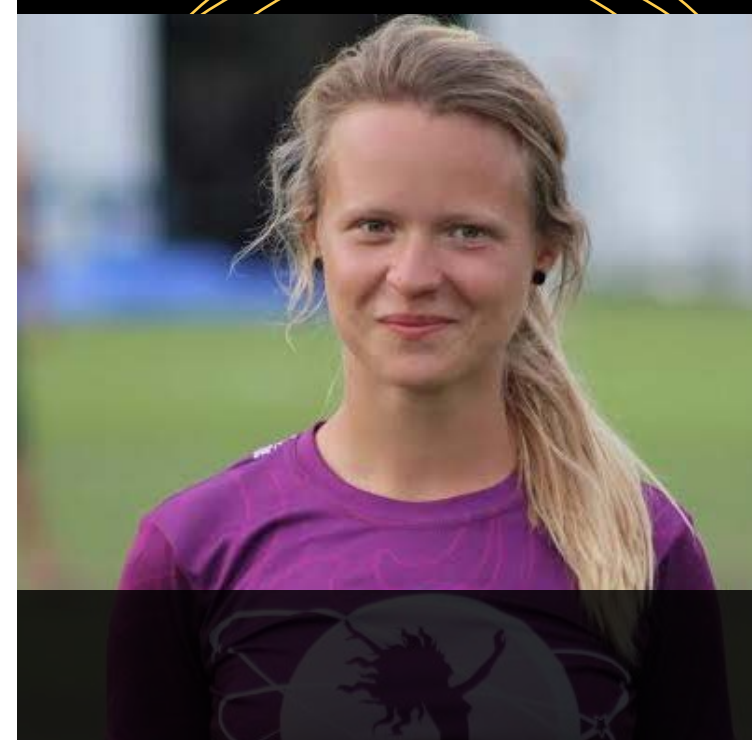
strong defense, says Ghesquiere. “We have a blue collar offense, not very flashy,” he adds. “Our success is built on strong D.”

A tough game against fellow Americans Showdown involved Scandal coming from behind with 3 sequential breaks for the win. They bypassed the Cosmic Girls 15-7.

A player to watch is Crystal Davis, who broke her wrist at the Chesapeake Invite 3 weeks ago. Playing with a padded cast, she found that catching took some adjusting to (and now has caught 3 goals in some games), and that her “left hand is more competent than [she] thought it was.” Drawing the top teams from Pools A and H and the second place teams from Pools D and E, Power Pool J contains a colorful array of skills and stories, as well as the reigning American, Russian, and European champions.

Kristina Shalygina - Cosmic Girls RUSSIA

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



I am really excited to be playing with Cosmic Girls at WUCC 2014. This is a special experience for me; the team I normally play with in Russia is Lemongrass. I started playing 4 years ago when I was 16, so this isn't my first world championships - I've also been to WJUC in the past. I play mid or long, I love to cut. I love the atmosphere here in Lecco - looking at the mountains, the clouds, and ultimate is really fantastic!

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

POOL J

	W	L	D
Scandal	2	0	9
Showdown	1	1	8
Iceni	1	1	-7
Cosmic Girls	0	2	-10

POOL L

	W	L	D
Fury	2	0	16
UNO	2	0	7
Sporting Team	0	2	-8
U de Cologne	0	2	-15

POOL K

	W	L	D
Traffic	2	0	8
Revolution	2	0	4
QUB	0	2	-3
Woodchicas	0	2	-9

POOL M

	W	L	D
Riot	2	0	17
HUCK	2	0	14
Fusion	0	2	-9
Atl	0	2	-22

POOL N

	W	L	D
E6	2	0	15
Artemis	1	1	-4
YAKA	1	1	11
Catarinas	0	2	-22

POOL Q

	W	L	D
LMS Ultimate	2	0	10
Nice Bristols	2	0	9
Rogue	0	2	-9
Brilliance	0	2	-10

POOL P

	W	L	D
MUD	2	0	27
UFO Women's	1	1	-11
CUSB Shout	1	1	-2
Lay D's	0	2	-14

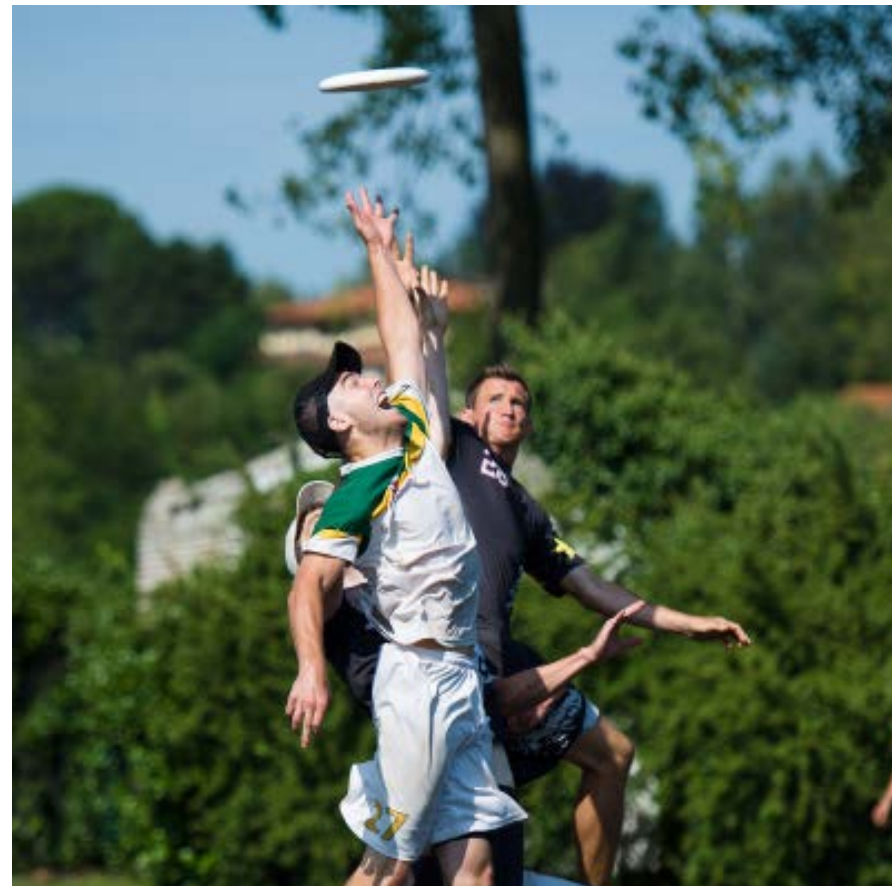
POOL R

	W	L	D
ZUF	2	0	18
Copenhagen HUCKS	2	0	4
Sin City	0	2	-10
Prague Devils	0	2	-12

The Pride of Italy

by David Pryce

OPEN



Justin Foord (Clapham) goes up with the Juggernaut pack
Photo by Kevin LeClaire (UltiPhotos.com)

With Worlds being held in Italy for the first time, C.U.S Bologna (CUSB) are the top and only team representing the host nation in the Open division. The team was founded in 1992 when some players from Cotarica Rimini (the home of Paganello) came to study in Bologna. They are now in their third or fourth generation of players and the team is the first of 8 different squads in the city where ultimate is growing more and more, especially in high schools.

They have won several Italian Championships (4 of the last 5) and some important international tournaments all over Europe during the last decade. They recorded a 7th place finish at European Ultimate Club Finals in Bordeaux last year.

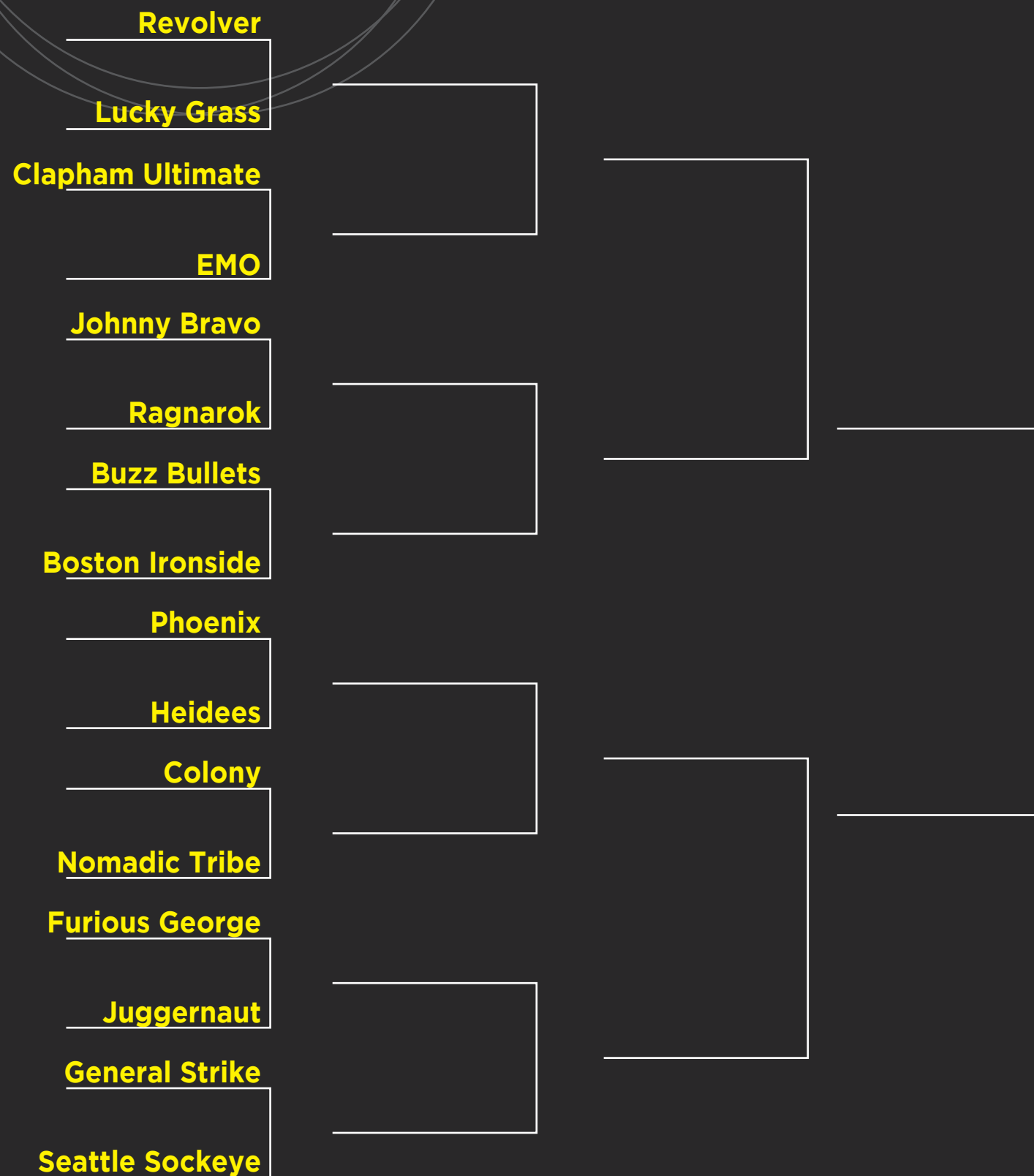
Captain Andrea Mastroianni told me that CUSB have come into WUCC with the aim of finishing in the top 16. They bring some “conservative offense and always playing man D” and the feeling that “as a real Italian team [they] are famous for bringing a lot of passion on the field” which can “often find the force bringing some tension on the field.”

The key players in this squad are “Mig” Gnudi the main hander of the team “he can brake almost any mark” and he will huck it as soon as he recognizes a miss match, Davide Morri the fulcrum of the offensive line, David Pimenta the Portugese star adding inches to the D line and the captain himself, a good defender both on the mark and up against cutters.

In the last few days, CUSB have come out of their pool via a loss to Bad Skid but a win against Oso and through the Bad Skid loss last night. Playing Colony this morning, CUSB showed the passion and fire expected from them, but lost the game. That meant their final power pool game against Ragnarok was key.

Before this game Andrea noted how honored they were to be playing at home in WUCC. They get the joy of “fans on the sidelines” and have truly enjoyed the support from home. This was evident in the game with CUSB Shout (the Bolognian Women’s team) came up trumps with a great sideline. It wasn’t enough for CUSB who lost out to Ragnarok but the host will keep fighting with the passion of their great nation and make their friends, family and supporters delighted with their performance at home.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET



OPEN STANDINGS

	W	L	D
N1 Revolver	2	0	14
N2 General Strike	1	1	2
N3 Frizzley Bears	0	2	-16

	W	L	D
P1 Seattle Sockeye	2	0	14
P2 Lucky Grass	1	1	-4
P3 Comunidad el Oso	0	2	-10

	W	L	D
Q1 Phoenix	2	0	6
Q2 Buzz Bullets	1	1	6
Q3 Viksjöfors IF Ultimate	0	2	-12

	W	L	D
R1 Boston Ironside	2	0	18
R2 Heidees	1	1	-5
R3 Mephisto	0	2	-13

	W	L	D
S1 Johnny Bravo	2	0	9
S2 Nomadic Tribe	1	1	1
S3 Tchac	0	2	-8

	W	L	D
T1 Colony	2	0	9
T2 Ragnarok	1	1	-4
T3 CUS Balogna	0	2	-5

	W	L	D
U1 Furious George	2	0	6
U2 EMO	1	1	0
U3 Freespeed	0	2	-6

	W	L	D
V1 Clapham Ultimate	2	0	7
V2 Juggernaut	1	1	0
V3 Chevron Action Flash	0	2	-7

	W	L	D
AA1 Mubidisk	2	0	13
AA2 MAgon	0	1	-5
AA3 BASE	0	1	-8

	W	L	D
BB1 Sublime	2	0	12
BB2 Fénix Ultimate	0	1	-5
BB3 Relámpagos	0	1	-7

	W	L	D
CC1 Iznogood	2	0	10
CC2 Lézer Pávák	0	1	-5
CC3 Mor Ho!	0	1	-5

	W	L	D
DD1 Wildcats	1	0	1
DD2 Prague Devils	1	1	3
DD3 Ranelagh	0	1	-4

	W	L	D
EE1 Mooncatchers	1	0	4
EE2 Loquitos	1	1	4
EE3 Flying Angels	0	1	-8

	W	L	D
FF1 Bad Skid	1	0	4
FF2 Otso	1	1	0
FF3 Morja	0	1	-4

	W	L	D
GG1 FWD>>	1	0	10
GG2 Crackerjacks	1	0	8
GG3 Cambo Cakes	0	2	-18

	W	L	D
HH1 Euforia	1	0	3
HH2 KFUM Örebro	1	1	-1
HH3 Gigolo	0	1	-2

WOMEN MASTERS STANDINGS

	W	L	D
Godiva	6	0	48
Vintage	5	1	52
Golden Girls	4	2	8
SANZ	4	2	7
Welldone	3	3	12
ROBOT	3	3	-1
PRIMAL	1	5	-38
FUNKY MASTERS	1	5	-34
GUACAMAYS	0	6	-54

Andrew Tate - EMO UK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



The tournament has been really good. As a team, we had a tough start against Buzz Bullets in tough conditions: first on the Arena pitch with the pitch being pretty wet. They were the better team on the day though. Crackerjacks were good for us and our D line got on a roll, Iznogood we really competitive also. This morning we played Furious George. We were very excited. We took half 8-7, but then Furious took it away in the second half. Really good game, we feel we can run with those boys though. It's been amazing, we have had some beautiful sunshine and the pitches are doing ok. It's the same for both teams and it is what it is.

MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET



MIXED STANDINGS

	W	L	D
N1 Drag n' Thrust	2	0	14
N2 Stache	1	1	4
N3 Macondo	0	2	-18

	W	L	D
P1 Union	2	0	18
P2 Heidees Mixed	1	1	-5
P3 Freezzz Beezzz	0	2	-13

	W	L	D
Q1 Polar Bears	2	0	7
Q2 Wild Card	1	1	1
Q3 Salaspils FK	0	2	-8

	W	L	D
R1 The Ghosts	2	0	16
R2 Shiok	1	1	-6
R3 Sexy Legs	0	2	-10

	W	L	D
S1 Hanabi	2	0	4
S2 Roadkill	1	1	4
S3 Corocotta	0	2	-8

	W	L	D
T1 Batmania	2	0	5
T2 Black Sheep	1	1	-1
T3 Discountry	0	2	-4

	W	L	D
U1 Team Fisher Price	2	0	12
U2 Cambridge Ult.	1	1	-6
U3 IKU!	0	2	-6

	W	L	D
V1 Bear Cavalry	2	0	4
V2 Gecko	1	1	1
V3 Croccalo	0	2	-5

	W	L	D
AA1 Catchup Graz	2	0	9
AA2 Outsiterz	0	1	-1
AA3 Friselis	0	1	-8

	W	L	D
BB1 Wunderteam	1	0	8
BB2 Element	1	0	1
BB3 Junk	0	2	-9

	W	L	D
CC1 Black Eagles	1	0	3
CC2 Royal Goaltimate	1	1	3
CC3 Panthers Bern	0	1	-6

	W	L	D
DD1 BDM	2	0	16
DD2 Slash	0	1	-7
DD3 Bivni	0	1	-9

	W	L	D
EE1 Disco-o-Fever	2	0	10
EE2 FUJ	0	1	-4
EE3 Ghost Ultimate	0	1	-6

	W	L	D
FF1 Vaasa Saints	2	0	7
FF2 7 Bees Ultimate	0	1	-1
FF3 Hippo	0	1	-6

	W	L	D
GG1 Grandmaster Flash	1	0	4
GG2 CUUP	1	1	3
GG3 Fire of Anatolia	0	1	-7

	W	L	D
HH1 Last Stand	1	0	3
HH2 UFO Mixed	1	1	-2
HH3 Saxy Divers	0	1	-1



Sandy Jorgensen (Scandal) jumps in for the game winner.
Kevin Leclaire (Ultiphotos.com)