LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

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Friday 8/8

9:00  Scandal vs. Riot  Women  Semis
12:30  Revolver vs. Johnny Bravo  Open  Semis
3:00  Women's Masters Final*

All times in Central European Time Zone
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FINAL PARTY

Dance All Night

Suzy Q Live Music
The craziest party band in all of Italy! A live dance machine with a high-energy set-list, including the biggest dancefloor hits, from 70s’ disco to the latest singles on air. SUZY Q: Everything else is boring!

ANTIPLASTIC
Antiplastic is a project that Italy has long been waiting for: the dubstep of Tuzzy combines with Donald Renda on drums and Fede K9 on bass. But this super-ace band really takes off thanks to the charismatic presence and the voice of the Italo-Brazilian Rayna, with her lyrics and her aggressive delivery.

Live DJ Set

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Lutz Mürau, Gronical Dizziness  NETHERLANDS
We had a hard time in the pool and lost them all, but good games from all over the world. We won our first game today against the New Zealand Masters. Going to enjoy the quarterfinals today here in the sun and tomorrow we have two games I am looking forward to. The tournament has turned out fantastically.
WOMEN’S

After some hard fought battles between top-tier teams from around the world, the USA has come away with all four semi-final spots in the women’s division.

Pool J supplied two American teams to the quarterfinals, with national champion Scandal and the fourth American team Showdown decisively eliminating UK’s Iceni and Russia’s Cosmic Girls. While Cosmic Girls were pleased to have progressed to the power pools, Iceni, reigning European Champions since 2011, were disappointed to see their chance at semis end with a 15-6 loss to Showdown. Showdown had picked up its game significantly since a somewhat sloppy loss to Japan’s HUCK in pool play.

Canadian champions Traffic and Colombian sensation Revolution were the obvious quarterfinal picks from Pool K. Coming into the tournament as the second-seeded German team, Woodchicas couldn’t get past any of the other teams in their power pool, but QUB came within one point of beating their fellow Canadians.

A rematch of the 2010 WUCC final saw UNO (Japan) again fall to California’s Fury, but a universe point win over Australia’s STBAU meant that both UNO and Fury advanced from Pool L. STBAU (Sporting Team Box Athletico), Australia’s national champion, was unlucky – and gutted - to lose the UNO game in universe point after leading the entire game. Unfortunately, that seemed to be a turning point for the well-prepared Melbourne team, and even with 4 Worlds Games players and a very deep roster, they couldn’t win against Fury or U de Cologne.

Riot was the decisive champion in Pool M. Only Japan’s HUCK coming close, with a 15-11 result between the two teams. Canada’s Fusion and Finland’s Atletico couldn’t touch the top squads in this difficult power pool.

The outcome of power-pool jostling resulted in 4 American teams, 2 Japanese teams, and representatives from Canada and Colombia in the quarterfinals. While the Japanese teams came close, with UNO going down 16-17 to Riot and HUCK falling 14-17 to Fury, Revolution and Traffic were no match for their American opponents. The result: red, white, and blue semi-final showdowns today.
Two Sockeye defenders get the D against Comunidad el Oso in the stadium. Photo by Jeff Bell (UltiPhotos.com)
Yesterday morning saw the beginning of the knockout stages in Lecco. With some great matchups, this is where teams had to showcase the hard work from the past few months. A place in the quarterfinals up for grabs vs. the consolation of a 9-16 place finish. Everything was on the line.

On the arena pitch, we had Buzz Bullets against Boston Ironside. Buzz had scraped through the power pools with a universe point loss to Phoenix from Canada.

In a strange twist of fate, Clapham play their second game against their fellow Brits in EMO who took Freespeed apart in their power pool to secure a top 16 finish. This odd prequarter guaranteed that only one UK team could make it into the top 8.

A great North American match up was General Strike against Seattle Sockeye. Sockeye had not been pushed to this point, with all previous teams being unable to get closer than 6 goals against them. With this game being their first against a Canadian team, we hoped for something more challenging for Sockeye.

The Australians Juggernaut have really worked hard for their position, taking Chevron Action Flash out of contention on Wednesday. Considering their less than top position in their home Nationals, a blowout against Furious George in this pre-quarter was expected. Another great nation match up though but sadly Juggernaut could not deliver losing out 7-17.

Buzz came back from a 3 point deficit against Ironside to win in double game point taking them into the quarter final against Johnny Bravo, who took down Ragnarok. The Japanese could not keep their foot on the pedal and crumbled against Bravo in their quarter ending 17-12.

The UK prequarter ended as expected with Clapham, the National and European champs, prevailing but go into the next round to play against Revolver. Top seeded Revolver destroyed Lucky Grass 17 - 2 and looked to continue this form in their quarter. In an absolute stormer, Clapham were the first team to really push Revolver coming from 14-12 down to 16-16 on a huge Justin Foord sky and then assist. With the crowd wanting an upset, Clapham started on D on universe and cheers of “DEFENCE” came from all around. However the Americans held their nerve with a ballys three-quarter pitch flick huck from Beau to secure their spot in the semifinals.

Keeping in form Sockeye won by 7 against General Strike. The Fish then faced off against Furious in an old school rivalry game. Unlike past matchups Furious couldn’t quite do a number on Sockeye and only managed to take 13 off of them.

The other quarter was won by Colony from Australia, in what many have called the easier half of the draw. We see today the semifinals of Revolver vs Johnny Bravo and Colony vs Seattle Sockeye. After a tough, quarter I would think that Revolver have found the inspiration to take on Bravo and punch their card to the final, where I predict they will meet Sockeye in a repeat of USA Nationals 2013.
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### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Eleanor Shadwell - Ghost Ultimate SOUTH AFRICA

I love ultimate, I’ve been playing for 3 years now. It’s a great cardio workout and so much fun. Not a lot of women play ultimate where I live, so it’s great to come here and see how well the mixed teams use their women. Ghost got our first win today, so we’re pretty happy about that! Something interesting about me? Well, my friends call me “Elf”, and I met another “Elf” today, he plays for FUJ!
Salaspils: A Small Nation Goes Big
by Ráchel Tošnerová

I start by typing the name into Google. Salaspils concentration camp? Seriously? Who names a team after that? “It’s not like that!” Reinis Otison, No. 18, defends the name choice. “It is also a nearby town. There is nothing except a memorial at the concentration camp site.” And apparently FK just means frisbee club (or in Latvian – klub), so I guess the name is not that mysterious after all.

It all started about twelve years ago when an enthusiastic PE teacher decided to bring ultimate to his school. After his students graduated, they wanted to keep playing and eventually built a club. They normally play open and women separately but in Lecco they are competing in the mixed division. And they earn respect. Seeded 14th, they lost to No. 2 seed Team Fisher Price only by one (final score 14-15) and took on No. 1 Polar Bears, only losing only by two (final score 13-15). I have no doubt that both games would have looked a lot different had there been more than 16 players on Salaspils roster. And did I mention two of them got injured before Wednesday?

Their athleticism is admired by everyone who has seen them play. “We practice three times a week and the rest is just that we get a lot of playtime with the short roster.” They explain and force me to feel No. 11 Igers Minovs’ six pack, supposedly the best on the team. Every player seems to have an exact place in the well-oiled machine called Salaspils. The captain, Martinš Gusars says the players are very disciplined. Of course, until they are asked to leave the party earlier this time. When the team’s spirit is down, all they need to do is look at Roberts Apinis’ face, which apparently always makes them laugh. “You can’t be smart AND funny… so I choose funny.” Adds Roberts.

Other players include the Latvian Flying Disc Federation’ President, Martinš Taurenis: “We took one shortcut in Latvia and another one just over the Italian border.” he replies smilingly to my question, why he wasn’t representing his country at the WFDF Congress last Saturday. No. 10 Andris Otisons plays for a college team in Florida, which provides Salaspils with fresh inspiration from overseas. Reinis is also the junior open coach for the U20 open division and No. 5 Ieva Grabe, the U20 girls coach is also playing. “Right now we’re focusing on building the next generation. There is an age gap between us and the juniors but we still practice together.”

Latvia (and I was asked to stress that it is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe) only has about 200 players, 400 when you count in all the children playing at high schools as well. Salaspils FK invites you to come spread their love for ultimate, visit Latvia and its beautiful beaches or enjoy a sip of balzams, the national drink.