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WEDNESDAY 8/6

9:00	UNO vs. Sporting Team Box Athletico United	Women's
13:00	Furious George vs. Freespeed*	Open
17:00	CUS Bologna vs. Ragnarok	Open

All times in Central European Time Zone
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WEDNESDAY SOCIAL EVENTS

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD DAY

Time to prove yourself! Want to go down in history? Register for a shot at breaking one of several disc-related GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS. Find out more at the VC Ultimate tent!



Greg Wu, Batmania AUSTRALIA

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



I was really proud to watch my bro Darren at WJUC, and now I'm looking forward to showing the world what I can do. I'd most like to play against Revolver. I think we match up well against them, in terms of skill and athleticism.

I hear this is Italy's wettest year ever, but coming from the Northwest, I'm not impressed. It's not even cold.

Even though I'm American, I'd like to see an Australian team win. It would be nice to see Australia climb the ladder.

SCHEDULE Wednesday, AUG. 6

If you are in Lecco, check out these highlighted games chosen by our Skyd Magazine staff. A full schedule can be found on [WFDF's website](#).

ROUND 1 9 am

	Field	Division
Boston Ironside vs. Mephisto	12	Open
Cambridge Ultimate vs. IKU!	7	Mixed
UNO vs. STBAU	arena	Women's

ROUND 2 11 am

	Field	Division
Catchup Graz vs. Friselis	1	Mixed
Phat Chilly vs. Jonny Encore	30	Masters Open
Yaka vs. Artemis	31	Women's
Godiva vs. Golden Girls	14	Women Masters

ROUND 3 1 pm

	Field	Division
Clapham vs. Chevron Action Flash	25	Open
Polar Bears vs. Salaspils SK	3	Mixed
Iceni vs. Showdown	20	Women's

ROUND 4 3 pm

	Field	Division
China United Ultimate Party vs. Grandmaster Flash	12	Mixed
Fury vs. STBAU	2	Women
Loquitos vs. Flying Angels Bern	8	Open

ROUND 5 5 pm

	Field	Division
Nice Bristols vs. Brilliance	24	Women
CUSB vs. Ragnarok*	arena	Open
Shiok! vs. Sexy Legs	4	Mixed

More Talk on Spirit

...that you thought you didn't need to hear.

by Rachel Tošnerová

Monday night the Bar Chill Tent became the venue of the first Spirit of the Game Conference presented by Rise Up. The low attendance of about 30 people out of the 3800 athletes attending the championship could mean two things. Either people are relying on the fact that there will be video they can watch later or the community simply doesn't think there is much more they can learn about SOTG, let alone having to listen to a two hour presentation about it. Ryan Purcell (President of the WFDF Athlete's Commission) presented seven panels of speakers that look at different perspectives of SOTG and I'm struck by how much I have forgotten about the essential part of the ultimate sport.

First speaker is WFDF Task Force's representative Rueben Berg who once again explains the new WFDF concept of ensuring the player's compliance with the rules – the Game Advisors (GAs). He talks about the roots of the initiative and making sure that ultimate can be established as a spectator-friendly sport. He also explains that the role of the GAs will eventually be slightly different from the one they have at Worlds in Lecco. In the future, they should be able to actively step into the discussion on the field and express their opinions. However, he emphasizes, the final decision always stays with the players.

Four players from Seattle Riot (Alyssa Weatherford, Kate Kingery, Gwen Ambler and Rohre Titcomb) share their recent experience with SOTG during the next panel. They say they felt the need to bring home some of what they've learned playing on the international level. Apparently, spirit circles were not a common tradition in the US, which often left the teams frustrated with unexpressed emotions about a poorly-spirited game. The Riot girls note their team ended second to last at Spirit at Nationals in 2010, which made them redefine what SOTG meant for the individual players on the team as well as come up with a "standard" of good Spirit. They finish by giving an example of a proper spirit circle talk. So in case, you've recently been running out of ideas on what to say as your team's representative, make sure to watch

the video.

SOTG from the administrative perspective is discussed by the third panel. Patrick van der Valk (POR/NED), Richard Moore (AUS), Danny Saunders (CAN), Will Deaver (USA) and Si Hill (GB) take a look at the biggest achievements on the field of SOTG such as the unified spirit sheets that break Spirit down to several categories and provide concrete examples that help the teams assess the quality of the game. Their recipe for improving SOTG at national levels is to:

1. Make it easy for the teams to submit the spirit scores (WFDF is promising to have an app for that available on their website soon)
2. Collect and record them consistently
3. Give teams access to the results and provide feedback.

A panel of youth coaches is up next to bring to the table the issue of teaching SOTG to the junior generation. Matt Hill (AUS) has coached the U19 boys for six years now and says he always makes sure his team doesn't view the other team as an enemy and tries to step in their shoes for a while. For Tasia Balding (CAN), SOTG goes hand in hand with the knowledge of rules, so that is what she focuses on with her U23 team. The help of a Rules/Spirit Captain also seems irreplaceable. George Stubbs (USA) believes that the team's positive internal environment eventually motivates the kids to become better and more spirited players. And finally, Dan Tapuach (ISR) stresses the importance of coaches acting as role models and giving examples of good spirit behavior on and off the field.

I strongly encourage everyone to watch the last three panels featuring exotic countries' representatives talking about SOTG Around the World, coaches from Ultimate Peace and world's best players discussing SOTG at the Top Level. You will see inspiring people, hear interesting thoughts and ideas, and maybe rediscover a part of your ultimate self that has gotten a little sleepy.

OPEN MASTERS STANDINGS

POOL A

	W	L	D
A1 Surly	4	0	42
A2 Blue Arse Flies	3	1	18
A3 MTX	1	3	-12
A4 Flood	3	1	3
A5 Mokonui	1	3	-13
A6 Dedushka	0	4	-38

POOL C

	W	L	D
C1 Phat Chilly	4	0	26
C2 Johnny Encore	3	1	30
C3 FIGJAM	3	1	18
C4 JUNK	0	4	-31
C5 Goldfingers	0	4	-38
C6 Ultimate Bergamo - Mucche	2	2	-5

POOL B

	W	L	D
B1 Boneyard	4	0	35
B2 Ultimate Vibration	3	1	10
B3 NSOM	3	1	7
B4 Wolpertinger	1	3	-6
B5 Eastern Greys	0	4	-34
B6 El Dorado	1	1	-12

POOL D

	W	L	D
D1 Zimmer	4	0	32
D2 UFO Masters	4	0	13
D3 Vigi	2	2	2
D4 Yanomami	0	4	-18
D5 Gronical Dizziness	0	4	-20
D6 MM	1	4	-9

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

OPEN



Jacob Juszak (Johnny Bravo) vs. BASE
Photo by Kevin Leclaire (UltiPhotos.com)

Return of the Swedes

by David Pryce

Swedish open ultimate has gone through a transformation in the last few years. It started at the 2010 WUCC in Prague, where the new kids on the block Viksjöfors rose from 16th to 8th while the established power Skogshyddan fell from 8th to 17th.

The national team fared well at WUGC in Japan, finishing 4th, but behind the scenes the club scene was changing. Skogs, multiple-time European champions (2001, 2006 and 2008) and runners up (2007, 2009 and 2010), almost ceased to exist. In fact, they now only appear to be a team that runs the Winter and Summer Cup tournaments in Gothenburg. This may be due to older players retiring and younger players being unimpressed with the decline in results.

From the ashes of this team, some players (including Sebastian Sporrong) moved to their rivals Viksjöfors, and the results tell the rest of the story. However, whilst all this happened, no Swedish team challenged at the European Ultimate Championship Finals (EUCF) until last year. Viksjöfors entered into the 2013 xEUCF tournament seeded 23rd and in the challenger division. They took their pool with ease and continued to the power pools taking down the likes of Germany's Heidees and the UK's Brighton. This then lined them up for a crossover that could return the Swedes to the Elite division. Here they met Ragnarok

and beat them 15-13, successfully earning a place in the top 8. Finishing 5/6th (last game not played due to storms), they beat CUSB and only lost out to Flying Angels Bern, the eventual Silver medallists.

Here at WUCC, there are two Swedish teams in attendance: Viksjöfors and KFUM Örebro. In an absolute nail-biter, Viksjöfors (without Sporrong) had Furious George pinned at 13 all and had possession with a chance to take the game to 14-13 but squandered the opportunity and allowed Furious a 15-13 win. They have then gone on to beat the other two teams in their pool advance to the top power pools. KFUM went into their final pool game with a win and a loss meaning that the last game was key. They started well, taking 3 breaks, but their opponents were the UK and European Champions Clapham. Despite their slow start Clapham pulled themselves back into that game and took it away in the second half, 15-7.

Both these teams have a very similar style of taking on long shots in the lane ahead of them and have good endzone offences coupled with strong forces. KFUM were not able to hold onto their form in the long run and were simply beaten by a better team. Viksjöfors are a slightly different beast and are happy to throw more risky looks (IO knives, for example) and have a cohesion that KFUM and many others lack. Will this new Swedish strength take down a North American team? Will they be able to reclaim their highest European team at WUCC title? We can only wait and see.

OPEN STANDINGS

POOL A

	W	L	D
A1 Revolver	3	0	2
A2 Mooncatchers	0	3	-1
A3 Nomadic Tribe	2	1	2
A4 Mubidisk	1	2	-7

POOL B

	W	L	D
B1 Seattle Sockeye	3	0	2
B2 Ragnarok	2	1	5
B3 Mojra	0	2	-2
B4 Sublime	1	1	-3

POOL C

	W	L	D
C1 Buzz Bullets	3	0	2
C2 EMO	2	1	0
C3 Iznogood	1	2	-3
C4 Crackerjacks Ultimate	0	3	-2

POOL D

	W	L	D
D1 Boston Ironside	3	0	2
D2 Juggernaut	1	2	0
D3 Prague Devils	1	2	-1
D4 Gigolo	1	2	-1

POOL E

	W	L	D
E1 Johnny Bravo	3	0	2
E2 Loquitos	1	2	-1
E3 Frizzly Bears	2	1	8
E4 BASE	0	3	-3

POOL F

	W	L	D
F1 Colony	3	0	2
F2 Otso	1	2	-1
F3 Lucky Grass	2	1	9
F4 Fénix Ultimate	0	3	-2

POOL G

	W	L	D
G1 Furious George	3	0	24
G2 Viksjöfors IF Ultimate	2	1	13
G3 Mor ho!	0	3	-20
G4 Cambo Cakes	1	2	-17

POOL J

	W	L	D
J1 Flying Angels Bern	2	1	0
J2 Magon	0	3	-13
J3 General Strike	2	1	4
J4 Tchac	2	1	9

POOL L

	W	L	D
L1 Freespeed	3	0	20
L2 Phoenix	2	1	8
L3 FWD>>	1	2	-3
L4 Lézer Pávák	0	3	-25

POOL H

	W	L	D
H1 Clapham Ultimate	3	0	25
H2 Mephisto	2	1	4
H3 KFUM Örebro	1	2	-12
H4 Ranelagh	0	3	-17

POOL K

	W	L	D
K1 Bad Skid	2	1	9
K2 CUSB	2	1	9
K3 Comunidad el Oso	2	1	5
K4 Relámpagos Ultimate	0	3	-23

POOL M

	W	L	D
M1 Chevron Action Flash	3	0	9
M2 Euforia	1	2	-3
M3 Heidees	2	1	3
M4 Wildcats	0	3	-9

WOMEN'S



Latitia Soke-Seaman (Fusion) lays out
Photo by Jeff Bell (UltiPhotos.com)

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

POOL A

	W	L	D
A1 Scandal	3	0	37
A2 Fusion	2	1	11
A3 YAKA	1	2	-11
A4 Catarinas	0	3	-37

POOL B

	W	L	D
B1 MUD	1	2	8
B2 Revolution	3	0	13
B3 <small>Sporting Team Box Athletico United</small>	2	1	6
B4 UFO Women	0	3	-27

POOL E

	W	L	D
E1 HUCK	3	0	17
E2 Showdown	2	1	11
E3 Artemis	0	3	-22
E4 E6	1	2	-6

POOL F

	W	L	D
F1 UNO	3	0	19
F2 QUB	2	1	12
F3 CUSB Shout	1	2	-14
F4 LayD's	0	0	-17

POOL C

	W	L	D
C1 Fury	3	0	35
C2 Brilliance	0	3	-24
C3 Woodchicas	2	1	2
C4 LMS Ultimate	1	2	-13

POOL D

	W	L	D
D1 Riot	3	0	24
D2 Cosmic Girls	2	1	5
D3 Copenhagen Hucks	1	2	-10
D4 Sin City	0	3	-19

POOL G

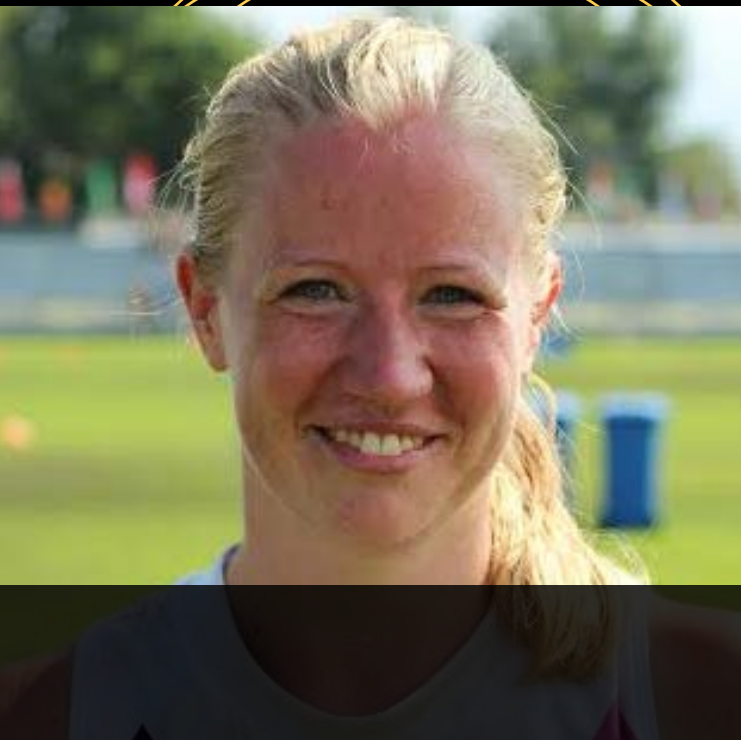
	W	L	D
G1 Traffic	3	0	35
G2 U de Cologne	2	1	-1
G3 Nice Bristols	1	2	-14
G4 Rogue	0	3	-20

POOL H

	W	L	D
H1 Icení	3	0	25
H2 ZUF	1	2	4
H3 Prague Devils	0	1	-25
H4 Atletico	2	1	-4

Camilla Tinderup, Copenhagen Hucks DENMARK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



This is my first big international tournament playing against teams from overseas. I've been playing for 4 years, I'm an offensive reciever. I played with the Copenhagen Hucks at the European Ultimate Championship Finals last year; we were really happy with our results. 6th overall! We had a great first half against Riot this morning, only down by 1 at half. [Ed. once again I'll do the bragging here - Camilla got a goal and an assist.] I'm not getting as much sleep as I'd like in the dorms, but overall, I'm having a great time in Italy. The scenery is amazing!

WOMEN MASTERS STANDINGS

	W	L	D
A1 Funky Masters	0	4	-28
A2 Godiva	4	0	27
A3 GOLDEN GIRLS	3	1	12
A4 Guacamayas	0	4	-33
A5 PRIMAL	1	3	-22
A6 ROBOT	3	1	11
A7 SANZ	2	2	-1
A8 Vintage	3	1	28
A9 Welldone	2	2	6

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MIXED



Zach Finkelstein (CUUP) bids
Photo by Nicky Smith

China: Joining the Party

by Nicky Smith

Putting a Chinese team together for an international tournament is no easy feat, but captain Ken Wu has plenty of experience at it. He's been the driving force behind CUUP (Open) at WUCC 2010, the Chinese national team (Mixed) in 2012, and this year's incarnation of CUUP (Mixed). CUUP draws players from Shanghai, Beijing, Ningbo, Wuhan, Toronto, New York City, Phoenix, and Victoria, Canada. It includes players ranging in age from 14 to 39, many of whom are attending their first international tournament.

CUUP's youngest player, Chan Man "Jenny" Wai, 14, started playing two years ago, when

her PE teacher Miranda Roth (nee Knowles) introduced it to her class. Since then, Jenny's school has developed an ultimate program which practices 5 times a week (as well as up to 3 additional morning throwing sessions), and Jenny has attended a number of tournaments around China. When it wasn't possible to organize a team for WJUC, Ken invited her and some classmates to play with CUUP. Asked about her experience at her first international tournament, Jenny says, "I love it! The level of play presents a real challenge, and I'm learning a lot".

While ultimate, especially youth ultimate, is experiencing strong growth in China, there are still barriers to putting together teams,

especially teams for international tournaments. Xue "Sei" Zhixing, a Ningbo-based player, explains that "it's hard for many people to get time off work, and it is very expensive for us to travel. Also, getting a visa is an issue for many people." There is one other factor that hinders competitive ultimate in China: culture. "When people get married, you never see them playing again," says Sei. "You are expected to focus on work and starting a family. For a lot of parents, a couple hoping to have a baby shouldn't be playing sport." When Sei tore his ACL at the Shanghai Open in 2008, aged 25, his parents insisted he hang up his cleats.

"If your parents told you that in Canada, you'd never listen," chimes in Ken, who was raised by Chinese-born parents in British Columbia, Canada. "But in China, you have to." Sei used his rehab year to build his ultimate-focused company, Ultipro. Ultipro worked on refining their 175g disc (approved this year by WFDF) and breaking into the international market for ultimate uniforms and compression clothing. In fact, Ultipro became so successful that Sei and other founders have quit their "regular jobs" to focus on entirely on Ultipro – another move that horrified their parents. Along the way, however, Sei convinced his to let him rejoin his friends on the field.

Ken (who now lives in Beijing), Jenny, and Sei are a few of the players who both live in China and are of Chinese descent. However, like many teams in their country, a large percentage of the players are expats who have come to live in China to work, and brought their love of the sport with them. The dispersed nature of the team – some expats playing with CUUP at WUCC 2014 are currently back living in North America – means that a cohesive training program in the lead-up to WUCC

wasn't possible. The team was able to have one practice together thanks to cancellation of games on the first day due to rain. What they lack in preparation, CUUP makes up for with passion and determination. Ken explains that CUUP is absolutely dedicated to representing China on the world stage through spirited and determined play, regardless of the score. He is also excited about the exposure that this tournament gives up-and-coming Chinese players, and what they'll be able to bring back to their teams at home.

Ken, Jenny, and Sei's passion for the game is infectious. Between them, they've played in 10 countries, on over a dozen different teams, and their ages span 25 years. They would have spoken about ultimate in China for an entire afternoon, given the chance, and there is no doubt that they will be of even more value to their respective teams when they return home from Italy after WUCC 2014.

FUN FACTS:

- Through a volunteering project at her bilingual school in Shanghai, Jenny will be traveling to a village in rural China to teach ultimate this December.
- CUUP mostly communicates in Mandarin, although there are some translations to English, and some players' first language is Cantonese.
- Over 100 schools in China have been introduced to ultimate, and 11 schools participated the Junior division of the Shanghai Open in 2014 (up from 3 in 2013).



Ken Su in the CUUP huddle
Photo by Nicky Smith

MIXED STANDINGS

POOL A

	W	L	D
A1 Drag'n Thrust	3	0	23
A2 Corocotta	2	1	2
A3 Catchup Graz	1	2	-10
A4 Ghost Ultimate	0	3	-15

POOL B

	W	L	D
B1 Union	3	0	21
B2 Discountry	2	1	6
B3 7 Bees Ultimate Team	0	3	-26
B4 Junk	1	2	-1

POOL G

	W	L	D
G1 Wild Card	2	1	9
G2 Cambridge Ultimate	2	1	12
G3 Panthers Bern	1	2	-8
G4 China United Ultimate Party	1	2	-13

POOL H

	W	L	D
H1 Bear Cavalry	3	0	22
H2 UFO Mix	1	2	-4
H3 SLASH	0	3	-18
H4 Sexy Legs	2	1	0

POOL C

	W	L	D
C1 Polar Bears	3	0	26
C2 IKU!	2	1	5
C3 Royal Goaltimate Society	1	2	2
C4 Fire of Anatolia	0	3	-33

POOL D

	W	L	D
D1 The Ghosts	3	0	19
D2 BDM	1	2	-6
D3 Gecko	2	1	6
D4 Last Stand	0	0	-19

POOL J

	W	L	D
J1 Stache	2	1	13
J2 Hanabi	3	0	7
J3 FUJ	1	2	-5
J4 Outsiterz	0	3	-15

POOL K

	W	L	D
K1 Hippo	1	2	-8
K2 Black Sheep	3	0	26
K3 Freezzz Beezzz	2	1	-1
K4 Wunderteam	0	3	-17

POOL E

	W	L	D
E1 Roadkill	2	1	14
E2 Disc-o-Fever	2	1	-3
E3 Friselis	2	1	-12
E4 Macondo	0	3	1

POOL F

	W	L	D
F1 Batmania	3	0	19
F2 Vaasa Saints	1	2	-9
F3 Heidees Mixed	2	1	6
F4 Element	0	3	-16

POOL L

	W	L	D
L1 Team Fisher Price	3	0	10
L2 Salaspils FK	2	1	6
L3 Grandmaster Flash	1	2	0
L4 Black Eagles	0	3	-16

POOL M

	W	L	D
M1 Croccali	3	0	23
M2 Shiok	2	1	4
M3 Saxy Divers	1	2	-5
M4 BIVNI	0	3	-22