

ULTIMATUM

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Presidents Report

Wow! May already! Time is just flying past in this Ultimate packed year.

A huge turnout for PUL25. 10 full teams kept the talented League Director, Joelle Chalmer on her toes, thanks Jo for administrating a successful first league for 2006.

Congratulations to our WA representatives who went to Sydney last month. Well done to Captain John Damiani and Vice Captain Paul Staples for their endeavours with Sublime's campaign at Nationals 2006. Sadly WA was unable to send a women's team this year but special mention to Mel Barter, Debbie Ng & Joelle Chalmer for flying the WA Ultimate flag and lending their awesome skills and good looks to Sultry (Brisbane) & Honey Bees (Melbourne).

Broome Hat Tourney

Escape the Perth Winter and enjoy a fabulous long weekend in tropical Broome.

Official Date : Saturday July 1st

Some of the friendly folk of Broome will open their homes to us so there will be a few billet options available.

Register Your Interest Now! Email: president@waultimate.com

Other Updates

Men's & Women's Leagues.

Get set for a division of the sexes. The next five Wednesdays see something a little different at McGillivray.

Dan-ski & Hutch lead the Men's Super League – Hour Long Hard Core Ulti Games!

Four superior women's teams will battle it out in a round robin event leading up to a very exciting finals night come June 7th.

Mixed Ultimate will return for *PUL26 on July 12th.*

Anna Haynes

The 2006 WAFDA Committee is currently working on tasks that keep us in line with all the requirements set by Department Of Sport & Recreation. A major item on our agenda will be the updating of the Constitution, a special meeting will be called soon and all members are encouraged to attend. Stay alert for updates.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us anytime on: committee@waultimate.com

Don't forget to head to The Wembley on Cambridge Street after league on Wednesday nights.

Upcoming Events!

Triple D - May 21st
Broome Tourney - July 1st
PUL 26 - July 12th
Winter Solstice - July
Mixed Nats - September 8-10th
Australian Uni Games - Sept. 24-29th
Witch's Hat - October 28-29th
World Ultimate Club Championships - November 11-18th



Secret Women's Business... Hat Day

"If we build it, they will come" was our motto for running this inaugural Women's Hat Day. As a response to the lack of women's Ultimate in WA, we decided to get up early on a Sunday morning and head over to President Anna's personal training park. Fifteen girls came out for the fun, and it was great to see a UWA Monday night player, Steph, come along - it all has to start somewhere.

The quality of play increased as the day wore on, with teams playing some classy structured offence and defence. Due to odd numbers, one team unfortunately had to play savage. This proved to be a valuable lesson learnt in "keeping possession" and limiting turnovers so the team didn't have to run defence - AGAIN! The first game was tightly contested and ended in a 4-all draw. The second game saw the Tightly-Whitey's win by a margin of 3, perhaps the All Blacks were distracted by Cute-as-a-Button-Thomas not wearing pants on the sideline...?!

Afterwards, the promise of a barbeque was delivered even though there was not a man in sight to be in charge of the barbie! By all accounts, this was a rewarding experience for the seasoned players, and a great learning opportunity for beginners. So girls can expect a few more of these days to come their way this year and hopefully it will become a regular occurrence on the WAFDA calendar in years to come.

A big thanks goes out to Anna for providing her barbeque, her TV, her bathroom, bringing the shade tents and water drums, her rice salad and... just about everything we used was hers! But it could not have been a success without the girls who made the effort to come along with so much enthusiasm and in the end, "We built it, and they came".

Signing off,
Deb Ng

PUL 25

Perth Ultimate League (PUL) 25 had an outstanding 106 players signed up, ready to play on ten teams! Congratulations to Justified, who made it to the finals undefeated. Their winning streak continued in a hard-fought battle against Fearsome, to take out the championship title for PUL 25. A special mention must be made of Your Face, who played the season with a record number of newbies. Most valuable players were Sandy Castleden, Andy Wong, and Tim Delane, and whilst Charlie from Justified was the Hot Shot Rookie! The Spirit Award was well earned by Chill. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the smooth running of PUL 25.

Joelle Chalmer

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The Men of Sublime

After months of training, the time had finally come for Sublime to arrive in Sydney, to live and breathe Ultimate for the next four days. Sublime had drawn the "Pool of Death" amidst the controversy in the seeding process and would have to play 4 pool games instead of 3. Game One against the Eastern Greys revealed some teething problems for Sublime, and in the end the Greys proved that age can still triumph over beauty if you've got enough neoprene to hold you together. Final score was 12 - 14. Lenny produced a massive layout D that took out his opponent and Andrew "Noodles" Delane, and also giving himself a black eye. The Sublime boys bounced back to take an easy win off Discheads from Adelaide in Game Two (16 - 10), then it was time for the big face off with Hot Chilly. This game showed exactly what Sublime was capable of, they were playing to win and they let Hot Chilly know it. If there were a Ross Glendinning equivalent medal to give in this game, the winner would be George "Gorgeous" Wong. He skyed, he scored, he lay out D'd, leaving his opponents stunned. Jerome touted him as "The New Lenny" so the pressure is on the youngster to live up to the Legend of Len. A notable mention (and since I'm writing this article) has to go to Paul Staples who took a hip & shoulder for the team, still caught the dump, but had to sub off with suspected cracked ribs. Also, a Hot Chilly boy decided he would contest a call by his Sublime opponent, he was obviously too young to know any better than to argue with the Father of Ultimate, Ballen. Needless to say, the argument was short. Sublime played excellent possession Ultimate and saw the game home 16 - 11.

Day Two started with a must win game against the Moreton Bay Buggers. The tight game did not end in Sublime's favour with scores ending at 13 - 11. Sublime had a comfortable next win against the Tassie-Tiggers, 17 - 8, and then cruised past Newcastle and Wollongong in a scoring spree by Timmy Delane and Andy Wong. At the end of Day Three, Sublime met the Buggers again. The team was fired up from their previous loss to the Buggers, so fired up that when Jerome was stalled he said with a smile, "Well, I disagree". Jerome's unruly antics didn't stop there. He took off to the end zone beating his defence by 15m to catch the score, after which he asked, "Was I running fast enough?" Alas, Sublime lost. This meant Sublime would play off for 11th on Day Four, which they won easily against Fyshwick United, 17 - 6. This was a game of role reversal where the young'ens did the handling, leaving Ballen to snatch a high disc in a pack of three, hucked it down the line for Staples to grab over another three players.

This Nationals was a great discovery journey for Sublime, with newcomers and old hands combining to make a strong unit to deliver when it mattered. The three pickups, Derek Trikarso, Kiwi Simon and George Dike (who was renamed Cheryl to stop confusion between the Georges), played a solid tournament for Sublime.

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A Fortunate Few Women

A small contingent of WA women consisting of Anna, Joelle, Mel Barter and I, went to Sydney to play for other teams, thinking we'd be likely benchwarmers. I have to admit that I don't have anything to report on Mel's team, the Honey Bees, except that Mel had a sore arm from hucking so much over the four days. However, they did beat the Leafy Sea Dragons to improve from seed 16 to 15.

The other three were thrown into the depths of the Sultry women who showed us how to play intense but happy Ultimate, whilst we "walk up the side of the mountain". Under Sandra & Gen's direction, we soon found ourselves running cups, handling and... running cups.

Our first game was against Tumeke (translates to "too much") from NZ. This game was tight all the way to the end, but Sultry could not pull back a 2-point deficit to lose 11 - 14. Sultry dominated the Leafy Sea Dragons all the way to the end for a 17 - 0 win, a pants run that LSD still owes us. Game 3 was a must win for Sultry in order to move into the Top 8 pool and we were up against Wildcard Diamonds. The team responded to the pressure winning convincingly 14 - 7. By now, Sultry had us WA girls all figured out, integrating us firmly into their strategies. After Sandra realised Anna would catch it if she threw it, Sandra's hucks came fast and furious, and soon Anna was very well acquainted with the gravelly fields.

A tough road was ahead for Sultry once we advanced into the top pool. The first challenge was against the defending champions Southside. They ran us ragged man-on-man, so we put on the Wee-Cup since looks can be deceiving, as the three shortest Sultry girls made the best defensive cup. Even though Southside made several handling errors, Sultry could not capitalise on these opportunities and lost 7 - 15. Now it was time to play the top seed, Manly Mufflitos. This game created murmurs at Frisbee Central in the days to come. Both teams came out hard and when Manly showed us how to layout D, Gen pulled out three of them to show them how it's done. Joelle then scored a crucial goal to give Sultry a 2-goal lead. At time cap, the score was 10 - 9 to Sultry but the point was still in play. This point lasted for at least 20 minutes, both teams throwing away scoring opportunities again and again. Eventually, Manly scores an almost impossible catch, a backwards layout. 10 all, game to 11. Sad to say the last point was not as tight and Manly took the victory on Golden Goal.

On Day 3, Sultry started with another high pressure game to keep in the hunt of the semis. We didn't put a disc wrong in this game against Phoenix and won convincingly to make it into the pre-semi games for another shot at the Top 4. It was Tumeke again that stood in our way, but this time they had obviously improved during the tournament and strangled our short game including our formidable Feld. We didn't feel so bad after all when Tumeke became the eventual champions. It was not meant to be in 2006 for Sultry and ended up playing another NZ team Oma Rapeti ("run rabbit") and Phoenix again, finishing 8th in the tournament.

This tournament was an awesome learning experience, proving to ourselves that we can perform in the big games against the best in the country. Some of our individual highlights that I can remember:

-Anna's catch at the back of the end zone, she kept her toes in, caught the high disc, fell flat on her front then muttered "I hate you Sandra".

-Joelle against Oma Rapeti, reading the end zone disc to perfection and chased it down so Sultry could claw their way back into the game.

-Our very last game against Pheonix, the pain in my knee meant I only played 2 points, but I managed to hobble deep for an easy score, and jog around in tiny circles as a popper, which broke the Phoenix cup because I was slow and in the way.

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The Shenanigans

A Nationals is never complete without off-field shenanigans that I will list in no particular order of embarrassment:

-No matter how much alcohol he drowned himself in at the party, Mr Denyer lived to regret the next day as Sublime warmed up on the field next to the women's team, the Honey Bees, all I'm saying is daylight was his worse enemy.

-Still with Mr Denyer, he invented his own version of karaoke at the back corner of a Bondi bar, in between nodding off and topping up his beer, whilst Joelle & Anna sang "Never Gonna Give You Up".

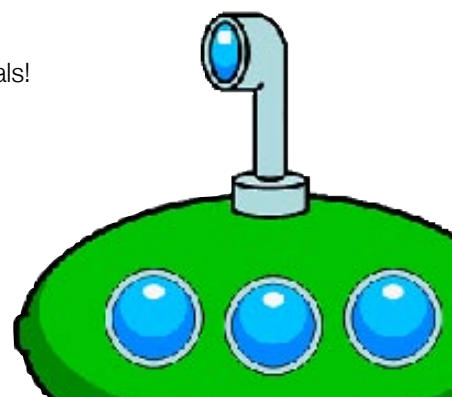
-Jerome proved to be a closet Australian Idol contestant on the dance floor with Bohemian Rhapsody.

-JD is the first ever President of the International Thumb-Wrestling Association, but Mel "Buddha" Barter disowned him for his MC Hammer dancing moves.

-Lenny will have to cook a lot more spag-bog for Joelle to forgive his drunken tantrums when dragging him out of the party.

-Three young men at a Bondi bar forgot the first rule of picking up, "Where there are 3 guys & 1 girl, failure is imminent."

See y'all at the next nationals!
Deb Ng



Club Reports

Murdoch

Murdoch Ultimate has been having a comparatively quiet year so far - having only just farewelled last year's memorable crew of imports and getting accustomed to the new crew. Not that it's been any less fun down on Monday night! The invitation is still open to anyone and everyone - Murdoch Uni Playing Fields / Monday / 6-8pm.

We have also managed to run into some bad luck here and there - our Beginners' Day in March, a supposedly cooler month, turned out to be a scorcher of nearly 40 degrees. Still a dedicated few came out and enjoyed a BBQ in the cool(er) of the afternoon.

Still, things roll on, we've got heaps of plans and exciting things happening 'down south' so keep your ears to the ground for the news. Among which is the impending 2nd annual Triple D! May 21st from 11am at the Murdoch Uni Playing Fields - WRITE THAT DOWN! It will be more fun than doing something constructive with your Sunday or some s**t.

Hutch

UWA

Having lost several experienced players over the last couple of years, rebuilding has been the theme of 2006 for the UWA Ultimate Club. That having said, due to the rapid rise of Tim Delane, Em, Sam and Andrew (I'm cut I didn't get most improved award) Wongette, the addition of the German Hippie (aka Marc) and the impending return of Katie Punch-Judd next semester - it looks like UWA will still be a force to be reckoned with at University Games (Western) this year.

Recruitment and development was the primary objective for the early part of 2006. It was good to see that we were able to increase the exposure of Ultimate at Oday, signing up 100odd people (I think we should acknowledge the high school program that has been run by Bakes, as many first years knew about Ultimate having been exposed to it at High School). As expected the bulk of our 100odd sign up was comprised of jittery caffeinated 17 year olds who had been going overboard on the free red bull (oddly enough most of them talked in a very similar manner as Chris) and did not translate in to 100 members for the club. However we have signed up 30 new members which augurs well for the future. So here's a quick recap of the activities/projects that UWA Ultimate Club has thrown itself into so far this year:

BEGINNERS DEVELOPMENT: New time of MONDAYS 4 - 6 has allowed the club to use UWA campus grounds. This has increased Ultimate's exposure and allowed the college students to come down and play.

Beginners Tournament: The club held it's first beginners tournament, which was a success apart from the following points:

- very very windy conditions on the day;
- the lack of a BBQ;
- everyone on the committee being hung over from Em's 21st the night before; and
- me being in a bad mood and having to pretend to be in a good mood.

FUNDRAISER: I've been told by Steany and Mel Thong that it's presumptuous of me to assume UWA are going to Unigames (I'm writing this before western unigames competition), but hey - would you expect anything less from me...

Anyways we're having our first fantastic fundraiser on FRIDAY 26th MAY @ THE DEEN, SPORTS STARS & CHEERLEADERS theme, tix are \$10 - it'll be an awesome night, JD will be wearing a skirt and a "G-banger" (quoting JD) so why wouldn't you want to come.

George Wong

Western Uni Regionals

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One of the most anticipated Western Uni Regionals ever has been and gone. To cut to the chase, UWA has once again walked away with the coveted metalwork, taking it over a Murdoch outfit that was outplayed to 11-6.

In what ended up being a playoff for 3rd and 4th Curtin beat ECU in the second to last game of the day to maintain the same order as 2005.

So in the end for all the trash talk (some originating from yours truly...) UWA has done it again. Congrats guys. Congrats also go to Murdoch who will join UWA in Adelaide for AUG 2006.

And of course, a huge thanks to everyone who turned up on the day to play, help or just watch!

Hutch



Steany gets stuck in....



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