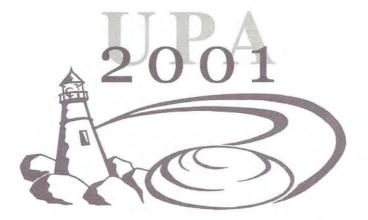
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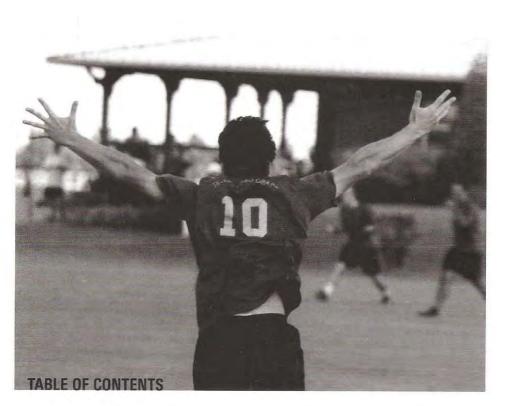


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## FROM THE UPA

Dear Players & Friends,

Welcome to the 32 teams who survived the intense qualifying process of the UPA College Championship Series and are now poised to compete in college ultimate's elite event! Welcome to all friends and family here to cheer them on. And hearty thanks to Tommy Proulx and the BUDA volunteers for what you see around you all weekend.

This showcase of athleticism is a testament to the dedication of players to their teams and to a sport which combines extreme competition with a unique form of respect. The pure joy of play is evident, as these athletes perform at the highest level of the college game in pursuit of the UPA championship title. Yet, the challenge is not only to run faster, jump higher, throw and catch better than any well-prepared opponent, but, even under the most challenging of circumstances, to do so with the grace and style of a true champion.

For the UPA staff, it is fun to finally put faces to names. After piles of rosters, questions and the myriad details which got us through 30 Sectional and 8 Regional Championships, we know many participants personally (including where you live, your phone numbers, email addresses, <grin>.

Now, it's undeniable that the administrative side can be seen as a burden for both those who set and enforce deadlines and those who have to meet them. But, it's becoming clearer each year that by working together on details, the overall quality of the UPA College Championships just keeps getting better.

We hope the experience of the UPA College Series is an excellent one and that in reality it has not been in spite of the hoops, but in large part because of them. The playing field is as level as ever and everyone here has passed the season's preliminary tests of skill, endurance, organization and desire.

It will be an exciting weekend to see who emerges as the 2001 UPA College Champions. Good luck to everyone - and regardless of the outcome, whether you're a participant, volunteer, or spectator, we hope your experience is great!

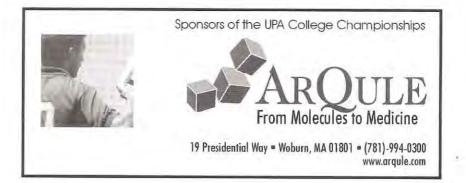
Joey Gray, UPA Executive Director Will Deaver, UPA Championship Director College Nationals in Boston. This is the first time in years--maybe ever-that the UPA College Championships have been held in a major city with a large established Ultimate community. I am excited by the possibilities afforded by this year's site, and I hope that 2001 Nationals will represent a permanent shift for college Ultimate to an exciting spectator sport.

I don't think many people who've seen it would argue that top-level Ultimate is one of the most exciting sports going. Those in the frisbee community have long known this, but tournaments have often had trouble drawing spectators from beyond the base of players and their families (the 2000 World Championships in Germany is a notable exception, as thousands of non-frisbee players from around Heilbronn paid to watch throughout the week of play). My hope is that this will change over the next few years, and that 2001 College Nationals will act as a catalyst.

A number of factors are converging at once: for the first time, the men and women are both using the XRules, which include on-field observers and are intended to speed up the game and make it more watchable--and having the tournament in Boston allows the UPA to draw from a large pool of experienced, high-quality observers. The finals are being held in the Tufts Football Stadium, which is more of a spectator venue than those of years past, and is conveniently located near a T stop. And most importantly, the players are getting better and more fun to watch every year.

I'm excited about this year's group of teams--the women's division seems deeper in quality than past years, and the men's division has achieved a level of parity that most leagues would kill for. There are going to be a lot of great games this weekend, and I'm glad that I'll get to watch a lot of them. But I'd be at the tournament if it were in the middle of a cow pasture in Wyoming--what makes this year's Nationals special is that for the first time, the more casual spectators are an important part of the equation. Let's hope this is an ongoing trend.

Lyn Debevoise UPA National College Director



## DIRECTIONS

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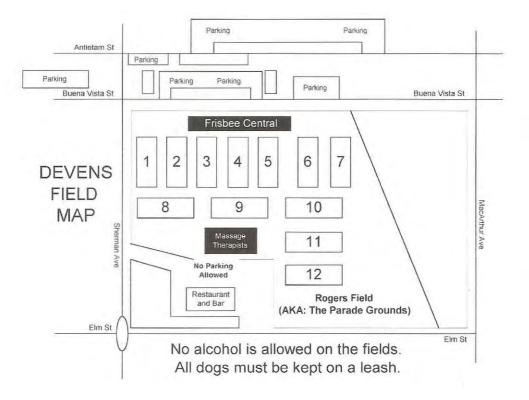
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FROM ROGERS FIELD HEAD DOWN SHERMAN ROAD WITH FIELDS ON RIGHT. AT STOP SIGN TURN RIGHT, AT NEXT STOP SIGN TURN LEFT TOWARDS VERBECK GATE. EXIT THRU GATE, TURN RIGHT ONTO WEST MAIN STREET. TRAVEL FOR ABOUT ONE MILE. GO PAST MOBIL STATION ON RIGHT. TAKE THIRD LEFT ONTO WASHINGTON STREET (LOOK FOR BLUE "H" HOSPITAL SIGN) BEAR LEFT ONTO OLD GROTON ROAD. HOSPITAL WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES DOWN.

## DIRECTIONS TO TUFTS UNIVERSITY

FROM DEVENS TAKE ROUTE 2 EAST FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES. SEE SIGNS FOR ROUTE 16 EAST/3 NORTH. GET IN LEFT LANE. CONTINUE ON RTE 16 EAST. LOOK FOR ENTERING SOMERVILLE SIGN. GO THRU 1 BLINKING LIGHT. AT NEXT LIGHT TURN RIGHT ONTO BROADWAY (FOODMASTER WILL BE JUST AFTER THE TURN) GO THRU 3 LIGHTS TO THE BLINKING LIGHT/STOP SIGN AT A ROTARY. ENTER THE ROTARY, AND TAKE THE 4TH EXIT ONTO COLLEGE AVE. STADIUM IS ON THE LEFT.

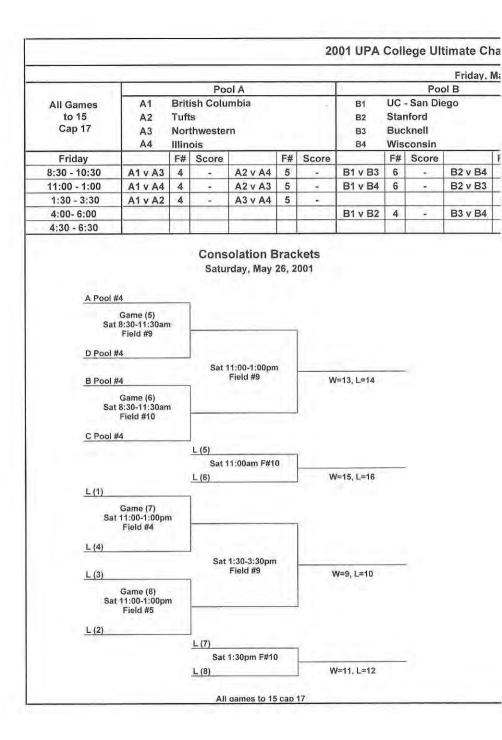
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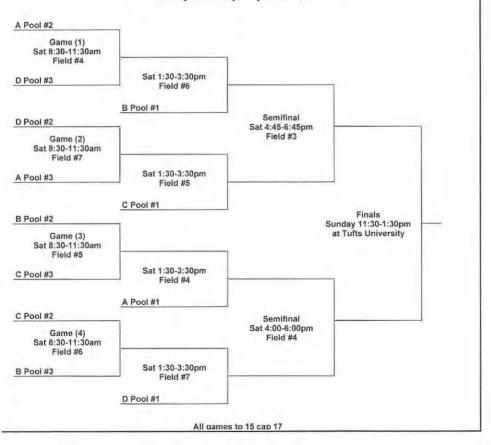
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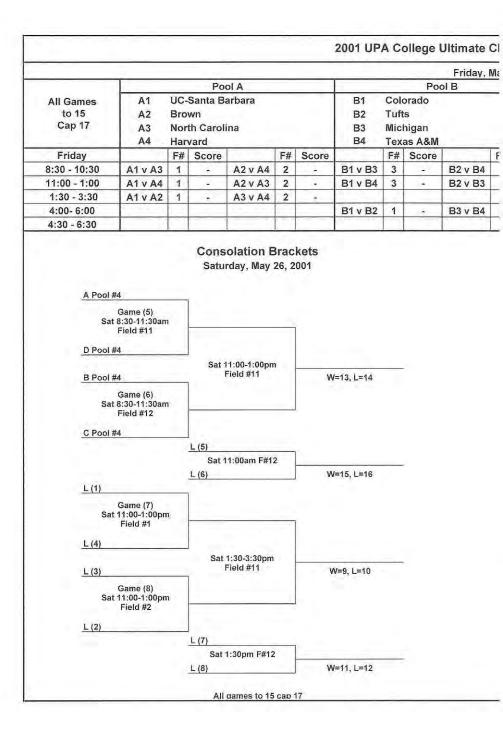


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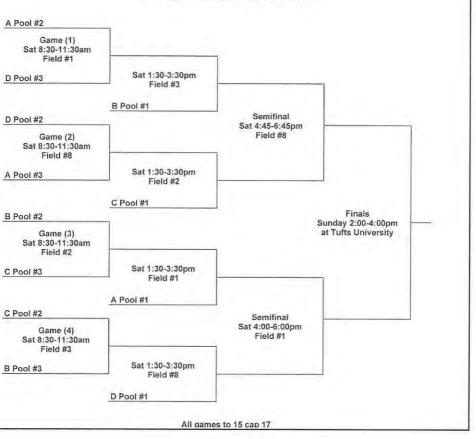




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## TEAM INFO

**UNC** - Wilmington Team Name: Seamen **Region: Atlantic Coast Coaches: Mike Gerics** Team Bio:

The UNCW Seamen have a proud tradition of success...5 Final Fours at Nationals in 6 years during the 90's... Plenty of Easterns Championships and Regional Championships along the way. We won a National Championship in '93 and became the only College Team to compete at the World Championships where we finished 18th in the WORLD! For the last two and a half years, we have struggled and have been a doormat for many of the teams we have faced. It has been our goal to get UNCW back to where it belongs...amongst the Nations's elite. We have refound our love for the game, for Seamen Ultimate and for the BATTLE. We battled thru a rough regular season that brought us coast to coast to compete against the best teams in the country. Despite many tough times, we came out strong for Sectionals and Regionals where we have been undefeated (11-0) in the College Series: 2000 Fall Collegiate Champs, 2001 Beasterns Champs, 2001 NC Sectionals Champs, 2001 AC Regionals Champs. No one is more surprised by our success this season than us. We are honored to be able to travel to the center of the Ultimate World, Boston, to do battle against the top College Programs in the Nation. We strive for athletic excellence and enjoy good hard physical Ultimate. We can do it ... and We invite you to swear allegiance to Seamen Ultimate. Team Roster.

3	Trey Snow (C)	Senior
4	Scott Parker	Sophomore
6	Daniel Quaranta (C)	Junior
7	Anthony Mourino	Grad Student
8	Mike Ferguson	Junior
10	Tim Whitney	Senior
12	Andy Tolhurst	Grad Student
13	Tim Wiegand	Senior
14	Chris Harder	Freshman
16	Brant Hinsel	Freshman
17	Rhett Russ	Senior
19	Victor Collins	Freshman
21	Farzad Kapadia	Sophomore

**Duke University** Team Name: Vertigo **Region: Atlantic Coast** Coaches: Perry Sugg Team Bio:

Duke Ultimate was spawned from the loins of NASA astronaut Alan Shephard (the original smearing miracle). As direct descendents of Frutz, Joe, Wu, Meet, BIC, Pat, Oli, Silbey, and even Bacote, we started following of Coach Perry Sugg (wise Ring veteran) while not graduating anybody for a year or two. In our first trip to nationals ever, Vertigo will seize the opportunity to hatch several diabolical plots. First, we will cease to be the Shane

Battier-like choirboys of North Carolina ultimate and play with toothpicks in our mouths and ostentatiousness in our swagger. Secondly, we will freeload in the hotel bathroom of every other team's Callahan candidate. Thirdly, we will utilize the Nail on all comers. Fourthly, we will watch Voltron, Carnosaur III: Primal Species, and Skinimax to properly psych ourselves up. Finally, we will duct tape all of your team's moves to a pole, rendering them soft and baby-like. You have no idea what all this means, except for plots one and 4c. However, it matters little, for there'll be Swiss Cake Rolls flowing freely because Klenk says it's ROWDY TIME and #55 Caner "Callahan" Cooperrider is so riwangulously clutch it hurts. Team Roster:

0	Sean Burt	Grad Student
3	Luke Voytas	Senior
4	Paul Klenk (C)	Senior
5	Dave Allen	Freshmen
9	Bhavin Parikh	Sophomore
10	Brice Crawford	Junior
11	Brian Conley	Sophomore
13	Sam Boyarsky	Senior
14	Keith Temple	Sophomore
17	David Logan	Sophomore
19	Ned Coker (C)	Senior
21	Craig Rubin	Sophomore
23	Gerald Chen	Sophomore
24	Tom Morrison	Junior
25	Dave Montgomery	Junior
27	Adam Silberstein (C)	Senior
29	Miah Wander	Freshmen
31	Mike Hiscock	Grad Student
34	Geoff Morrison	Junior
37	Mark Krazniewski	Sophomore
40	Paul Easton	Junior
55	Caner Cooperider	Senior
99	Jeremy Steinberg	Sophomore

University of North Carolina Team Name: Darkside Region: Atlantic Coast Coaches: Augie Kreivenas Team Bio:

In the beginning there was only the Steadysaurus and the Sassysaurus. In the fall, these two gathered all of the other Friendceratops atop the Great Hill. Among the elders of the group were the Tigersaurus, Cortasaurus, Oxteradon, and Genson ceratops. Making there third trip to the Hill were the wily Davodon and the Chuckasaurus. Second timers Gillasaurus, Chadceratops, DACodon and the Insaneasaurus returned in search of increased PT. A slew of youngsters joined the herd such as the Bakerdactyl, BlackRobasaurus, Josistasaurus, and from the North, the Lopeteradon. Transfers Andysaurus, Bruteceratops and the Samasaurus came from strange foreign places along with the ancient Setzersaurus. As winter approached, the wise old JBasaurus returned from his hiatus on Bruteceratops' couch. As winter turned to spring, Rayceratops journeyed back from the west and

Rhettceratops left his surrogate home with the so-called "ring" to rejoin his compatriots on the Hill. Now the group was complete and they could begin their journey northward. Their crusade was both arduous and filled with peril. Along the way, JBasaurus and Rhettceratops became little Hurtasauruses. Scores of Turnasauruses, Brickhandasauruses and one Drunkasaurus tried to keep them from their goal. Despite the mountains of adversity, the Friendceratops pressed forward. Just when it seemed they could go no further and that Frostilicus would finally defeat them, the great and menacing Augie Mammoth appeared and pushed them through the last leg of their epic journey. At long last, they had arrived in the Windy City. Now, all they had left to do was blow up shows, slang harder than Nell Carter, and leave the City of Brotherly Love as NationalChampionasauruses. Team Roster:

00	Steve Genson	Senior
1	Christian Setzer	Grad Student
3	Ray Parrish	Grad Student
4	John Pearson	Grad Student
7	Nadav Davidai	Junior
8	Chad Scarboro	Sophomore
10	Jonathan Brodhag	Senior
13	Baker Pratt	Freshman
14	Micah Ratner	Freshman
17	John Gill	Sophomore
19	Brian Carroll	Sophomore
20	Rhett Nichols (c)	Senior
21	Justin Oxman	Senior
22	Cort Carrillo	Senior
25	Steve Ridgill	Sophomore
31	Jeff Loperfido	Freshman
33	Rob May	Freshman
42	Andy Greenberg	Senior
47	Neal Brincefield	Junior
51	Sam Cone	Sophomore
56	Steve Hallmark (c)	Senior
66	Chris Corcoran	Senior
86	Chuck Summers	Junior

#### **Carleton College**

Team Name: CUT Region: Central Coaches: Team Bio:

"I'm the best ever. I'm the most brutal and vicious and most ruthless champion there's ever been. There's no one could stop me. Lennox is a conqueror? No, I'm Alexander. He's no Alexander. I'm the best ever. There's never been anybody as ruthless. I'm Sonny Liston, I'm Jack Dempsey. There's no one like me. I'm from their cloth. There's no one that can match me. My style is impetuous. My defense is impregnable. And I'm just ferocious. I want your heart. I want to eat his children. Praise be to Allah." --Mike Tyson Team Roster:

Alex Masulis	Sophomore
Greg Huntington	Freshman
Phil Burkhardt	Sophomore
	Greg Huntington

5	Alex Nord (C)
6	Chris Langston
7	Matt Dufort
8	John Litell
9	Brody Felchle
10	Ethan Dunham
11	Scott Christensen
13	Jay Plasman
14	Chase Sparling-Beckley
15	AJ Huang
17	Nick Reich
22	Dave Hunzicker
23	Jimmy Chu
27	Derek Gottlieb (C)
28	Matt Hahn
32	Garret Westlake
35	Sam O'Brien
44	Daisuke Fujisaki
46	Doug Cox
Aaron Sw	voboda (M)

Senior

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Junior Senior Senior

Freshman

Sophomore

University of Wisconsin Team Name: Hodags Region: Central Coaches: none Hodags Pre-game Meeting: Team Bio:

Opie: "Could you guys please show up on time?" Wolffy: "No worries. Look, it's a Rufous-sided Towhee. Chirp-chirp-chirp." Mark: "Does Wolffy always talk to birds that way?" Nate: "Does anyone want to see my junk?" Pete: "Possibly." Moore: "Me siento enfermo!" Gessert: "Guys I've got something to say. You can take the fight out of the dog, but you can't take the dog out of the fight...wait, it has to be your bull." Wei: "Uhhhhh..." Brvan: "Battier! Battier!" D'Amour: "Hi. My name is Matt. I am a freshman at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and I love it here." Andrew: <giggle> Matty: <giggle> Rob (to Tyler): "Throw it at my chest!" Tyler (to Rob): "Throw it really high and swilly in the air, like Bob!" Boh: "Dammit Kolstad!" Michael: "You know, the way we threw it at Rice which was really good, was ...' Lee: "Yeaaaaaaah, Rice sucks." Tyson: "What's wrong with Zach? Is he hurt again? He looked like he wanted to kill me." Zach: "Tyson! I am the ligament-spraindest player on the team." Pankratz: "I'll show you whose the ligament-spraindest! Man, do I ever miss my ACL." Ludden: "Guys, Bruss is coming back! I sh\*t you not." Hector: "He'll have to go through me for the intramural title." Bluhmer: "He needs to stay out in Portland 'cuz, well, I'm just savin'." Bert: "Bruss sucks."

University of Michigan Team Name: MagnUM **Region: Great Lakes** Coaches: Ricky Eikstadt and Mike "Reiks" Reiskind Team Bio: Did you seed us ninth? Well you should have, 'cause that's where we always finish.

Team Roster:

1	Nick Reeck	Sophomore
2	Craig Frankland	Freshman
3	Joe Bernard	Senior
4	Tim Murray (C)	Grad Student
5	Zac Kirk	Junior
6	Andy Niecman	Grad Student
9	??? "Rook" ???	Senior
12	Angus Mairs	Senior Cit.
13	Karl Koto	Grad Student
17	Mike Haley (C)	Senior
20	Andrew Brix	Sophomore
21	Dave Scott	Sophomore
22	Nick Eidietis	Senior
23	Sean Halladay	Sophomore
24	Dan Everson	Sophomore
28	Dave Pohl	Junior
30	Dave Gagnon	Sophomore
55	Jett Johnson	Junior
77	Max Puchtel	Sophomore

**Ohio State University** Team Name: Leadbelly Region: Great Lakes Coaches: Ryan Leard, Paul Devine LEADBELLY 2001: "THE HEARTS AND LIVERS TOUR"

Team Bio:

Fall: Storied producer Paul Devine, ex-frontman turned top-notch manager Ryan Leard, and veteran roadie Revelry Assiram join forces and Leadbelly's glimmers of stardom become "More Than a Feeling".

Wilmington: Shared stage with national acts for first time. Held their own.

Returned to studio for winter to refine sound and develop chemistry on stage. Other local acts take notice. Mardi Gras: Saturday's set moves band to top of charts for first time going into Sunday. Rough night and 2nd round match-up versus respected regional talent Fist of Adonis ends Baton Rouge stand.

Atlanta: Following lackluster Saturday set, Belly atoned for their performance with a triple encore on Sunday to end the week atop the 'B' pool charts. The hotel room suffered tremendous damages-the likes of which haven't been seen since the days of Led Zeppelin and the Who.

Savannah: Riding high on their recent success, Leadbelly stormed into Ed Pulkinen's TUSK venue for a week-long festival that damn near ended their tour-let alone their lives. It was then that the "hearts and livers" training regiment was instituted. 4 days of 5-hour sets with the disc and 18 hours with Spanky's beer bong confirmed this band's staying power as heirs to the proclivities of Keith **Richards** 

South Bend: Successful show + Successful party = Pig's

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Oberlin: Leadbelly's rock and roll lifestyle once again catches up with them. Sunday set ended early by seasoned national act Papal Rage

Sectionals: Return to roots in Athens, Ohio and don't disappoint.

Regionals: Homecoming show sees Leadbelly share bill with supergroup MagnUM. Leadbelly lives up to self-proclaimed title: "The biggest bunch of drunken jackasses ever to accomplish anything".

Remaining Tour Dates: Boston, May 25, 26, 27 "It's time for another Tea Party!"

Team Roster:

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4	Kenneth Weinberg			
5	Jeff Kula (C)			
9	Brian Ralston			
10	Mike Groeber			
11	Brent Reeb			
12	Jeff Servaites			
15	Matt Fancher			
16	Kevin Ralston			
19	Glenn Goetchius			
20	John Gensel			
22	Jonathan Ream			
23	Kevin Reichert			
31	Chris Spittal			
39	Sean Fuller			
40	Matthew Ryan			
45	Gavin Richards			
50	Mark Brenner			
53	Mike Boeckl (C)			
1600	Kevin Ryan			

Senior Grad Student Sophomore Grad Student Junior Senior Junior Senior Grad Student Sophomore Senior Sophomore Sophomore Sophomore Grad Student Senior Senior Sophomore

Sophomore

**Cornell University** Team Name: Buds Region: Metro East Coaches: none Team Bio:

Its time for some remember when's:

Do you remember when all 26 players made it to practice. (I don't either)? Do you remember the mass beating at PV followed by the shattering of Dar Williams CDs and urination? The victory at yale Cup? The day we ran hills on the ice in the plantations? The day SideShow and Todd puked in the trash can after sticking it out in the intervals? Do you remember when Todd stole the giraffe? Dr. Worm, Its. Raining Men, Happiness Pie and other Jim favorites? Do you remember when Peter was fat? The musty smell of Barton? Moshe? Beachruns? Our unconditional Love for Tufts? Fishbowl? Mongos?

Churchmouse's first nyyyt! in the Yale game? B ... J ... T? Bear Lodge Perfield's ride to Buffalo? Paulie's skies, the Femblock, the Stalldo Heng-Scheng's catches, Choade's marks and Berry's defense? Crooke's Augusta unveiling? The Closer? The Sweet Caroline Dinner Shuttle? The State Capital game? Gavin and Hy? The Yale Tests? Nick Blows! W.V.

Crooke? The Trifecto? Nash's nude email checks? Spring Break footage complete with Gunther, shaving cream and cameos of Steven Nash? The savage team at C.I.? DUI Mighty Mouse? Chris Long, Rob Way, Seth Canetti,

Daniel Shen, Craig Johnson? The Sunday of Terminus? Beach cuthroat? Any comptetion at regionals? ITS RAINING MEN IN BOSTON AND YOU KNOW PETER AND CO. WILL BE THEREI!!!! Rock 'em Buds

Team Roster:

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00	Rob Way	Freshman
1	Todd Gregorian	Senior
2	Peter Edgerton (C)	Senior
3	Nick Lange	Junior
4	Scott Alter	Senior
6	Dan Chirlin	Junior
8	Nate Eisinger (C)	Senior
9	Andrew Berry	Freshman
11	Ryan Miller	Junior
12	Andrew Crooke	Senior
13	Tom Lento	Grad Student
15	Heng-Scheng Chuang	Sophomore
16	Matt Schmucker (C)	Senior
17	Brendon Ricart	Freshman
21	Steve Kang	Sophomore
22	Danny Shen	Freshman
24	Seth Canetti	Freshman
27	Chris Long	Freshman
28	Jim Perfield	Grad Student
60	Russ Woodroofe	Grad Student
75	Paul Batten	Sophomore
	Craig Johnson	Freshman
	Mike Nash	Sophomore

University of Pennsylvania Team Name: Void Region: Metro East Coaches: none Team Bio:

In 1972 a crack commando unit was sent to prison for a crime they didn't commit. These men promptly escaped from a maximum security stockade to the Los Angeles underground. Today, still wanted by the government, they survive as soldiers of fortune. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find them, maybe you can hire the A team. Team Roster:

01 Adrain Pasricha Senior 3 Dan "Dildo" Cavanaugh Junior 4 Rob "Fabio" Olson Grad Student Jared "Lurpy" Inselmann 11 Sophomore 13 John "Fresh" Gamero Junior 14 Brian "Quiz" Belkin Sophomore 22 Alex Eifler Freshman 25 **Dugan Lawrence** Sophomore 30 Jim "Punner" Morrison Senior Mike "Logan" Miller 46 Freshman 47 Jordan "Meju" Schwartz Senior 51 Jon "Night Train" Kromm Senior 76 Bob "Sanchez" Barsotti Junior 81 Alan "Nut-Nut" Rotenburg Sophomore

**Tufts University** Team Name: E-Men **Region: New England** Coaches: Jeff Brown Team Bio:

This year, the Tufts E-Men have been like those new corduroy pillows... making headlines. Our spring tournaments have taken us to Philadelphia, Atlanta, Willmington, and New Haven. Tufts won the Metro-Boston section for the third straight year and won the New England region for the first time ever. We are happy to be returning to nationals for the second year in a row and hope to represent Boston in Boston. Someone once said that the first collegiate nationals was held at Tufts in 1984. They were right.

Special thanks to coach Jeff "Dick" Brown for being a super-duper genius.

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Josh Weisstuch
Jeremy Gray
Mike Zalisk (C)
Matt Marion
Chris Skumin
Dave Rosenberg
lan Schneider
Dan Forseter
Simon Kates
Jon Willner
Dylan McPhetres
Neil Pallaver
Ariel Santos
Eric Hersh
Mike Bright (C)
Josh Murphy
Matt Abbrecht
Craig Remillard

Junior Senior Senior Senior Sophomore Senior Sophomore Junior Senior (5th yr) Junior Freshman Senior Junior Senior Freshman Junior

Sophomore

Senior

#### **Brown University**

Team Name: Brownian Motion Region: New England Coaches: Nathan Wicks Team Roster:

1	Kyle Weisbrod	Jur
3	Derek McKee	Jur
5	Scott Doniger	Sen
7	Moses Rifkin	Sen
8	Matthew Johnson	Jur
9	Theo Luebke	Ser
11	Jeremy Schwartz	Jur
13	James Harris	Gra
14	Jesse Myers	Sen
16	Michael Franz	Jun
21	Kevin Loo	Sop
22	Josh Nugent	Sop
25	Alex Korb	Jur
28	Brett Hemenway	Sop
42	Jon Jay	Fre
44	CJ Karwowski-Hoppel	Fre
58	Ross Loomis	Fre
71	William Arnold	Fre
81	Harper Alexander	Jun

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Harvard University Team Name: The Red Line Region: New England Coaches: none Team Bio:

"I Want Your Soul... I Will Eat Your Soul!!!" --- thus goes the chant.

Aside from eating souls for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the Harvard Red Line also is prone to worshipping certain animal figurines, competing on the world Four-Square circuit, advocating kickball as the morally proper replacement for Ultimate, andgenerally having a hell of a good time (read: "woooaaahhhh!!").

And in the rare instances when the Cambridge weather gods prohibit Rain from fulfilling its Nature, the trolls of the Harvard Red Line stay glued to their studies (some preferring studies in the vein of "Wizardry of the World & You"; others preferring studies in the vein of "How to Get Humans to Do What You Want: A Theoretical Approach").

Team Roster:

12	Tyler Harris	Senior
38	Tom Wieand	Grad Student
8	Justin Skinner	Senior
19	Dave Kallin (C)	Senior
22	Kendrick Kay	Junior
2	Andrew Fleming	Junior
36	Edward Lee	Grad Student
9	Carlos Brain	Grad Student
5	Ken Weinstein	Sophomore
27	Chris Kanakry	Sophomore
17	Will O'Brien	Junior
1	Sam Stake	Sophomore
83	Pat Dolan	Sophomore
16	Adam Ross (C)	Junior
13	Toby Berkman	Junior
55	John Seitz	Grad Student
24	Jeff Listfield	Junior
14	Daniel Ratner	Junior
23	Piotr Dollar	Junior
07	Shankar Desai	Junior
42	Noah Snyder	Junior

University of Oregon Team Name: EGO Region: Northwest Coaches: Mitch Power Team Bio:

Founded in 1981 by Henry Callahan himself, Oregon Ultimate has a long tradition of quality, spirited Ultimate. As a top contender for many years, the Ducks reached their highest goals in 1992, winning a College National Championship. Several rebuilding years followed that glorious achievement, and it wasn't until the campaigns of '99 and 2000 that the Ducks again reclaimed a spot in the Top 20. Ranked as high as #6 in 2000, the New Ducks were rapidly improving with an aggressive, scrambling defense and a wide-open, fast breaking offense. This carried the team to a berth in the semis at Regionals, where they were disappointed by failing to make Nationals. Retaining a solid core and several rising stars, Oregon Ultimate approached the 2001 season with the highest goals. Rejuvenated under the new moniker EGO", this brash, exciting mix of cagey veterans and enthusiastic young athletes fared well in major tournaments, reaching the semi's at San Diego and the Finals at Easterns. Most recently the EGO finished as Regional Champions, a feat not accomplished since 1992, by beating national power Stanford. Captains Josh Greenough and Benjamin Wiggins lead a hungry team to Boston this year. Eager to display both their radical brand of attacking Ultimate and a commitment to the true Spirit of the Game, the EGO heads East to mix it up with the best. Can Oregon continue this rise to the top? Will the dream become reality? Either way, it is going to be an exciting, hard fought and well-spirited adventure in other words - it's orEGOn ulTIMatE!

#### Team Roster:

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00	Michael Freels	S
1	Ben Wiggins (C)	J
2	Adam Schmidt	F
3	Matt Guy	S
1 2 3 5	Markus Brown	J
6	William Cooper	S
7	John King	J
8	Bryce Elder	J
9	Eric Guth	J
10	Ryan DeAustin	S
12	Doug Mckenzie	S
13	Tyson Gillard	(F)
14	Peter Goss	G
22	Patrick Holland	S
24	Christian Martin	S
27	Ross Ward	S
35	Joe Kleffner	S
42	Christopher Thorn	S
49	Sean Peterson	S
66	Justin Valasek	S
69	Michael Harris	G
88	Dylan Darling	S
99	Joshua Greenough (C)	S

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#### Texas A&M Team Name: Aggies Region: South Coaches: none Team Bio:

A & M Ultimate & UPA College Nationals are pretty much synonymous, they go together like peaches & cream. Oh yes, A & M Ultimate is steeped in tradition: having seven to ten guys at practice, getting drunk and high Saturday night and not worrying about Sunday's games, always finishing last in their pool play Saturday, fighting and so on and so forth. Well, a transformation has occurred in the past couple years. People out at practice, no fighting, having a good time playing Ultimate, strong showings at tournaments, a complete 180 if you will. The word around the campfire this year, well there really is no word, but if there was this is how it'd go: So A & M made it to Nationals, qualified number one out of their region, wait a minute, record wise theirs is third best, and they have two different people nominated for the Callahan (no idea how that happened by the way), their worst finish in a tournament this year was third, damn they must have a hot ass team. Watch out for them at Nationals Oh wait a second, they are the team that qualified out of the South, and 85% of them are freshmen and sophomores, and its their first time ever at Nationals, and they haven't played any other team that qualified. Holy shit, they are going to get their asses WHODPed. Double edged swords can be a bitch!!! Bring On Boston.

#### Team Roster:

01	Chris Colunga	Freshman
2	John Herrington	Freshman
03	Mark Davies	Sophomore
4	Max Cook	Sophomore
5	Amos Hodge	Sophomore
6	Dan Di Camillo	(C)Senior
7	Ben Solomon	Senior
9	David Johnson	Freshman
10	Brian Hargraves	Junior
11	Ryan Thompson	Sophomore
14	Shawn Fitch	Freshman
20	Brent Holland	Freshman
21	Todd Alsup	Freshman
22	Scott McClellend	Freshman
26	Tim Siefert	Junior
81	Charlie Stavlo	Sophomore

UC - Santa Barbara Team Name: Black Tide Region: Southwest Coaches: Team Bio:

#### Team Roster:

Ernesto Aubin Nate Bouxsian Eric Boyd Mike Brown Kevin Buchanan Taylor Cascino Whitney Clarke Nathan Craig Dave Evans **Nick Fiske** Jerry Flanagan Israel Green-Hopkins **Justin Hanan** Jon Hester **Dwight Hines Jamie Houssian** Matt Jelmini Brandon McKulla Luc Mehl lan Ranahan

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Sophomore

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University of Colorado - Boulder Team Name: Mamabird Region: Southwest Coaches: Justin Shacklette Team Bio:

A few heart felt words of inspiration from your friends on Mamabird:

Enjoy every moment of Nationals. Always respect your opponent, Trust your teammates. Action speaks louder than words. Defense-out of your head. Offense-in your head. Drink water. Exert maximum Effort, every point, every game, all tourney long.

Good luck to everyone in 2001. Team Roster:

2	Colin "JV" Gottlieb	Freshman
3	Eric "Turtle" Albright	Grad Student
4	Brent "BZ" Zionic	
	Contraction and the other	Grad Student
5	Ben "Rook Dawg" Bronson	Senior
6	Keith "Skeletor" Borsheim	Senior
7	Mike "Foolio" Rafoul	Senior
9	Steve "El Capon" Rouisse (C)	Senior
11	Erich "Polly" Heydweiller	Grad Student
13	Gabe Hamilton	Senior
14	Jeff "Notorious J.E.F." Gonder	Senior
16	Josh "Richter" Ackley	Sophomore
17	Mickey "Mad Dog" Madzinski	Freshman
19	Brian "Wooley" Reichenberger	Grad Student
20	Brian "Butta" Bogle	Senior
22	Timmy "Keifer" Paymaster	Senior
26	Jack "Link" Fahden	Junior
33	Matt "MC" McQuaid	Junior
37	Josh "He-Man" Hemann	Senior
38	Nate "Tater" Miller (C)	Senior
51	Mark "Manimal" Driver	Grad Student

## womens

UNC - Wilmington Team Name: Seaweed Region: Atlantic Coast Coaches: Andrew Zeldin, Pete Schuman Team Bio;

Seaweed began in 1989. Since then the team has won numerous sectional and regional championships and two national titles. If you ask the coaches, tans, teachers, even the moms and dads how they have formed this legacy, the answer may be through hard work, determination, and skill. If you ask the Seaweed the answer will be that it's a tradition...a tradition of all those things. Seaweed isn't just of the present, it is of the past and the future. We will always represent the Seaweed who played before

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us and the Seaweed that will come after we have gone.

This year's team is especially hungry after their loss in last year's championship game. Seaweed returns 11 players from last year and has added 3 strong rookies. Head coach Andrew Zeldin will be making his final appearance with the Seaweed. His impact on the team and the players has been immeasurable. Coach Pete Schuhmann joined the Seaweed this season. The team would like to thank both coaches for their sacrifice, and would also like to thank all of their fans for their dedication.

Every member of the Seaweed family offers a unique characteristic to the

team: Andrew Zeldin and Pete Schuman (guidance and leadership), Leah Rehill (strength), Kathryn Brock (composure), Taresa Krebs (intensity), Nikki Miani (heart), Melanie Bossert (speed), Cara Morgridge (fire), Kristen Collins (grace), Carrie Link (soul), Brooke Johnson (faith), Caroline Cutler (agility). Jenn McMurtrie (pride), Meg Henson (flexibility), Katie Wood (confidence), Britt Butcher (voice), Jeanna Crocker (determination), Amber Dees (estes juevos)

## Team Roster:

Senior Senior Freshman Junior Freshman Sophomore Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Junior Senior Junior Senior Junior Senior

Freshman

University of Georgia Team Name: Ho Dawgs Region: Atlantic Coast Coaches: Jami Cashin Team Bio:

We are luscious, pugnacious, tenacious, and bodacious; We got the tallest, fastest, hottest, coolest, oldest, most ubiquitous rookies around;

Our Asians are so huge they are a continent by themselves;

Our quantity of blonde hair, fire crotch, and southern accents is unprecedented;

We put good grammar and bad spelling into incredibly inspirational emails;

We smell funny and talk dirty; We are beautiful, beastly, large and in charge;

We firmly believe that might makes right (and we are always right);

We are hot to trot, ready to rock and can win the party

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We value discs, lay-out D's, and invisible bathrooms; We like jelly beans, scoobers, maelstrom dogs with strange names, Old Navy, Continental breaktast, butterflies, balding men, nicknames and long walks on the beach;

We want our men to be as manly as we, and we realize Crawford's penis is a good reason to win Nationals; We've got vision, ambition and damin good field sense; We have heart, spirit, love, and really great bodies; We are huckers, sprinters, handlers and defenders; We are believers, dreamers, players and contenders; We are WOMAN, We are ULTIMATE, We are HO DAWGS. Nice pull, Anita. Team Boster:

Julia Echterholf	Junior
Katharine Kidd-Shippe	y (C) Grad Student
Karen Franci	Grad Student
Brandi Littlejohn	Sophomore.
Lynne Gallitz	Vet School
Julia Richards	Junior
Leslie Hooper	Sophomore
Maureen Abbott	Freshman
Cathy Lee	Junior
Caroline Duffie	Junior
Mary Ellen Hunt	Sophomore
Julia Corr	Freshman
Jessica Metcalf	Senior
Amanda Strout	Senior
Julia Fisher	Law School
Lauren Rapp	Freshman
Elizabeth Abston	Sophomore
Anna Thomas	Junior
Lauren Odom	Junior
Jessica Ogburn	Senior
Ashton Nalley	Junior
Evelyn Ogburn (C)	Senior
Amy Salley	Junior
Angela Lin	Grad Student

Carleton College

Team Name: Syzygy Region: Central Coaches: Thomas Sebby Team Bio:

Syzygy debuted at Nationals in 1989, with the same enthusiasm and heart that carries the team today. Fort the past three years, Syzygy has competed in the final game at Nationals, and we were ultimately rewarded with a hard-earned title last year. This year, snow, rain, flooding and general meteorological mayhem has kept us inside longer than the somewhat sunny years past, but with talented rookies and wily veterans, the team will continue the tradition of working hard towards our collective goal. We are indebted to our foremothers, as each year the foundation Syzygy lies in the support, knowledge and inspiration of our alums - many of whom will be on the sidelines this weekend! And we owe our hearts to a magical teacher who inspired us to love the game as well as each other above anything else.

What's Syzygy, you might like to know,

Three heavenly bodies all in a row. We got the bodies, we got the flow, So come on Syzygy, let's go! Let's line those bodies up - one, two, three. We got hucking "O", we got diving "D." We're going to launch that disc astronomically, So everyone knows we're Syzygy! Team Roster:

00	Alison Turnbull	Junior
2	Julia Gardner	Senior
3	Kate Ihle	Senior
4 5	Schuyler Charf	Sophomore
5	Kate Kingery	Senior
6	Alison Ede	Junior
7	Sarah Weeks	Junior
8	Anne Sawyer	Senior
9	Bekah Sexton	Junior
10	Lesley Greer	Freshman
11	Anna Coldham	Senior
12	Amanda Mabbitt	Sophomore
13	Kim Brewer	Junior
15	Jill Bingham	Freshman
16	Sara Decherd	Senior
17	Jinny Eun	Sophomore
19	Hilary Gittings	Junior
22	Ann Barry	Freshman
23	Lisa Kanner	Freshman
25	Miranda Roth	Freshman
44	Maria Grigoryeva	Freshman

University of Wisconsin - Madison Team Name: Belladonna **Region: Central** Coaches: Jennifer Whitfield Team Bio

At once a beautiful woman and a deadly poison, Belladonna signifies everything a Wisconsin Ultimate player is: bedazzling in her sequined skirt and dangerous with her scrappy heads up play. And true to their UW Madison roots, these Belladonnas are ready to party at the drop of a disc. Toughened by the Astroturf on which they are forced to practice during the harsh Wisconsin winters, the ladies of Belladonna find no ground too hard for "going ho-zo". Not even leaky gas tanks can keep these women from their Krispie Kremes or the meccas of Mardi Gras and Terminus. Recent accomplishments include getting enough people at practice to scrimmage 5-on-5, deciding on a team name and cooking spaghetti al dente. Beware the Belladonna! Team Roster:

3	Sarah Strozinski (C)	Senior
4	Jane Benzschawel	Freshman
8	Alice Chen	Sophamore
11	Carolyn Franz (C)	Junior
12	Rachel Veltman	Grad Student
16	Caroline Pesa	Junior
17	Jessica Hjelsand	1st yr Law
19	Kendra Frederick	Senior
21	Jennifer Tran	Sophomore
22	Jamie Anderson (C)	Juniar

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Northwestern University Team Name: Gung-Ho **Region: Great Lakes** Coaches: Nancy Glass, Alison Hramiec, Ruth Loveless Team Bio:

This team must be the youngest one at Nationals this year! Our most experienced players are two Juniors, because our team has only been in existence for three years! Two years ago, we didn't win a single game all season (our first year) - not even qualifying for Regionals. But now, we've gotten our rookie jitters out of the way and are starting to build a healthy ultimate program in Chicago. With a lot of help from club players in Chicago. we're going to bring strength to the Midwest!! Team Roster:

Beth Lopour	Sophomore
Courtney Bethem (C)	Senior
Adele Mischel	Freshman
Meriden D'Arcy	Freshman
Tamara Teslovich	Freshman
Shelly Peyton (C)	Junior
Christine Cheng	Freshman
Kath Batcliff	Junior
Jess Hung	Freshman
Tina Byun	Sophomore
Jen Aronoff	Freshman
Katie Pasicznyk	Sophomore
Melinda Kutzing	Freshman
Tricia Huie	Freshman
Rachel Siegel	Senior
Nancy Ketsche	Junior

University of Illinois Team Name: Rogue Region: Great Lakes Coaches: Bill Branson, Stacy Fifer Team Bio

I llinois women know how to play L ayouts, defense, we score all day. L ots of hand blocks, and sweet hucks I ntense defense brings us good luck. N ever giving up, we play as a team O ur cup's so tight it'll make you scream. I n the corn fields we all are from S ing Madonna or Jackson while we shake our bums. U Itimate is our game of choice L aughing and drinking, you'll hear our voice T his is lame, we wrote it- we know I ts almost two o'clock we need to go. M aybe next year we'll spend more time A t trying to make this damn thing rhyme. T eam Illinois, to Boston we go E limating the others, it's our time to flow. Team Roster:

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Cynthia Colon-Rivera

Grad Student

1	Lisa Lammert (C)	Senior
3	Mary Collins	Freshman
4	Kat Klohn	Freshman
5	Christin Quarry	Junior
6	Rita Ohler	Senior
7	Lorra Gillan	Senior
8	Emily Cyr (C)	Senior
9	Anitra White	Junior
10	AJ Bowman	Freshman
11	Sara Hartweck	Sophomore
12	Tracy Kessner	Sophomore
14	Britt Caldwell	Freshman
15	Melissa Witmer	Grad Student
16	Nele Gheldof	Grad Student
18	Marita Espinosa	Junior
20	Katie Banks	Freshman
22	Heather Sattler (C)	Senior
24	Danielle Parkhurst	Junior
33	Lindsey Sultan	Senior
42	Miriam Szatrowski	Grad Student

Swarthmore College Team Name: Warmothers Region: Metro East Coaches: Team Bio

The Warmothers

14 women, 18-22 years, wearing visors and/or high socks, with dirty bellies and atrocious tan lines.

Likes: scandalously tight cups, deep hucks, and unsuspecting vanfuls of CUT men.

Dislikes: cheap beer, German school-boys, and unsuspecting vanfuls of random women.

In Search Df: (in descending order of importance) the party, the party, and Nationals glory.

Team Roster:

2	Anna Stratton	Freshman
3	Sierra Curtis-McLane	Junior
6	Joanne Gaskell	Sophomore
7	Lindsay Goldsmith (C)	Senior
8	Jenny Hoedeman (C)	Senior
10	Alison Landrey	Freshman
12	Sara "KC" Kates Chinoy	Junior
13	Carolynn "KK" Laurenza	Sophomore
17	Julia Trippel	Senior
19	Sanya Carley	Sophomore
21	Alyssa Bell	Sophomore
27	Ilana Luft	Sophomore
37	Sarah "Stan" Stanton	Sophomore
55	Marah Gotcsik	Junior

**Bucknell University** Team Name: Peace Frogs **Region: Metro East** Coaches: Team Bio

This team loves to lay, both on and off the field. These funky ladies spread Ultimate spirit everywhere they go. With a group of vets who got hooked on Ultimate years ago and useless (if useless means super-cool) freshman, the Bucknell women are a happier than ever to be hanging out together and playing Ultimate. The Frogs are proud to be qualifying for Nationals for the second year in a row, but topping our list of greatest achievements is the development of super-spirited relationships with all the teams we play during the season. We're also pretty proud of our record number of hook-ups with our men's team, the Mudsharks. We love Mud! (double meaning!) The Frogs always make partying a priority and have consistently been a contender (a force to be reckoned with, if you will) for winning any party we attend. We cannot take all the credit for our accomplishments because we would be nothing without our daddy, Daryl, his bottle of Superflow, and his happy sperm. Daryl is a constant presence on our sideline riding "the frog" (double meaning!) GET ON UP!!

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Freshman

Team Roster:

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7	Lindsey Warfel
8	Katy Cagle
11	Sara Gifford
12	Betsy Anderson
12	Rachel Lockwood
15	Debra Lowry
21	Kate McDevitt
22	Kelly Reiners (C)
24	Monique LeBlanc
35	Melanie Novak
69	Kathy Kennedy (C)
420	Julie Gabrielli

**Brown University** Team Name: Disco Inferno **Region: New England** Coaches: Lori Parham Team Roster:

2	Courtney Wilson	Freshman
3	Pauline Lauterbach (C)	Junior
9	Emily Bubbers	Sophomore
10	Sarah Cook (C)	Senior
11	Meera Shah	Junior
12	Jessica Guffey	Junior
15/51	Adelaide Egan	Senior
17	Alexa Engelman	Sophomore
20	Kate Leslie	Senior
22	Rachel Weston	Sophomore
24	*Peri Kurshan	Senior
25	Jamie Olson	Junior
39	Sarah Ross-Viles	Junior
45	Julia Cline	Junior
49	Jennifer Kim	Freshman
77	Danielle Schwartz	Junior
99	Julie Falender	Sophomore

**Tufts University** Team Name: EWo **Region: New England Coaches: Paul Sackley** Team Roster:

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2	Lauren Bael	Sophomore
3	Neva Cherniavsky	Senior
5	Britton Goodale	Freshman
7	Taliser Avery	Junior
8	Jennifer Hsieh	Senior
9	Allison Mixter	Junior
10	Laura Boudreau	Freshman
12	Meena Jagannath	Sophomore
13	Johanna Neumann	Senior
14	Sandra Pizarro	Sophomore
16	Rebecca Adler	Freshman
21	Annemarie Braun	Sophomore
23	Sally Mimms	Senior
24	Sarah Klevan	Sophomore
26	Alexis Rebane	Senior
28	Meghan Woo	Senior
29	Emily Briggs	Senior
32	Nina Rao	Freshman
34	Gabrielle Eklund	Freshman
35	Soren Burns	Sophomore
36	Christine Vicary	Sophomore
42	Elizabeth Korb	Junior
69	Kate Bloom	Senior
81	Susan Wu	Senior
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#### MIT

Team Name: D@MIT **Region: New England** Coaches: Team Bio: Team Roster:

**Cordy Crockett Chrissy Dobson** Kathy Dobson Lori Eich Mina Hsiang Pei-lin Hsiung **Crystal Hsu** Christy Keenan Heather Mcewen April Rasala Kathleen Rubritz Aimee Smith Nancy Sun Mira Wilczek Alison Wong Jennifer Yu Chun hua Zheng

Grad Student Sophomore Sophomore Sophomore Sophomore Grad Student Senior Sophomore Freshman Grad Student Freshman Grad Student Freshman Sophomore Sophomore Junior Senior

University of British Columbia Team Name: Thunderbirds **Region: Northwest** Coach: Jonathan Wooldridge Trainer: Kristin Campbell Team Bio:

Since the UBC Women's Ultimate Team has existed, we have qualified for UPA College Nationals every-other year. To train for this College season, we practiced pretty much every-other day except Saturday. It seemed that during every-other one of these practices, we played in the pouring rain - which may be why we don't really mind if it is raining at a tournament. Almost every-other girl on the

team is a handler, the rest run the field as mids or longs. Our handlers tend to make every-other throw a huck, while

our deeps try to make ever-other cut a strike into the end zone. We don't say 'eh' every-other word but we all have maple leafs on our passports - other than this small but significant detail we are pretty much like every-other team in Boston: we all love this crazy game! Team Roster:

00	Sarah Mukai	
1	Melissa Harder	
3	Karen Vickers	
5	Meena Sran	
7	Valerie Dion	
9	Kirsten Jorgensen	
10	Wiljo Captein (C)	
11	Amy Waterhouse	
14	Sasha Kontic	
15	Hilary Dunn	
19	Wendy Slig!	
22	Lindsay Symonds	
25	Elizabeth Job	
33	Megan Atkinson	
70	Megan Sewell	
77	Lara Mussell (C)	
88	Kate Milhausen	

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Stanford University Team Name: Superfly **Region: Northwest** 

**Coaches: Jennifer Donnelly** Team Bio:

It's 2001 - the dawn of a new era. Women's college ultimate has blown up like a mushroom cloud, and Superfly's keeping pace. Seventeen hard-working girls with JD Donnelly at the helm, joined this year by legendary Superflygirl Dom 'the Bomb' Fontenette, we're the only team this year to beat number-one seed UBC and we're ready to take on anyone.

This year's Superfly is the absolute perfect blend of experienced players and new, raw talent ... Let's begin with the nine veterans, Captains Delia Chiu, Robin Knowler and Erin Percival lead by example, and what they've lead to is a third-place national ranking and a trip to Boston. All three, along with last year's captains, grad students Karen Hyun and Camille Yu, were on the championship team in 1999. This is the diamond-solid core of Superfly. Delia and Karen are two-time Nationals winners, and Camille's been a Fly since the first win of the threepeat. These girls know what it means to be champions.

Joining this battle-ready fivesome are four second-year players: Shannon Miller, the silent killer. Jamie Nuwer, the cowgirl with a flick so quick and deadly, partner, she needs to blow the smoke off her fingers when she's done. Hanna Kim - you have no chance against this ex-trackstar. Her speed will amaze you, her ups will boggle your mind. Don't be fooled; at 4'11", she WILL sky you. Gwen Ambler: handblock specialist. You will need the jaws of life to get out of her trap alive ....

And now, ladies and gentlemen, I introduce the newest

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Flies, fresh out of their larval sacs and hungry as hell for the competition: Jenny Burney used to play some game with a ball at some incredibly prestigious university. Now, instead of jumping around in front of a "goal," she uses her superpowers to lay out for discs you only thought were long gone. Alida Lindsley – the senior phenom. Her grabs (and abs) are jaw-dropping. Rosie O'Gara terrorizes the deep land. Warning to fans: catching those deep passes is not as easy as this girl makes it seem. Then we have Britney, I mean Whitney Metzger. "Dops, I did it again" is this girl's theme song cause she ain't likely to get just one run-through d per game. Keep counting...

Finally, the Fab Four freshmen. Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the strongest of them all? Vanessa Snow's dedication is inspiring. Sidelined with injuries until Regionals, this freshman sprang back into action like she'd been playing in her mama's womb. Watch Trina Bell - when you see her making every other catch in the zone, you will double-check to see if this girl is really a freshman, and when you see her huck it, you'll refuse to believe this girl's not a vet. Ahhh. Karen Milch - don't let her angelic looks fool you. She won't seem so sweet when she handblocks you on your own endzone. Look out! She just scored on you, too. Last but not least we come to Lyndsay Holley. You might not even see her at first, but when you hear a whizzing sound and see the disc getting d'ed right before your very eyes, then you'll know. This precocious rookie must have played ultimate in a previous life. There's no other way to explain it.

#### Superfly 2001.

We're coming to get what's ours. Team Roster:

1	Vanessa Snow	Freshman
2	Alida Lindsley	Senior
3	Shannon Miller	Senior
5	Gwen Ambler	Sophomore
6	Lyndsay Holley	Freshman
7	Karen Hyun	Grad Student
9	Karen Milch	Freshman
10	Camille Yu	Grad Student
11	Whitney Metzger	Sophomore
12	Jamie Nuwer	Junior
13	Hanna Kim	Junior
14	Robin Knowler (C)	Senior
17	Rosie O'Gara	Sophomore
18	Katrina Bell	Freshman
21	Erin Percival (C)	Junior
23	Jenny Burney	Grad Student
187	Delia Chiu (C)	Senior

Washington University (Missouri) Team Name: WUWU Region: South Coaches: none Team Bio: WUWU Rules... yields about a dozen.

How do ya' make a WUWU? Well, the recipe has only been around for two years. First, locate the competitive, Midwestern school of Washington University. Once there, combine a ripe bunch of fun-loving, vivacious beginners and one large tablespoon experienced, dedicated Thug (we love our Melanie). While studying at Washington University, mix these gals together with ritualistic Saturday practices – muddy layout drills in the "swamp" garnished with a college-style brunch at Center Court. Pop open a can of "do the dew" and stir in two years of experience for the core of the group. Throw in a dash of the giggles because the WUWU are silly folk (try saying "WUWU" four times fast). Add frequent rounds of midnight Frisbee golf around the arches of Brookings, Kansas-style jello jigglers, and, of course, Boones Farm and Woodchuck.

Next, the secret of the WUWU: smother with a cupful of LTP (ah, yes, Little Tough People run our Zone-D), spice up the concoction with some trackstars, and add a dash of Melanie's hucks. Sprinkle everything generously with Hollsi's laughs and raisins (we love our Holly). Saute the WUWU at Mardi Gras, bake them at Regionals (it was in Dallas, after all). Divide players evenly. If you need more portions, add a super sub. Served by Sleepy Bear from Travelodge up in Boston. Never serve as an appetizer. A true delicacy.

Team Roster:

1	Erin Donovan	Junior
2	Kristin Whittle	Junior
8	Suzanne Wikle	Sophomore
9	Cat Cheng	Sophomore
10	Alex Morel	Sophomore
13	Bethany Ehimann	Freshman
14	Danna Gurari	Freshman
15	Liz Leister	Freshman
18	Holly Silverston (C)	Senior
19	Kristin Piccirillo	Junior
20	Betsy Merbitz	Junior
40	Melanie Koskamp (C)	Super Senior
85	Kate Miller	Freshman
85	Shreya Patel	Junior
88	Frances Ajo	Junior
	Dave Lim	Water Boy

UC - San Diego

Team Name: Psycaughtit Region: Southwest Coaches: Chris "Pav" Jewell

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Team Bio: Shortest books of all tin

Shortest books of all time by UCSD Women's Ultimate: 1. How to develop well-defined, muscular calves - by Bryn Martyna

2. Non-threatening email tactics - by Stacy Berger

3. Using hammers sparingly - by Corinne Ginsherg 4. Differentiating between a crime and a Picasso - by

Mary Ann Polityka 5. How to keep your anal virginity - by Jen Sanderson 6. Making Tufts grateful they got rid of me - by Kirsten Unfried

7. Ungraceful, unimpressive, unsuccessful layouts - by Kristina Ow

8. Traditional ethnic combinations - by Stephanic Jong

9. Why I love the Marshall RSO's - hy Alicia White

10. Never getting picked on - by Tonya Lenaburg

11. How to say 'can't' so it doesn't sound dirty - by Cherie Shanling Lim 12. Being frugal with my lay outs - by Kat Chu

13. Foods I'm not allergic to - by Katie Nelson

14. How I can't get D's - by Lauren Clancey

15. How to date someone in your own generation - by Christine Brochard

16. How to avoid dating the same guy twice - by Sara Working

17. School colors I like other than green - by Serra Sabuncuoglu

18. Shirts I wear to practice that don't have Hebrew characters on them - by Elana Segal Team Roster:

#	Player name	Year
1	Serra Sabuncuoglu	Junior
2	Tonya Lenaburg	Freshman
4	<b>Cherie Shanling Lim</b>	Freshman
5	Corinne Ginsberg	Senior (5th yr)
6	Katie Nelson	Junior
8	Mary Ann Polityka	Senior (5th yr)
9	Bryn Martyna	Senior
10	Stacy Berger	Junior
11	Kirsten Unfried	Grad student
15	Kat Chu	Senior
16	Elana Segal	Junior
18	Stephanie Jong	Junior
22	Sara Working	Senior
28	Christine Brochard	Senior
31	Kristina Ow	Junior
49	Alicia White	Freshman
77	Jen Sanderson (C)	Senior
	Lauren Clancey	Sophomore

the calm settles and you think the storm has passed, along comes the fierce 2nd side composed of Lori "Masta B" Moore, Julia "JG" German, Adra "Chips" Miller. Roxaneh " Boxes" Khorsand, Michelle "Fiefen" Staben, Annie "Rookie" Cervino, and Laura "Blood" Denman. Fueling the winds in spirit are Cara "Fettuccini" Rosingana, Erin "Gazelle" Jurich, and Hillary "Potato ankle" Kishner. Directed on its path of destruction by coaches Heidi "Lard Ass" Pomfret, Jana "Special K" Krutsinger, and Geir "Baha" Kvaran, the hurricane that is Kali is ready to take on the challenge and celebrate the joy of playing collegiate Ultimate at the highest level. The Goddesses of Destruction are alive and well armed to grab at the National title in Boston.

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University of Colorado

Team Name: Kali

**Region: Southwest** 

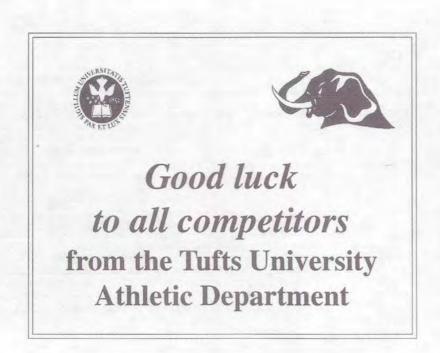
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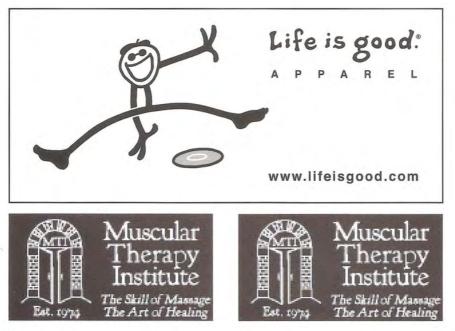
Kali is a Hindu goddess who is usually mentioned in the context of fierce battles in which passions have reached great intensity. She is the embodied wrath of the divine, which unleashes itself in a fury of sweet hucks and layout D's. Kali is often described as wearing a blue collared shirt while gulping down the hot blood of her victims and then dancing out of control, such as a hurricane, threatening to destroy the cosmos itself. Her disciples in the heart of the Rocky Mountains prepare for battle by throwing 1000 throws each morning before having a team breakfast of glass shards washed down with wheat-free, dairlyless, soy beverages. After spending a few hours at school, finding cures for the world's diseases and feeding the hungry, the women of Kali run and play on fields of grass nurtured by their sweat and blood. Then a team dinner of pasta with iron railroad spikes to toughen up. Followed by a moonlit mountain run and another 1000 throws. In the eye of the hurricane, dancing their final dance, are our fifth year veterans captain Sara "Foxy" Fox, Chelsea "the Beav" Boyle, Darla "D" Freeze and Jessica "Mint" Milano. Close behind in the strong winds of the storm in their 4th year, are Michele "Hog" Stockham, Terri "T-Bone" Murphy, and Jess "Wiggitty" Wain, supported by Leah "BGB" Brooks, Liz "Lefty" Pizzuti, Liz"zard" Schmohl, and captain Leslie "Lester" Schein. Just when

cameos of Steven Nash? The savage team at C.I.? DUI Mighty Mouse? Chris Long, Rob Way, Seth Canetti, Daniel Shen, Craig Johnson? The Sunday of Terminus? Beach cuthroat? Any completion at regionals? ITS RAINING MEN IN BOSTON AND YOU KNOW PETER AND CO, WILL BE THERE!!!!!

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# 2001 Callahan Award

Each year the Callahan Award is given out to the best college players in the men's and women's divisions. Frequently compared to the Heisman Trophy, the Callahan is unique among college sports in that candidates are selected by their teammates with the winners being determined by a vote of all college players.

Player nominations are based on overall offensive and defensive abilities, dedication to ultimate, leadership ability, and most importantly, sportsmanship.

The award is presented the Saturday night of the UPA College Championships and many of this year's top players will be participating in the tournament. In the men's division Alex Nord (#5) of Carleton College is undoubtedly the leading candidate for the award. Other top candidates playing in Boston include:

Tim Murray (#4) University of Michigan Moses Rifkin (#7) Brown University Sean Peterson (#49) University of Oregon Rhett Russ (#17) UNCW Nate "Sideshow" Eisinger (#8) Cornell Steven Rouisse (#9) University of Colorado

In addition to the players attending the tournament, Patrick Hard (NC State University) and Dan Depaul (Florida) are expected to be contenders for the award.

The women's division includes last year's winner, Johanna Neumann, playing for Tufts University. Although she wasn't nominated for the 2001 Award, many of the leading candidates are here:

Kurshan Peri (#24) Brown University Camille Yu (#10) Stanford University Katharine Kidd Shippey (#3) University of Georgia Nikki Miani UNC-Wilmington Kelly Reiners (#22) Bucknell University

Although her team failed to qualify, Jessi Witt of the University of Virginia is also a favorite in the women's division.

To learn more about the Callahan, check out the following web site: www.callahanmvp.com.

## ULTIMATE IN TEN SIMPLE RULES

Steve Courlang, UPA Juniors Director

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- The Field -- A rectangular shape with endzones at each end. A regulation field is 70 yards by 40 yards, with endzones 25 yards deep.
- Initiate Play -- Each point begins with both teams lining up on the front of their respective end zone line. The defense throws ("pulls") the disc to the offense. A regulation game has seven players per team.
- Scoring -- Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's endzone, the offense scores a point. Play is initiated after each score.
- 4. Movement of the Disc -- The disc may be advanced in any direction by completing a pass to a teammate. Players may not run with the disc. The person with the disc ("thrower") has ten sec onds to throw the disc. The defender guarding the thrower ("marker") counts out the stall count.
- Change of possession -- When a pass in not completed (e.g. out of bounds, drop, block, inter ception), the defense immediately takes possession of the disc and becomes the offense.
- Substitutions -- Players not in the game may replace players in the game after a score and dur ing an injury timeout.
- Non-contact -- No physical contact is allowed between players. Picks and screens are also pro hibited. A foul occurs when contact is made.
- Fouls -- When a player initiates contact on another player a foul occurs. When a foul disrupts
  possession, the play resumes as if the possession was retained. If the player committing the
  foul disagrees with the foul call, the play is redone.
- Self-Refereeing -- Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.
- Spirit of the Game -- Ultimate stresses sportsmanship and fair play. Competitive play is encour aged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play.



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After a seventeen-year absence, the college championship tournament has returned to its birthplace. Everyone in Boston is excited to have it come back. We hope everyone has a totally awesome experience.

We would like to thank all the spectators that have come to watch. Having you here makes the event even more exciting. We would also like to thank the players for making the trek up to New England. Your hard work, dedication to the sport, and outstanding play are a true inspiration to us all.

This event would not be possible if it weren't for the help and hard work of many, many people. We regret not being able to list them all, but we would like to thank the following:

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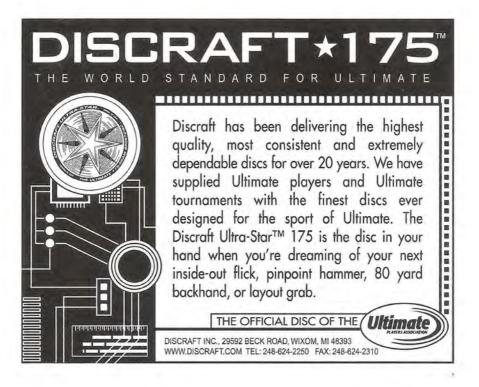
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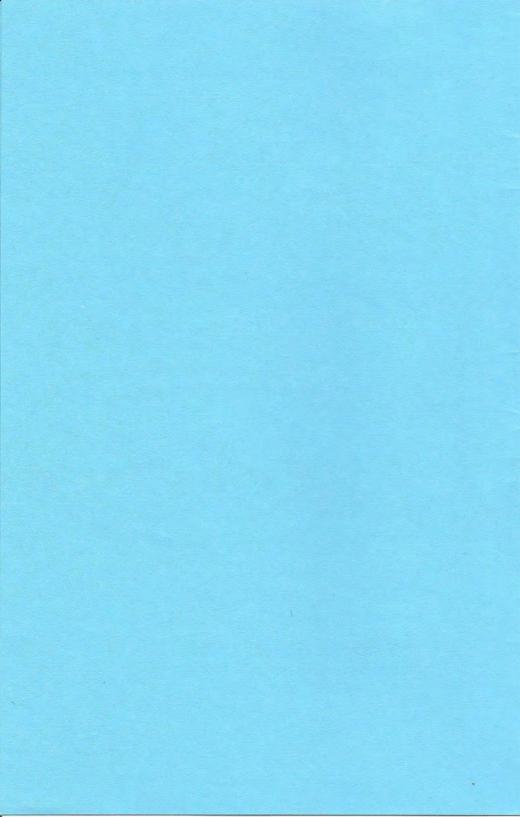


# COLLEGE ULTIMATE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS MAY 25-27, 2001

## **Spectator's Guide**

Team Scouting Reports Guide to Pool Play



## The Toughest Day In Sport

Pool Play At The 2001 UPA College Championships May 25<sup>th</sup> 2001 Charles Kerr

## The Format

Over 300 college teams have worked the last seven months to be one of the 16 men's and women's teams to qualify for these championships. Seven months of practices, weekend tournaments and ever downward sliding GPAs and by today's end each division will have had four teams eliminated, eight facing a do or die elimination round ("lingering death") and four teams sitting on the top of the world.

Sport reporters talk about how "such and such college basketball team has a difficult schedule" because they have to play two games in three days -- well how about three games in one day!

Pressure. Fatigue. Exhaustion. That's why this is the toughest day in sport.

## Round One (8:30-10:30)

Every single round this year has at least one 5 star, can't miss game, so load up on Red Bull and plan on making a day of it.

This round has two interesting (call them 3 star games **\*\*\***) in the women's division that will be of special interest to local fans: **Tufts** (the 8<sup>th</sup> seed) vs. **Illinois** (#13) and **Brown** vs. **MIT**. Tufts features last year's Callahan Award winner and current member of the US World Games team, **Johanna Neumann**. Johanna (senior, #13 -- 5'11), recovering from late season shin splints, is probably college ultimate's most dominating female player and the Tuft's offense revolves around her and cocaptain, senior **Neva Cherniavsky** (#3 -- 5'4).

Two other teams local to the Boston area square off out on field 10, Brown (#6) and MIT (#14). Brown lost its top player, Addie Egan to an ACL injury early in the season, but has enough seasoned talent to still have a realistic shot at the Final Four. MIT has a young squad and their goal is to avoid being eliminated on the first day and make Saturday's pre-quarter round.

The three best men's games in Round One all have a common theme: jet lag. For many teams this game is really starting two (or three) hours earlier - a big deal for college students that flew in the previous day.

Without a doubt, the five star (\*\*\*\*\*) game of this round should be the men's game between UCSB (#1) and UNC-Chapel Hill (#12). This game is a rematch of their quarter-final game from the 2000 Championships that UCSB won by a point. Last year's game was an unbelievable defensive struggle filled with athletic blocks that left plenty of bad blood on both sides. Chapel Hill features two of the country's best players in (the frequently injured) Rhett Nichols and big man Ray Parrish. UCSB sports an equally athletic team captained by Nick Fiske and Dwight Hines and since the late 80's the Tide has won 6 national titles, including '96-'98! Ernie Aubin of the Tide is a monster of a player and UCSB enters the tournament as the #1 seed. But should a sleepy UCSB lose here they'll instantly be in huge trouble - that's the cold beauty of this format.

Two other men's game should go to the wire and could (even likely?) feature upsets: (\*\*\*) Colorado (#2) vs. Michigan (#11) and (\*\*\*\*) Oregon (#3) vs. Duke (#10). Michigan is a strong team featuring one of the leading Callahan Award candidates, Tim Murray, and gets the bonus of playing in its own time zone. Michigan is a very solid team (runner up at the Classic City Classic in Athens) that is stronger than its seeding. Colorado has been one of the favorites for each of the past 3 years and they're one of college ultimate's most entertaining teams to watch. Led by grad students Mark Driver and Steven Rouisse (who attended high school in Amherst, MA) Colorado has an experienced team filled with athletes.

Duke defeated Oregon earlier in the year and features two top players in their co-captains **Caner Cooperrider** (#55) and **Paul Klenk** (#4). None of the players on the Oregon or Duke teams have ever played at the championship tournament, but both teams played very demanding regular season schedules and qualified from tough regions. **Ben Wiggins** and **Doug McKenzie** (#12) are probably Oregon's top players and if either gets off to a slow start look for an "upset."

Finally, the other "homer" game of this round  $(\star\star)$  will be **Brown** (#8) vs. **Harvard** (#13). Ivy league teams actually win championships in ultimate (OK, it's rare, but Brown won the title last year) and these two teams split their regular season match-up. This should be an entertaining, hard fought, game.

## Round Two (11:00 - 1:00)

The women's pool is very deep this year, with at least 9 teams having a legitimate shot to win the tournament! Picking the women's final four is especially difficult as two of the lower seeds, Brown (#6) and Tufts (#8) have the advantage (and crowd support) of being the "home" team. The no-brainer game to watch this round (\*\*\*\*\*) features two final four women's teams from last year: **Georgia** (#4) and **Carleton** (#9). The Carleton women (Syzygy) won last year's championship for the first time after being perpetual final four contestants. Both of these teams are stacked with good players, with Georgia having two Callahan candidates in captain **Katharine Kidd-Shippey** (#3) and **Angela Lin** (#71). Carleton lost several key players from last year's championship team, but a super recruiting year has left them in excellent shape to make a run for a repeat. However, for both of these teams to make the final four one of them is going to have to win an early game Saturday morning ("the pre-quarters") - a tough row to hoe.

The (\*\*\*) Stanford (#7) vs. Bucknell (#10) will be a bellweather game for the '97-'99 champions from Stanford - if Stanford can defeat Wisconsin in the first round and then deal with a skilled Bucknell team, they could be back in the hunt for another crown. The huge game for Stanford will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> round against UCSD, and Jennifer Donnelly, the Stanford coach, will try and get her team grooved using these two early round opponents. But Bucknell, led by Callahan Candidate, Kelly Reiners, is no pushover; the team has a core of skilled throwers and sticky handed receivers and during the regular season they defeated both Carleton and Brown and had close onepoint losses to Georgia and UNC-W.

The men's division doesn't have anything that quite compares to the Georgia / Carleton women's game, but for a couple of teams, their season will already be on the line. The pool A game (\*\*\*) between **Brown** and **UNC-Chapel Hill** should rock and if UNC enters this game after a tough first round loss, they'll have to dig very, very deep or they'll be looking at a pre-quarters game - or worse. Brown won the championship last year, but lost a good portion of its starting team to graduation. Moses **Rifkin**, is trying to become the third consecutive Brown player (behind '99 Fortunat Mueller and '00 Justin Safdie) to win the Callahan Award, but he'll have his work cut out for him trying to cover UNC's Ray Parrish.

In Pool B ( $\star\star\star$ ) Michigan could find itself in a similar position to UNC, facing a strong Tufts team after having played a brutal first round game. On paper these teams look very similar and this game is likely to end 15-13 one way or the other.

Finally, pool D features ultimate's white hat, black hat game (\*\*\*) with Carleton College taking on UNC-W. Carleton College (located somewhere in Minnesota), is everyone's favorite college ultimate team, while UNC-W (rightly or wrongly) is its most vilified. Both teams have had great success, with Carleton qualifying for the championship tournament virtually every year

since man created flying plastic, and UNC-W dominating the sport in the early 90's. Carleton features a horde of good players, none gooder than **Alex Nord** (#5 - 6'5), this year's overwhelming favorite to win the Callahan Award. Alex is simply one of the best players to ever to play college ultimate and Carleton's fans (of which there are plenty) are counting on him to help CUT to its first championship title.

To many, UNC-W is personified by its coach, the incendiary Mike Gerics. But UNC-W features two outstanding offensive players in Rhett Russ (#17) and Trey Snow (#3), and Tim Wiegand (#13) is one of the county's best defenders. UNC-W is riding an 11 game win streak, so they shouldn't be lacking in confidence.

## Round Three (1:30 -3:30)

This is the first year the women's division is being played under the fast paced X-Rules and if nothing else it means goodbye to coaches filibustering out on the line between each point - something every ultimate fan can be grateful for.

Round three is the beginning of crunch time and for each division one team will be off to the consolation rounds, while two others will find themselves trying to dig out of the deep trench of being in tomorrow morning's pre-quarter round.

Maybe no true five star games this round, but (\*\*\*) UBC vs. Tufts could be good - if Johanna is healthy and Tufts is able to quickly win its first two games. Ultimate may be unique in having teams play three championship caliber games right in a row (8:30am, 11:00am and 1:30pm) and by the beginning of the third game fatigue becomes the major factor. UBC (#1) is a clear favorite to be the first Canadian team to ever win a UPA Championship, and they sport a talented team. Senior captains Lara Mussell (#77) and Wiljo Captein (#10), lead UBC and Lara is a genuine super-star. Her play, combined with UBC's larger rotation (12 or more women play regularly) should wear Tufts down. Both teams have excellent coaches in Jonathan Wooldridge (UBC) and Paul Sackley (Tufts) and it'll be Paul's job to figure out a way to utilize Johanna and offset UBC's superior depth.

The **Colorado** (#5) women's team joins Georgia and Carleton in Pool D ("D" as in "death") and it's not impossible that all three teams could end up in the Final Four. In round three ( $\star \star \star \star$ ) Colorado takes on Carleton and Colorado brings an experienced squad featuring senior **Chelsea Boyle**, (#27 -- 5'3") on offence and **Lori Moore** (#24) on defense. Colorado made the semi-finals of College Easterns and played a tough regular season schedule. It's very possible that three teams in Pool D could finish 2-1 with the pool winner being determined by a tie-breaker of point differentials - so every point counts. The men's game between  $(\star\star)$  UCSB and Brown is likely to determine the winner of Pool A. Both teams have squads of around 18 players, but UCSB should be coming off the easier game (Harvard) so give the advantage to UCSB.

Pool C could very well be decided by the outcome of the (\*\*\*)Cornell (#6) vs. Duke game while the (\*\*\*) Wisconsin vs. UNC-W game will set the stage for pool D. Wisconsin has a huge squad and by the middle of the second half several of the key UNC-W players are going to start checking the old fuel tank.

## Round Four (4:00 - 6:30)

Round Four at the College Championships is the year's best 2:30 hours of ultimate. Twelve evenly matched games take place almost simultaneously (six of the games are staggered and start 30 minutes after the first six) allowing a spectator to wander from one exciting finish after another. And the outcome of every game is crucial for the teams involved: for some it means the end of the hunt, for others its lingering death (the team's probably dead - the players just don't know it), and for the lucky pool winners, it means a trip directly to the quarterfinals and an extra two hours of sleep.

All the women's games (except, probably, Carleton vs. Washington) should be good, but the money games should be (\*\*\*\*) UCSD (#2) vs. Stanford (#7) and (\*\*\*\*) UNC-Wilmington (#3) vs. Brown (#6).

Virtually everyone has UCSD making the final four of this year's women's division, and although Martyna Bryn is their Callahan candidate, they don't really have any one star. The UCSD offense features Corinne Ginsberg, Jen Sanderson and a handful of other experienced players. UCSD's played an ultra competitive schedule and done extremely well: they won the Santa Barbara tournament and President's Day, and finished second at both the Stanford Invite and College Easterns. But Stanford has a team filled with veterans of previous Championship tournaments and features one of college ultimate's best players in Camille Yu (#10).

UNC-Wilmington returns most of the squad that got them to the 2000 finals last year against Carleton, but that may not be good enough. Virtually all of the top women's teams are significantly improved over last year and a return trip to the finals this year is hardly guaranteed. UNC-W features what would charitably be referred to as a no-holds-barred attitude fueled by their star player Leah Rehill. Coupled with UNC-W Callahan candidate, Nikki Miani, UNC-W can quickly knock a team off balance and then bury them before they have a chance to recover. The Brown women have traveled extensively this season and have played many of the top teams - including two games against UNC-W. But they lost both of these games, along with most of the other games they've played against teams that qualified for the Championships. It'll be up to the Brown coach, Lori Parham and what's likely to be a large, partisan crowd of supporters, to keep Brown from getting off to a fatally slow start. The UNC-W coaches, the excitable Andrew Zeldin and level-headed Pete Schuhmann, will try and get Seaweed primed for the kill - if UNC-W can take four of the first five points, this one's going to be over.

Picking which men's games to watch is going to be equally tough and many of the most exciting games will feature lower seeded teams valiantly trying to avoid elimination. Best bets are likely to be (\*\*\*\*) Oregon (#3) vs. Cornell (#6) and (\*\*\*) Carleton (#4) vs. Wisconsin (#5).

The Oregon vs. Cornell game will be decided by less than three points - you can bet your last dollar on it. Cornell's best player, without a doubt, is senior (and Callahan candidate) Nate "Sideshow" Eisinger and he's a non-stop highlight film of layout defensive bids. Oregon features defensive star, Joseph Kleffner, so expect to see plenty of intense defense from both sides. Oregon and Cornell have already played twice this season (the world of top-flight college ultimate teams is pretty small) with each game being decided by a couple of points. Oregon is bringing 23 players to the tournament and Cornell should have around 17, so give Oregon a slight edge. But Cornell's a perennial qualifier, so they've got the experience. Overall, it's probably a toss-up. Neither of these teams are exactly shoe-ins to make the final four, but this game's going to be non-stop fun.

Carleton vs. Wisconsin is a rematch of their Regional Championship game won in convincing fashion by Carleton 15-6. This game isn't likely to be so one sided, but with Wisconsin having just finished what should be a close game against UNC-W, Carleton is going to have a significant edge. Wisconsin is led by Callahan candidate and captain, Jonathan "Opie" O'Connell (#8 -- 5'10"), who's not only a great player, but who's leadership has brought Wisconsin back into the ranks of ultimate powers. If nothing else, check out this game to marvel at Alex Nord's ability to cover players on short offensive cuts (his foot work and quickness is outstanding) and the number of quality athlete assembled on one ultimate field.

Finally, don't forget games like UNC-W and **U Penn** (#13). These games featuring lower seeded teams will be every bit as intense, as two cornered teams fight for their lives.

Conclusion

But perhaps the best part of the day will be after the last round as players and teams get back together to eat, drink and compare injuries. Although the competition on the field will have been intense, think back about how smoothly the day went, about how few foul calls you saw, and how few of those calls were contested. Here at the College Championships, with North America's best teams playing under intense pressure for a championship title, sportsmanship still thrives.

#### THE SCOUTING REPORTS

## OPEN DIVISION

#### #1 UC-Santa Barbara

How they got here: Won Southwest Region

The UC-Santa Barbara Black Tide is the closest thing to a dynasty in college ultimate, having won six championships and made it to semis or finals seven other times. UCSB has lost only one game this season (to UC-San Diego), and looks poised for another title run. Black Tide is the team that you just don't want to have to play.

The offense, anchored by the smooth throws of Jamie Houssian, who plays on the UPA club championship runner-up Furious George; Ernesto Aubin, who plays on the UPA champion Santa Barbara Condors; and co-captain Dwight Hines, is simply textbook ultimate. One after the other, players bust deep. If you don't respect the deep cut they'll throw the big huck, so when they cut hard and come in they're usually wide open. If that cut gets shut down they'll look for the break-mark and then the dump and swing. It works like clockwork. UCSD beat them by playing a tight zone with a four-man cup, so it's possible that the zone is their weakness. I wouldn't count on it, though, as it hasn't worked for any other team.

On defense, meanwhile, UCSB will throw wave after wave of athletes at you. Every catch and throw is hotly contested by their defense, and when the game gets close they will mark you hard and physical. This earns them a nasty reputation in some quarters, but they'll tell you it's just good hard defense. Look for routinely amazing defensive plays by Ernesto Aubin. Other defensive stoppers are co-captain Nick Fiske and Dan Schneider. There's an army of big fast athletes waiting behind these standouts, though, and they can really wear you down. It's hard to find a chink in the Black Tide's armor. They're an intense team that feeds off of emotion, and they know how to use that to put teams away. -Jasper S. Halekas

#2 University of Colorado

### How they got here: 2nd in Southwest Region

Colorado's Mamabird will be appearing at Nationals for the 4th straight year. The team is very experienced, and after a semifinal finish last year, looks to take out inter-region rivals UCSB Black Tide and win the championship. CU played a difficult schedule, winning San Diego's 3-day Presidents Day tournament in February over UCSD and winning Easterns over Oregon in March. The gaudy 32-3 record that resulted was good enough for second place out of over 250 college teams according to the UPA ranking algorithm.

CU may have the best offense in the nation, utilizing very quick and smart players who don't take many risks on offense and therefore don't turn the disc over. They try to constantly break the mark and are excellent at dumping to the break side and getting 10-yard upfield swings that have the defense scampering to get into position. A team with a tough zone defense can slowly wear down their solid offense and force a bad throw, but in one-on-one situations, they will generally outrun their defenders.

On the D side, they count on their athleticism to play man defense for the most part. Players to watch will be Mark Driver (#51, grad student) and catch-block specialist Nathan "Tater" Miller (#38) on defense.

On offense, keep an eye on Callahan nominee Steve Rouisse (#9), who learned the game under legendary coach Tiina Booth at Amherst Regional High School in Massachusetts. Crowd favorite 6'9" Mickey "Mad Dog" Madzinski (#17), a freshman who plays on offensive points, will make good deep cuts for scores. Rookie (#5 Ben Bronson), in his 4th year, will make some big plays with his short handler cuts that keep the offense in sync.

CU generally has very good spirit and seems to be the sort of team to cause a ruckus with their play and not their attitude. Look for Colorado to be battling to the finish as a serious championship contender. --Jared "Tweety" Wohlgemuth

## #3 University of Oregon

How they got here: Won Northwest Region

After a disappointing finish last year, and an up-and-down season this spring, everything came together for the Ducks at Northwest Regionals, as they fought through a tough schedule of strong nationals hopefuls to capture the lone bid. Oregon plays an exciting brand of ultimate. On offense, the Ducks rely on breaking the mark, which most of them do well, and a deep game which, when it's on, is extremely difficult to stop. They have any number of threats to throw it deep, catch the huck, or both. Defensively, they like to switch and poach, again counting on big players to come up with big plays. They mostly play a liberally switching man, but their zone is solid as well.

Seven key players form the heart of this team. When they're on the field together, Oregon might just have the best line any college team in the nation can put out there. Senior Josh Greenough (#99) and junior Ben Wiggins (#1) lead the team, not only with their play on the field but with their intensity, Josh is always a threat to go deep, but attitudes, and socks. is frequently on the other end of a big play as well. Wiggins has every throw in the book, and a few more besides, but given the right matchup he's dangerous deep too. Each of these guys loves to make big plays, and will let you know when he does. They're supported by the exciting deep play of **Doug McKenzie** (#12), who dominated during Oregon's regional title run, and Joe Kleffner (#35), who can hurt you in every way imaginable and sports a daunting new hairdo. Sean Peterson (#49), Ryan DeAustin (#10), and Markus Brown (#5) provide solid handling skills, and when the offense stagnates they're counted on to keep the disc moving. Don't count on any of them to stay behind the disc all day, though. With sixteen other solid players on the sidelines, the Ducks can afford to use a lot of energy on the field, and their big sideline and frequent status as crowd favorite make for a noisy environment in big games.

Oregon has high hopes for success in Boston. Emotion is a big part of their game, so to beat them teams will have to stay focused, and capitalize when the momentum turns against the Ducks. Since they're not afraid of the deep game, they'll turn the disc over a few times; using those opportunities will be key. However, if they're at the top of their game, the key to beating them may be just being Colorado-- no one else managed it this year when the Ducks were healthy, playing well, and not undermanned. You could also try showing up late-- they don't like waiting around for people and might go off to party with Brown after as little as ten minutes. --Peter Washington

## #4 Carleton College How they got here: Won Central Region

Carleton comes into the 2001 Championships after finishing as runner-up in 2000. Although Carleton started the season off a little slow compared to years past they have trained harder, developed more discipline, remain healthy, and are led by one of college ultimate's most dominating players, Alex Nord (#5) a favorite for the Callahan Award. The Carleton army relies on Captain Nord to ignite their offense making huge check-mark cuts away and to the disc. On defense, he stifles the opposing team's best player. Look for Sam O'Brien (#35) and Derek "Mouth" Gottlieb (#27) to find Nord and CUT's other big man, Brody Felche (#9) in the end zone for about half of the team's points each game.

With Carleton's height, depth, leadership, and skills, the only team that may beat them is themselves. Throughout the season, many of Carleton's starters played only half the points each game. This kept everyone fresh and the CUT army always ready for battle, but this may be their lone weakness in big games. But if CUT pulls out to an early lead, they won't look back and the game might seem over at halftime.

Carleton has never won a UPA Championship and they feel that this is their year. They are hungry and have been counting the days down to Nationals 2001 ever since being defeated in the championship game last year. If a team expects to win a battle against CUT they must contain Alex Nord.

## **#5 University of Wisconsin - Madison** How they got here: 2nd in Central Region

The only team to defeat the 2000 Champions, Brown, at Nationals last year was Wisconsin. Wisconsin brings a team full of experience to the 2001 College Series Championships. With over half of the team having played in Club Nationals, the Ho-dags are ready for the big show. The team consists of fourteen seniors and a handful of youngsters who are led by Callahan nominee Jonathon "Opie" O'Connell (#8).

On a windy day Wisconsin is capable of beating the best. They will combine a hard man-to-man defense with a loose three-man cup zone to terrorize the opposition into turning the disc over. Beware of speedsters **Lee Swingen** (#33) and **Tyler Spindler** (#21) to streak deep after opposing teams' turnovers. More often than not they find themselves in the end zone with the disc.

What Wisconsin lacks in height they make up for with extreme leaping abilities and terrific hands. Be ready for their starters to play every position and defend opposing teams with near unbreakable marks. With the addition of two seasoned veterans, Michael Bluhm (#5) and Rice alum Michael Konopka (#12), Wisconsin is deeper and smarter than years past. You can be guaranteed to see the entire team leave their hearts on the field every game.

#### #6 Cornell University How they got here: Won Metro East Region

Led by Callahan candidate Nate "Sideshow" Eisinger (#8, senior), the Buds made their way to this year's Nationals by winning the highly contested Metro East Regional, defeating the UPenn Void in the finals. Cornell plays with a combination of cool-headed, patient offense and high-intensity defense. They can score quickly, usually converting stops on D into points on O. The Bud offense will lull unsuspecting opponents into rhythm and then use well-placed deep throws to kill defensive spirits. They often will put on 3- and 4-point runs, a dangerous proposition for the competition considering the Bud talent on defense.

Running mostly a stack-driven offense, the Buds have a play for almost every situation imaginable. Sideshow does most of the handling for the Buds, hanging back at a dump when he doesn't have the disc. Opponents should try to keep Eisinger from the disc (a difficult task in itself), but must be aware that the Buds have a dozen other players who can step up and take over the responsibilities at handle. The deep throw is a constant threat with Cornell on O, but they don't rely on it like many other college teams. They will work it up the field just as willingly as they will huck it.

Cornell on defense is a game of intensity and position. You won't see many Buds making layout Ds, but you also will not often see a Bud get smoked for an easy score. Throwing hard man until it is broken, the Buds play tight to their men and work to cut a team off from its biggest weapons. Look for **Scott "Milhouse"** Alter (#4, senior) to bring intensity to D and mark the best players at the tournament.

Other players to watch include likely offensive starters Peter "Fancy Lad" Edgerton (#2, senior), Jim "Bear Lodge" Perfield (#28, grad student), Dan "DR4TM" Chirlin (#6), Matt "Schmucker" Schmucker (#16), and Andrew "Crooke" Crooke (#12).

If Cornell is to be defeated at Nationals, it'll take determination to keep games with them close and to slow their offense down. Anyone who steps onto the field with the Buds can expect to force a few mistakes and must capitalize on those errors. The Buds can be rattled in close games, but usually have their opponents buried after the first half.

#### #7 Tufts University

How they got here: Won New England Region

The Tufts University Elephant Men make their 2nd consecutive trip to Nationals riding high after winning their first ever New England Regional title. Tufts earned the top spot in the Region by battling through the most competitive bunch of teams in years, all intent on seizing the opportunity to compete in front of hometown fans in Boston at college ultimate's biggest showcase. Topping their run off with a gritty 15-13 victory over defending national champ Brown must have been cause for much celebration-- and this merry band of misfits likes to

## party as hard off the field as they play on the field.

Tufts is extremely balanced and has no one true superstar that they depend upon. The O is run by the experienced quartet of Dan Forseter (#11, senior), Dylan McPhetres (#16, senior), Jon Willner (#15, junior), and team leader Dave Rosenberg (#9, senior), who all have the ability to huck, but also have the patience and good sense to value possession of the disc. The main targets are Neil Pallaver (#18, junior), Mike Bright (#42), Josh Murphy (#44), and Jeremy Gray (#3). Pallaver plays extremely physical D and almost always covers the other team's best player, regardless of position. The handyman is Mike Zalisk (#5), who excels on both O and D. Ian Schneider (#10), Eric Hersh (#27), and Josh Weisstuch (#1) will also receive considerable playing time and have the ability to make a positive impact.

Coached by long-time DoG defensive captain Jeff "Dick" Brown, Tufts employs a dizzying array of defensive sets. A seemingly major weakness is their lack of height, but, ironically, the teams that have given the E-men the most trouble this year, specifically Cornell and Duke, also have no real height. Tufts' man D often gets the turnover, but they have had problems with the resulting transition 0. They also play a variety of offensive sets, including the Swedish offense and the 3-man weave. Tufts has defeated UPenn, Brown, and Harvard but lost twice to Duke and Cornell, and once to Carleton and UNC. Tufts would love nothing better than to wake up Sunday morning, roll out of bed hangover-be-damned, and play in the finals on their own campus in Somerville.

### #8 Brown University

How they got here: 2nd in New England Region

Brown University, the defending champion, makes its fourth consecutive trip to the UPA College Championship tournament (a.k.a. College Nationals), despite losing 11 players from last year's team, including both the 1999 and 2000 Callahan Award winners. This is no surprise though, as Brown's program has reached the stage where the team no longer has to rebuild; it simply reloads with a new batch of high school superstars.

The main handlers are Moses Rifkin (#7, senior, 6'3"), their Callahan nominee and one of the classiest players around who can get open against any D; Harper Alexander (#81), their inspirational leader who is steady as a rock with the disc; and Kyle Weisbrod (#1), who has undeniable talent and plenty of big-game experience. Jeremy Schwartz (#11) plays gritty, tough, and smart and is a workhorse on both O and D. The big men are Jimmy Harris (#13), 6'6" of pure hell on the mark with sure hands; and Mike Franz (#16), who is a tall, strong target on his in-cuts. Brown plays its fabulous freshmen plenty, especially Will Arnold (#71) of Paideia High fame and Ross Loomis (#58). When Brown can also get solid contributions from Josh Nugent (#22) and Matt Johnson (#8) on offense, and Alex Korb (#25) and Jesse Myers (#14) on defense-- watch out.

Coach Nathan Wicks of DoG has installed an extremely efficient offense that is tough to turn when running smoothly. However, given the youth and lack of big-game experience on the squad, Brown is prone to making unforced errors. Another factor is the health of both Moses and Harper, who have been fighting nagging injuries. When clicking on all cylinders, this team can play with and beat any team in this tourney, as demonstrated by their impressive victories over Wisconsin, UNC-W (thrice), Harvard (twice), and Oregon.

## #9 UNC-Wilmington

How they got here: Won Atlantic Coast Region

Over the past several years, the format of the UPA Championships has changed significantly-- much to the advantage of teams like UNC-W. The Seamen, with a roster of 14 players and a playing rotation of only 10 or 11, would have had no chance under the format of a few years ago in which teams had to play five pool-play games to qualify for the elimination rounds.

Under this old format, a small team like UNC-W would have run out of gas by the fourth game, dooming its chances of advancement. However, the current (and much better) format, with three pool-play games and the pool winner receiving a bye to the quarterfinals, is far more favorable.

UNC-W has a talented core of experienced players that can potentially beat any team in the country. They ran the table of the tough Atlantic Coast Region, beating UNC-CH, Duke, and NCSU. At the Stanford Invite they beat Oregon and had a tough loss against UCSB. If the Seamen can upset the #1 seed in their pool, they'll be looking at a likely bye into the quarter finals and an excellent shot of making the final four.

Rhett Russ (#17, senior, 6'2) is the team's candidate for the Callahan Award and along with Trey Snow (#3, junior, 5'7), the two are pretty much uncoverable on offense. In Tim Wiegand (#13, grad student, 5'9), formerly of ECU, the Seamen have one of the Atlantic Coast's best defensive players.

But even under the new format, the Seamen's biggest opponent remains fatigue. Rhett, Trey and Tim are likely to play virtually every point, and by the second half of their first game they'll be dragging. By their third game of the day, they'll be hoping to just hang on. Compounding the Seamen's problems is that they are not a team that "values the disc"-and turnovers equal longer games.

The Seamen are coached by the fiery **Mike Gerics**, whose wealth of championship experience (three college titles as a player, one as a coach) should help UNC-W overcome the jitters of a team filled with players new to championship play.

Other players to watch for are Daniel Quaranta (#6) on offense and Tim Whitney (#10) and Anthony Mourino (#7) on defense.

**#10 Duke University** How they got here: 2nd in Atlantic Coast Region

Duke joins UNC-W, ECU, NC State, and UNC Chapel Hill as the fifth team from North Carolina to make the Championship tournament in the last 5 years. Vertigo has been rapidly improving over the last three years, but the team has been overshadowed by its NC brethren-- Duke was actually turned down in its bid this year to play at the Stanford Invite!

But this year's Duke team has it all: a large roster, a deep rotation, height, speed, and quality handlers. However, this is Duke's first trip to the Championship tournament and as a rule, teams playing in their first championship don't do well. Duke is unlikely to be an exception.

Nothing during the regular season truly prepares teams for the championship tournament. Every game in Boston will be more intense than the toughest game Duke has played all season; teams jack up their defensive level two or three notches and it stays that way point after point.

However, Duke has several things going for it that may help beat the odds, including one of the country's toughest regular season schedules (23-12) that saw them play Stanford twice and Carleton twice, along with Colorado, Florida, Wisconsin, UCSD and each of the North Carolina teams multiple times. In addition, Duke has a first class defender and all around versatile player in Callahan candidate Caner Cooperrider (#55, senior, 5'10). Caner played with Ring of Fire (Raleigh, NC) last fall, giving him a season of valuable club experience.

But the key to Duke's offense isn't Caner, but another senior, **Paul Klenk** (#4, senior, 5'10). Klenk started playing ultimate as a freshman and has been a Duke captain for the past several years. An excellent handler with rock solid break-mark throws, Caner truly has an assassin's heart. Duke will try to keep the disc in his hands as much as possible and although he's a solid defender, the only chance he'll get to rest will be on select defensive points; he's likely to be on the field 100% of the time Duke is receiving the pull. In comparison to the prevailing huck-away attacks of many of the top teams, Duke's offense is mostly controlled short passes. No team in the tournament is likely to throw more dump passes to "reset the clock."

Since the late '90s, Duke has been coached by **Perry Sugg** (formerly of Ring of Fire), a quiet tactician with a thorough knowledge of the game. It'll be Sugg's job to keep the team settled on offense when Duke gets its first taste of championship defensive intensity.

To get to the final four, Duke's going to have to bring on the defensive heat (watch for and #24 **Tom** and #34 **Geoff Morrison**), while seniors **Adam Silberstein** (#27) and **Luke Voytas** (#3) must help the team overcome offensive jitters.

## #11 University of Michigan

How they got here: Won Great Lakes Region

Michigan MagnUM secured its third consecutive bid to the UPA College Championship tourney with a strong showing at Great Lakes Regionals. Finishing ninth both times at Nationals in previous years, this team hopes to improve upon its #11 seed and fight its way into the quarters.

This year's MagnUM team is younger than the previous two and the players look to coaches **Ricky and Mike Reiskind** to help push them toward their peak. Michigan likes to dump and swing the disc, but also has players who like to put it up, so watch for **Dave Scott** (#21) deep-- at 6'6", he is hard to miss. If the defense wants to play deep, they have to deal with **Rook** (#9) who will have no problem taking the disc for himself. **Karl Koto** (#13) can be seen keeping the top handler in check on D when he isn't making an amazing grab on offense.

Also look for Michigan's **Callahan nominee Tim Murray** (#4, grad student). Murray is a player who can do it all. If a defender shuts him down on the deep cut, he will take the in cut and huck it for the score. Even the best defender will have trouble keeping him contained. Michigan has already proven they can play against the teams here this year, beating Colorado in the fall and playing close games with Cornell, UCSB, and Oregon in the spring.

Watch for the third round game against Texas A&M when Michigan's former captain **Brian Hargraves** will play opposite his old teammates. --Jennifer Badgley

#12 UNC-Chapel Hill How they got here: 3rd in Atlantic Coast Region Chapel Hill, virtually unchanged from the team that lost to UCSB by a single point in last year's quarter-finals, is coming off a miserable regular season that was plagued by injuries. The preseason favorite to walk away with the tough Atlantic Coast Region, Darkside instead squeaked into the Championship tournament by defeating NC State 16-14 for the Region's second (and unexpected) wild card spot.

Chapel Hill enters the tournament as the 12th seed, but this is a 12th seed absolutely no one wants to see in their pool. Combining a deep roster (they plan to bring 21+ players to the tournament) and two of the country's absolute best players, **Rhett Nichols** (#20, senior, 5'11) and **Ray Parrish** (#3, grad student, 6'4), a healthy UNC team could handily beat anyone.

This is UNC's third consecutive trip to the Championship tournament and they can field a starting seven who all have championship experience. Rhett Nichols (who played on NC State's '99 championship squad before transferring to UNC) is the team's emotional leader and a key to Darkside's offense-if he's on the field, the team plays at another level. Unfortunately, for most of the 2001 season, Rhett hasn't been healthy and the team's record suffered. But if he's at full strength and the team can psychologically jettison the baggage of its regular season-- watch out!

In Ray Parrish, UNC has a big man who is second to none as a deep threat and defender. Parrish is one of the few players who can defend players such as **Callahan favorite Alex Nord** of Carleton, giving UNC tremendous defensive flexibility. "**Tiger**" **Pearson** (#4, 6'3) is also a solid player and if it's windy, UNC can field a zone anchored by Pearson and Parrish that just about seals the fate of any long passes.

Jonathan "JB" Brodhag (#10, senior, 6'2), UNC's level-headed captain from last year, returns to this year's squad and he'll help keep the team focused.

UNC's deep roster, talent, and most importantly, experience at the championship level make them an extremely dangerous team. Of the three men's teams that qualified from the Atlantic Coast Region, UNC may have the best chance of making this year's final four.

#### #13 Harvard University

How they got here: 3rd in New England Region

After a 3 year hiatus from post-season play, Harvard Red Line has only a short drive to this year's Championship tournament at old Fort Devens. But the road to get this far was not nearly so easy. Seeded #2 going into the fiercely competitive New England Regionals, Harvard blew its high seed, losing badly to #7 seed Middlebury on Saturday. Harvard did not stay down for long though. The team showed renewed determination on Sunday and exacted revenge by beating Middlebury in the game to go, despite having played an extra game that day. That victory was a testament to Harvard's depth and never-say-die attitude.

Although he will probably be the smallest player at Nationals, Shankar Desai (#07) requires constant attention. His speed allows him to get open at will, and despite his size, he is a scoring machine. Also, his layout D-blocks are a sight to behold. Talking about D, Dan Ratner (#14) always covers the other team's top big man and he has the ability to simply beat his man to the disc on D and catch it himself. The O is run mainly by Dave Kallin (#19), with help from Adam Ross (#16), and Kendrick Kay (#22). When Kay plays well, the team also tends to play well. Andrew Fleming (#2) and Tyler Harris (#12) can score goals in bunches.

Harvard is very balanced and has good depth, which allow them to always run hard. The O is basically free-flow, which works well because the key players have been together now for 3 years. They can play an assortment of zone and junk defenses, but mostly go man, relying upon speed and hard marking to get the turn.

Harvard has suffered close losses to UCSB, UNC, Brown, Cornell, and Tufts, hanging tough in all those games. They also beat Brown and would like nothing better than to exact some revenge against the rest of those teams as well.

#### #14 Texas A&M

How they got here: Won South Region

Give a big hand to this year's Nationals virgins: the Aggies of Texas A&M University. Any fan of the game has to be impressed with how quickly this young athletic team ascended to the top of the Southern Region. After an impressive spring season with a 3rd place finish at Mardi Gras and 1st place finishes at CenTex and Regionals, these boys deserve the Southern berth. Here's what to watch for:

On offense, **Big Ben Solomon** (#7, senior, 5'11") is definitely the man. His long benders and pinpoint hammers shredded the regional competition on Sunday. He's only as clutch as his receivers though, which is where **Max Cook** (#4, the tallest 5'8" guy you'll ever meet), **Charlie Stavlo** (#81) and freshman **Todd Alsup** (#21) come into play. Look for plenty of scores from 20+ yards from the goal line. If the long receivers are matched with good defenders, this year's Aggie crew isn't as inclined to force the issue. These guys are capable of breaking the mark to poached receivers and are happy to move the disc with 3 yard passes up the sidelines.

On defense, intensity is the word to describe the style of play. Look for plenty of high stall counts and tough strongside D. Hard running and no excuses produce good results. The more experienced guys compliment the young stallions pretty well. Count the number of poach-induced turnovers. these guys have eyes in the back of their heads. Quick scores off of turnovers can leave an opponent in a 5-1 hole early if this squad is underestimated.

In order to succeed against these Ags, teams will have to match their physicality. Tall receivers will have to play bigger than they are to out jump and outwit them; little quick waterbug handlers will have to throw and go.

Opponents on offense will benefit if they can make A&M's key offensive players exert energy on D. On defense against the Ags, not covering the longs tightly or setting weak marks on Ben, Max, and senior captain **Dan Di Camillo** (#6) will lead to demoralizing easy scores. Denying the dump might stall A&M's game, until the accurate huck gets thrown. Rough and tumble play could be a disadvantage to the Aggies, as they're inexperienced on the Nationals scene and might not call the borderline fouls.

Look for Texas A&M to step up in every game they play. Their style of play and camaraderie could carry them to an upset victory or two in Boston. These boys didn't come just to get experience, they came to win and are plenty capable of it. Watch for the South to rise again.

## #15 Ohio State University How they got here: 2nd in Great Lakes Region

Ohio State Ledbelly battled through the loser's bracket to claim a backdoor victory at Regionals and earn the team's first bid to Nationals. With fourth and fifth year players making up nearly half the roster, this team has a lot of experience on the field.

What the other half of the roster lacks in experience they make up for with raw talent. Sophomores Kenneth "Goon" Weinburg (#9) and Kevin "Willis" Ryan (#1600) are major forces on D. Willis will put tons of air between him and the ground to get the disc and Goon always seems to get there before his man whether it be on foot or in the air. Don't overlook Jeff Kula (#5) and Jeff "Toro" Servaites (#12). They use their excellent field sense and smart throws to make tremendous play look easy. Spending most of his time in the air or laid out on the ground, Callahan nominee Kevin Reichert (#23, senior, 6'0) will show he has more respect for the disc than his own body. The 2001 Championship tournament will mark the end of Glenn Goetchius' (#19) illustrious college ultimate career, so look to him to go out in style. With players like captain Mike Boeck1 (#53, senior) who played with a broken ankle to help his team secure their bid to Nationals, this team will not go out early without a fight. Ledbelly's players will put everything they have on the field, and win or lose, are sure to make some fans. --Jennifer Badgley

#16 University of Pennsylvania How they got here: 2nd in Metro East Region

The University of Pennsylvania Void has always been known for attitude and fire. Win or lose, the UPenn program has consistently had a commitment to TEAM, with large, noisy sidelines and an unparalleled dedication to the art of the nickname. Few thought that this team would rebound from the disappointment of last year, when the Void saw a solid shot at Nationals evaporate with the loss of several veterans to injury and illness just prior to Sectionals. But the UPenn players made the most of their team mentality, stepped it up one and all, and made the Void a team with which to be reckoned in 2001.

Essential to the Void's offense is Jordan "Meju" Schwartz (#47). If his throws don't get you, his fakes will. The Void devours zone defenses by capitalizing on his throwing ability, and man defenses struggle as well against UPenn's knack for breaking the mark. Relatively speaking, this team doesn't send things deep too often, but they batter their opponents on the break side. Sophomore Alan "Nut-Nut" Rotenburg (#81) is as mature a thrower as Meju was two years ago, with freshman Mike "Logan" Miller (#46) fast on his heels. Void Captain Jim "Punner" Morrison (#30, senior) is a double threat as a great thrower and experienced receiver, pulling down a good portion of the team's deep scores. Rob "Fabio" Olson (#4, grad student) is another strong deep, along with Jared "Lurpy" Inselmann (#11).

Defensively, Void benefits from their self-described "veeerry poachy D," and the team members' ability to communicate and cover for each other is readily apparent in this aspect of their game. Among their defensive animals are **Brian "Quiz" Belkin** (#14) and **Dan "Dildo" Cavanaugh** (#3). But both on defense and offense, despite the fact that they have one of the youngest rosters at Nationals, the Void makes the most of every man on the field. --Benson Wilder

WOMEN'S DIVISION

## #1 University of British Columbia How they got here: Won Northwest Region

Ever since Canadian teams started competing at UPA Nationals a few years ago, the University of British Columbia has been a force in the women's division. The team made the finals in 1997, losing to regional rival Stanford, and nearly made the semis the following year, despite graduating a number of top players. UBC missed out on Nationals in 1999, but they return as the favorites this year with an experienced, senior-laden team.

UBC has lost only once so far this year, to Stanford at the President's Day tournament in San Diego (in February). They have since avenged the loss twice over in addition to beating many of the other contenders for the national title: UNC-Wilmington, UC-San Diego and Brown all fell before the Canadian juggernaut at the Stanford Invite in March.

Led by tall, athletic Lara Mussell (#77, senior, 5'11), a mainstay of the Canadian women's club champion Prime and also the world champion Canadian National Team, UBC can overcome its opponents in a number of ways. They are typically bigger and more athletic than the teams they play, but they are also quite experienced and adaptable. UBC has an excellent zone defense and, with the help of coach Jonathan Wooldridge (a member of the excellent men's club team, Furious George), they do a great job of mixing up their strategies to keep their opponents offbalance. Being from Vancouver, UBC is used to playing in adverse weather conditions, so wind and rain will actually help them, instead of just minimizing their advantage in athleticism.

On offense, look for Mussell and fellow co-captain Wiljo Captein (#10, senior) to run the show, with help from speedy cutters Elizabeth Job (#25, senior) and Sarah Mukai (#00, junior). The team's depth is illustrated by its ability to put out an almost entirely different group of players on defense, which is led by Wendy Sligl (#19, senior) and Amy Waterhouse (#11, senior).

## #2 UC-San Diego women How they got here: Won Southwest Region

Probably the deepest team in the women's division, UC-San Diego is coming off a tremendous spring season, highlighted by wins at the Santa Barbara Invitational, President's Day and Ultimax, along with 2nd place finishes at Stanford Invite and College Easterns. Few of their wins have been close, and their two losses were to top-seeded UBC (15-7 in the rain-soaked finals of Stanford Invite) and fourth-seeded Georgia (15-13 at Easterns). If Nationals is hot and dry, as expected, look for UCSD to take advantage of the familiar conditions and fight through to the finals.

Unlike most college teams, UC-San Diego has enough skilled handlers that it doesn't rely on just one or a few players. Corinne Ginsburg, Bryn Martyna and Stacy Berger all take turns running the offense, while Steph Jong, Kristina Ow, and captain Jen Sanderson provide the speed that paces the defense. Mary Ann Polityka and Kirsten Unfried, teammates of Martyna on the club team San Diego Safari, provide additional experience.

Although they are a versatile team, UCSD's zone is particularly fearsome. They used it to contain an athletic Brown team during the semis of Stanford Invite. A strong wind just might be to UC-San Diego's advantage.

#### #3 UNC-Wilmington

How they got here: Won Atlantic Coast Region

After reaching the finals of last year's championship in Boise, this year's Seaweed team entered the season as strong favorites to equal or surpass last year's accomplishments. But the team's regular season record leaves many wondering just how this team stacks up in a women's division where virtually all the top teams have improved since last year.

Like their counterpart in the men's division, the Seamen, the UNC-W women's team has a small roster dominated by two top offensive players: Leah Rehill (grad student), and Nikki Miani. Leah, also a successful club player, is one of college ultimate's most experienced and competitive players and will be making her last run for a college championship. Nikki, UNC-W's candidate for the Callahan Award, is Leah's favorite offensive target (and vice versa) Together they probably account for half of UNC-W's offensive throws. Nikki is lightening quick and one of the most exciting players in the women's division.

But if UNC-W expected to cruise through the regular season (final record 29-6) and back into the title game, College Easterns (UNC-W's home tournament), was a rude shock. Seaweed played a series of tough games, including a squeaker victory against Bucknell (a team with even a smaller roster than UNC-W) and suffered a shocking defeat at the hands of the University of Virginia. In addition Seaweed matches up badly against Johanna Neumann's Tufts team, a team UNC-W has lost to twice.

In the tradition of fiery UNC-W coaches, Seaweed is coached by Andrew Zeldin and the slightly less fiery, but no less intense, Pete Schuhmann.

This year's tournament almost certainly includes the most competitive set of women's teams in the division's history (Carleton, the defending Champion, is seeded 9th!), with at least 8 schools having a shot to make the finals. UNC-W's basic strategy is to send the disc deep and then try and smother the opposing team near the goal line, with Melanie Bossert, Kristen Collins and Catherine Brock joining Leah and Nikki on defense. "Huck and cover" got them to the finals in 2000, but will it this year?

## #4 University of Georgia How they got here: 2nd in Atlantic Coast Region

The Georgia Ho-Dawgs were spawned 5 years ago, and like most new teams, relied heavily on their one star player/captain/coach. Things have changed for this now starstudded team from the south. Two years ago, some heavy recruiting of players and a coach turned this team into a national power. Now, the coach and many of the players have changed, but the team is stronger than ever. They have an unmistakable style and confidence, and they are good enough to beat any college team out there.

Though UNC-Wilmington bested them (by a single point) at Regionals, UGA won Easterns in Wilmington, North Carolina and Terminus in Atlanta, beating big teams like Colorado, Tufts, UCSD, Brown, Wilmington, and Carleton.

In some ways, the Ho-Dawgs of 2001 are similar to the semifinal teams of the last 2 years. They are athletic enough to play person-to-person D on any team. But they will also throw junk at teams and have a very strong trap zone. On offense, they have several handlers who can break the mark and huck off both sides, speedy receivers, and a lot of women who are confident with the disc. They have an amazing bond of friendship that keeps them up throughout games, and they have learned to not only hold leads and crush teams, but to also come back from enormous deficits when they have to.

In other ways, the Ho-Dawgs of 2001 are a little different. First-year coach Jami Cashin has brought some new ideas and some extra fire and is building on the foundation set over the past two years. Whereas 2 years ago, 10 Georgia girls overcame all odds and fought their way to the semi-finals at the championships, the team now boasts twice that many players and they expect to win. This team has veterans, stars, role players, sideline support, and fired up rookies who are going to fill big shoes in years to come. This truly is a program now, and these women are as strong and talented a unit as has been produced. Put superstar transfer Angela Lin (#71, grad student) in the equation with Callahan nominee Katherine Kidd-Shippey (#3, grad student, 5'8"), the Ogburn sisters (#30 Jessica & #41 Evelyn), and the rest of these Georgia peaches, and you've got a team that is nothing but good to watch.

#### #5 University of Colorado How they got here: Won Southwest Region

It's rare that a team makes the semis in its first trip to Nationals, but that's exactly what Colorado did --with a squad of just thirteen players-- all the way back in 1995. This is its third time back since then, and probably its best chance to match the success of the initial foray (and that says a lot, since the women's division has grown much stronger in the intervening years).

This year's team is fairly experienced, with over half of its players either seniors or graduate students. They are led by superstar **Chelsea Boyle** (#27, Senior, 5'3), who is likely to be spotted hucking upwind to one of the many cutters on the team. Other offensive standouts include captain **Sara Fox** (#8, Senior) and **Leah Brooks** (#5, Junior), while the defense is paced by **Lori Moore** (#24, Junior).

Colorado has had a successful season, defeating Stanford at Stanford's home tournament in a stunning second half comeback, and also taking down the New England powerhouses Tufts and Brown. They had trouble with top-seeded teams UBC and UC-San Diego all season (as did everyone), although their most recent showdown with UCSD at Regionals in May was a lot closer, as Colorado fell only 15-12.

Despite its lofty #5 seeding at Nationals, Colorado was done no favors, as it was placed in a pool with two of the 2000 Nationals semi-finalists: Georgia and Carleton. Early talk is that Colorado will finish third in the pool and face hometown favorite Tufts in the pre-quarters, but smart money has Boyle leading the way to a victory over at least one of these pool rivals.

### #6 Brown University

How they got here: Won New England Region

Coached by Lori Parham (who plays for Boston's national champion club team), Disco has been taught more than a few Godiva tricks. They have a well-structured offense, driven by Sarah Cook's (#10) pretty throws, Pauline Lauterbach's (#3) long cuts, and Kate Leslie's (#20) big catches. Callhan nominee Peri Kurshan (#24) is a top handler despite usually having to guard the opponents strongest player on D. The speed at which they keep the offense moving with the disc down the field is a good reason why they've qualified for the last three College Nationals and made it to the semis of Yale Cup, the Stanford Invitational, and Ultimaxx this year, playing strong games against many of the top teams here at Nationals. Brown is located in Providence, RI, scarcely an hour from the tourney sites, and will enjoy home-field advantage against everyone except Tufts and MIT.

Just watch a huck go up into the air, Disco swarms all over it and rips it down. Think you're open on offense? Think again-that flash of blue next to you is about to lay out for the Dblock. Brown often starts out with an advantage on D thanks to Sarah Cooke's pulls. Also look for **Rachel Westin** (#22) on defense as she consistently gets go-to blocks. Once Disco has caused a turnover, they are careful with possession of the disc, a hallmark of this team.

Brown is known for its very chilly zone offense, and has shown it is prepared to throw upwards of fifty passes to pick apart the D. It has sometimes been in trouble when the wind really picks up, but conditions are expected to be relatively calm in Boston. Brown is also hampered by the loss of Adelaide Eagan, sidelined after ACL surgery. However Brown has had most of the season to adapt and will have the benefit of Eagan's experience on the sidelines.

Though Disco hasn't quite broken through this year against the elite teams, one- and two-point losses to such teams as UNC-W, Georgia, and UCSD have shown that they are capable. The question is whether their experience is enough to help them take the next step at Nationals and break into the final four. -Gretchen Dietrich

#### #7 Stanford University How they got here: 2nd in Northwest Region

Once upon a time, Stanford owned the women's college division. After losing in the finals in 1995 and 1996, they finally broke through the following year, when they snapped off the first of three straight National titles. The rest of the country caught up a bit last spring, when Stanford lost most of its team to graduation and was unable to fight through a tough region to make the Championship tournament. But they return this year, on the strength of a season where they have lost only to the top two seeds (UBC and UC-San Diego) and fifth-seeded Colorado.

Despite missing 2000 Nationals, Stanford remains one of the most experienced teams in college ultimate. Three players--Callahan nominee Camille Yu (#10, senior), Delia Chiu (#187, senior) and Karen Hyun (#7, senior) -- were members of both the 1998 and 1999 National Championship squads, while Erin Percival (#21, junior) and Robin Knowler (#14, senior) both earned rings in 1999. Yu, one of the top defenders in college ultimate, also won a club national title in 1999 with the San Francisco team Fury, which Percival and Knowler joined last fall. Oh yeah, Stanford also retains its coach, Jennifer Donnelly, who would probably rank as the winningest coach of all-time, if such statistics were kept.

The team's greatest asset is probably its athleticism, as Stanford's ultimate team has had great success plucking top athletes from the school's Division I sports programs. Knowler was on the top-ranked swim team before defecting, while **Hanna Kim** (junior) was a sprinter on the track team. Percival was recruited to play soccer but chose to play frisbee instead. In addition to speed, Stanford boasts good height, as Knowler is dominant in the air and **Gwen Ambler** (#5, sophomore) towers over the competition.

# #8 Tufts University

How they got here: 2nd in New England Region

Start with nine seniors who have been playing together since freshman year, add three solid juniors, a dozen athletic and tireless sophomores and freshmen, and what do you have? The Tufts Ewo. The Ewo have been demonstrating their control of the game all season-- they won Yale Cup and made it to the finals at Terminus, the Chesapeake Invite, and NE Regionals. Their star player, 2000 Callahan winner Johanna Neumann (#13), has been sidelined with a stress fracture since Sectionals, yet Tufts has consistently shown its depth and skill by winning the Metro Boston Section and qualifying for Nationals without her. Be on the lookout: she's fired up to return at Nationals.

In the meantime, look for Neva Cherniavsky (#3), Emily Briggs (#29), Taliser Avery (#7), Alison Mixter (#9), and Sally Mimms (#23) on the starting line for Tufts. They'll run short, run deep, cut for the corners, break the mark, and throw their bodies around to usually come up with the disc. Coach Paul Sackley has this team running some of the most versatile and sophisticated D in the division. They have everything from a clam to a 2-3-2 to a 1-3-3 in their arsenal and they like to switch it up.

On offense, they'll have to be more careful with the disc than they were at Regionals-- a very consistent offense is a necessity to get to the highest levels. This team has shown that consistency in the past, yet with powerhouse UBC in its pool, Tufts has a tough road to the finals. Unless the Ewo can find a way to knock the Canadians off, they are looking at second in their pool. That means an extra game and a route to the quarters that may well go through UCSD, a team they have lost to twice.

Tufts has shown it can win on the road, traveling to Wilmington to defeat UNC-W solidly. Now they would like to show they can win at home-- in the finals at Tufts stadium. --Gretchen Dietrich

## #9 Carleton College How they got here: Won Central Region

Defending champion Carleton Syzygy finally has nothing to prove. After losing in the finals in 1998 and 1999, the team won it all in 2000. After graduating a number of players from the championship squad, if they are to repeat in Boston, they will have to do it with their depth. Fortunately for Syzygy, ultimate is a focus at Carleton College like at no other school and the team has been rebuilt with no stars, but lots of athletes.

The players' fitness and athleticism is this team's biggest strength. They are all fast, quick and fairly tall. They are in EXCELLENT shape and have a large, deep team from which to draw more fast, quick, tall subs. Their second biggest strength is their aggressiveness. If the disc is in the air, they are going for it...ALWAYS. They are scrappy and physical and will come down out of a pack of opponents with the disc.

Carleton will switch from a chilly handler center O to a hucking game. They like to make use of their team speed to run a fast break that will keep the defense on its heels. In keeping with their no-stars style, the starting line will be chosen the day of each match.

Previous Carleton teams would rarely turn the disc. No matter whether they were being pulled to or got the D, they would work it up the field flawlessly. This years Carleton team makes mistakes. They do turn the disc-- infrequently, but they don't have the flawless, methodical offense of past teams. Though the ultimate season is always short for this northern Minnesota team, an especially snowy winter kept them off their fields until mid-April this year. That could be the reason for their rust. After dropping games in March to Georgia, Bucknell, UNC-Wilmington, and U.C.San Diego, Syzygy hasn't played any top college teams. They've tuned up against their alumni and men's teams, so new coach **Thomas Sebby** will have his hands full countering the moves of teams who've faced more varied competition.

The team is bursting with pent-up energy following the long winter and if any team could wait until the Championship tournament to pull it all together, it may be this Carleton squad.

#10 Swarthmore College How they got here: Won Metro East Region With a bunch of players returning from the team Swarthmore took to Nationals last year, Swarthmore has only become deeper and more experienced for 2001. Add in the club Nationals experience that both captains gained last fall, and you get a team that is going to be harder to rattle even in the supercharged atmosphere of the Boston Championships.

Despite playing UNC-Wilmington and Carleton close, the Warmothers have had a tough time with top ranked teams this season. They got pounded once by Tufts and repeatedly by Regional rivals Bucknell. Somehow, Swat turned it around at Sectionals, though, after trailing 10-6, and finally beat Bucknell. A week later as if to prove it was no fluke, the Warmothers again edged Bucknell, this time in the Regional finals when it really counted. Opponents have to be wondering could be peaking at just the right time.

Captain Lindsay Goldsmith (#7, senior, 5'6") is the team's top handler with 8 years in the game topped by club and college Nationals experience. She will keep markers off-balance with some amazing throw fakes. Both she and co-captain Jenny Hoedeman (#8, senior), the top receiver, will have to keep the team settled and playing within itself for them to succeed. The urge to overreach is a danger with this squad. Teams with tricky zones won't phase them much as they adapt well to find the holes in any D. However, when running from a stack, the offense has shown a tendency to bog down as the disc advances. Unless downfield players stay more alert and active, Swat will have a lot of trouble with the higher seeds.

Swat is versatile on defense, and will show several flavors of zone as well as regular and hybrid man-to-man. Top D player Sara "KC" Kates-Chinoy (#12) is also a starter on O. Other money D players like Carolynn "KK" Laurenza (#13) and Sanya Carley (#19) are also capable of making the difference on O. Capitalizing on turnovers is a strength of this team.

If they can score a pool upset, it could set the stage for a Swat-Bucknell matchup in prequarters which would be a treat for spectators. Both these teams play very clean games and place Spirit of the Game at the top of their lists. Their games are extremely competitive and the great respect they have for each other is obvious.

#### #11 Bucknell University

How they got here: 2nd in Metro east Region

The Bucknell University Peace Frogs have gained a great deal of confidence in the past year or so. Following a Championship tournament appearance in 2000, they notched a number of breakout games this year where they proved they could play with some of the best teams in nation. Bucknell defeated Tufts, Brown, and Carleton this season and had oneand two-point losses to Georgia and UNC-W. They also owned Swarthmore before the Warmothers' resurgence at Sectionals.

The main handlers are Callahan nominee Kelly Reiners (#22, senior), Kathy Kennedy (#69), and Sara Gifford (#11). Katy Cagle (#8) starts at deep and Debra Lowry (#15) is just one of those solid all-around players. The Peace Frogs can put out a talented offensive line, and with the stellar play of Betsy Anderson (#12), will really step it up on D, especially when showing zone.

Bucknell's lack of depth is a definite weakness. They stormed several tournaments with small squads, surprising good teams while playing almost without subs. However, playing savage is a tough way to go at Nationals, where nearly every game is played with an intensity a couple notches above the regular season. If freshman Julie Gabrielli (#420) is able to come off the bench to step up at deep, that will be a big plus for Bucknell. Endurance will be a factor for all the teams here and the question for Bucknell is how deep into their bench can they go and stay competitive.

Look for them to use their height (they have at least 3 very tall players with skills and good hands) and talented throwers to go over the top of some smaller, speedier teams. Wind will help Bucknell's fortunes as their grooved throws, good hands, and love of zone will give them an edge. However they do, count on them to do it with the best sportsmanship. They're hoping to not only make the quarters or even top 4, but also win the Spirit of the Game award at Nationals as they did at Regionals.

## #12 Northwestern University

How they got here: Won Great Lakes Region

Northwestern, a team only three years in the making, claimed its first Nationals bid after living up to its one seed at Regionals. Coached by the women of Chicago club team Nemesis, mainly Nancy Glass, Gung-ho has a fairly young squad with the most experienced player having only three years on the field. However, they are ready to prove that they can play with the best teams in the US and Canada.

An exciting player to watch will be **Shelly Peyton** (#11, junior, 5'4"). She is a major force on the field, with beautiful layout Ds and hot grabs. Also look for **Callahan nominee Courtney Bethem** (#3, senior, 5'3") to lead the handlers (despite only two years in the sport) and send her longs deep after her monster hucks. **Katie Pasicznyk** (#18, sophomore) will be doing what she loves best, getting open on her woman and snagging the disc in the endzone. On defense, the team likes to play man-to-man, but aren't afraid to shake up the opponent's offense by running hot zone and clam D.

The biggest question mark for Northwestern may be whether rookie jitters will catch up to the newest team when they take the field in Boston. But the confidence stemming from an impressive spring showing could put Northwestern in position to show that the midwest is a force to be dealt with. --Jennifer Badgley

## #13 University of Illinois How they got here: 2nd in Great Lakes Region

Illinois Rogue, coming off an impressive backdoor victory at Regionals, secured its third consecutive trip to Nationals, despite losing 10 players last year. They made up for the loss of players with extreme dedication that paid off and produced a strong team full of heart and a never-say-die attitude. The main handlers are Callahan nominee Lorra Gillian (#7, senior) and Heather Sattler (#22, senior). Heather keeps the disc moving with her smart throws and quick cuts, while Lorra waits for the perfect opportunity to huck the disc into the hands of an open deep. Illinois usually plays from a conventional stack on O, but will occasionally switch to the German offense.

While much of their strength lies in their handling ability, defense is what makes them a Nationals-worthy team. Playing in the windy midwest has given this team lots of opportunities to work on its zone. Marita Espinosa (#18) uses the same cutting skills that make her a good handler to make her even better at handler defense. Christin Quarry (#5), who was once described as "the woman with the biggest smile and the sweetest layouts in the Great Lakes Region" can pump this team up to play out of their heads on D. It was defense that got them here, as a dead-tired Illinois team needed a monster comeback in the back door finals of Regionals to defeat a tough Ohio University team that had beaten them a day earlier.

They'll have to show poise despite their youth and inexperience against a very strong women's field in Boston, but this young team has the spirit and grit that could lead them to some upsets. They have proven that they will not give up early and that the game is not over for them until the last point has been scored. --Jennifer Badgley

#14 University of Wisconsin - Madison How they got here: 2nd in Central Region

Belladonna of the University of Wisconsin at Madison is an unknown to most of the teams at Nationals. Aside from a close victory over Northwestern and a loss to Illinois in March, they haven't reported games with any of the teams in the tournament. As the #14 seed, they'll be hoping to test out their game against some top teams and varied competition.

Wisconsin plays the long game, taking advantage of the hucks of captain Jamie Anderson (#22) and some good flow. Other offensive starters include Jamie's co-captains Carrie Franz (#11, junior) and Sarah Strozinski (#3, senior), along with Liz Hassemer (#24) Jen Tran (#21).

Belladonna earned its spot in the tourney by rebounding from a drubbing by Iowa in pool play Regionals to eke out a gritty victory in a tough rematch in the game-to-go on Sunday. Sophomore Jen Tran anchors the very physical defense Wisconsin plays. They set a tough mark and will go hard to the disc. Wisconsin is a hard-driving team that along with Iowa, Winnona and others is is pushing to raise the level of play to compete with Carleton in the Central Region

# \$15 Massachusetts Institute of technology

How they got here: 3rd in New England Region

Making their second Nationals appearance in four years, D@MIT is ready to bowl you over with their confidence and athleticism. These women play a very smart game (they didn't get into MIT based on their ultimate skill alone), controlled on the sideline by coaches Tessa Warren and James Sarvis (who has been known to make rash promises about what he'll do if the team makes Nationals, so spectators should take note of his sideline attire). Claiming no superstars on their team, these young, unseasoned women bring a positive attitude to the field, along with strong long throwers and excellent hands.

Usually MIT is packed with grad students as underclassmen have less time to play, but this is a younger team than MIT traditionally fields, and more aggressive and athletic. Top handlers include freshman Nancy Sun and grad student Pei-lin Hsiung. MIT combines its long throwers with some deeps skilled at pulling the disc out of the air. They play with a confidence that belies their inexperience. As an unheralded 15 seed, they are under no pressure and have little to lose, which could make them dangerous, but definitely will let them play loose and have fun. --Gretchen Dietrich

#16 Washington University(St. Louis) How they got here: Won South Region Washington University of St. Louis fields an inexperienced team relative to many in the tournament, but can show some good ol' midwestern style moves. WUWU plays a patient 3-2-2 offense of short cuts and dumps, but look out for captain and super-senior **Melanie "Thug" Koskamp's** (#40, 5'10 3/4") constant eye for the huck. Handler Suzanne "Thug-in-training" Wikle (#8, sophomore) will help keep the offense flowing up the sidelines, the team's preferred means of advancing the disc. Melanie is also known to favor the break-mark towards the middle of the field, and the O has great continuations from there, often resulting in a strike to designated scoring queen, **Frances "Trackstar" Ajo** (#88).

The key word for their defense is "aggressive." When conditions are good for throwing, Wash U will play tight womanto-woman. They have a go-to mentality all day long, and are effective at designating a last back (generally Melanie, an excollege basketball player with size and great ups) to contest any deep throw that is put up. While they will engage in some effective switching, they don't poach (much), they don't do anything fancy, they just get the disc.

When the wind picks, however, up so does the D, as WUWU throws its trademark LTP-cup zone. The "LTP," or Little Tough People, who comprise the cup are **Cat Cheng** (#9), **Betsy Merbitz** (#20), and all-around defensive standout **Erin Donovan** (#1).

Characteristic of a team in only its second year of existence, the Wash U players are still learning to trust one another on the field, and this leads to some missed opportunities on The teammates' closeness off the field and nonoffense. judgmental attitude could help them gel in Boston, however. If this starts happening and they get significant contributions from talented players beyond their top few, such as Kristin Piccirillo (#19, junior), they will be much more dangerous. They'll also need leadership from co-captain Holly Silverston (#18, senior) to help them pull together to rise above their #16 seed, coming from the lightly-regarded South Region. WUWU ain't no train but it is a team with lots of spirit and a huge heart that can tough its way through lots of great --Alice Hill ultimate.

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