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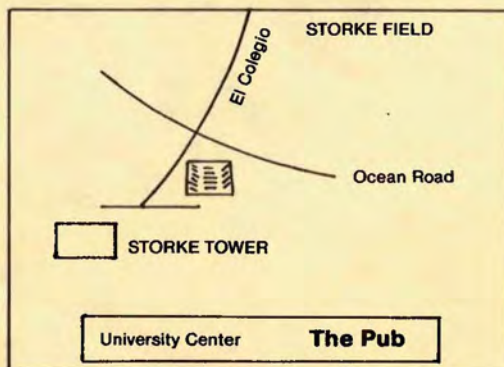
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# **The Inevitable Welcome Article**

**By Larry Leveille, Tournament Director**

Welcome all, to the 1981 Western Regional Ultimate Championship. Welcome to those of you attending your first Ultimate Tournament, to those who came to watch or to play again, and to those fanatics among you who couldn't possibly miss a tournament.

I walked on to an Ultimate field in 1976. The people were so friendly, it was hard not to play. After a brief explanation of the rules ("Don't run with the disc, always stay with your men on defense, and when the offense has an incomplete pass, it's a turnover... Oh, yes, the most important rule—Have Fun".) I was on the field and a regular. Even when learning the game, I could make no real mistakes. Someone was always there with a suggestion as to how I could do better, and I learned from the best. That was for me the essence of the game. A completely goofy rookie could play with, learn from, and become good friends with some of the best players in the world. It is the first players in any Ultimate organization that make it go, and they do it having a good time and helping others to have a good time, no

matter what the level of competition.

It's now 1981 and I've seen the Condors through four Western Regional titles, two world Ultimate titles, and other assorted tournaments, some unsuccessful and successful. Through all of it, Ultimate has been fun, and that's the spirit that we of the Condors want you *all* to feel.

To those of you who have never seen Ultimate played, each of the players here this weekend has gone through untold hours of practice and are quite prepared to go on to the Nationals in Austin, Texas on the same basis. When you watch the games, remember there aren't even two-figure salaries in this game. We are all here to have fun. To the competitors, the Santa Barbara Condors look forward to your playing in the 1981 Western Regional Championships. Play as hard as possible, have as much fun as possible, and make your opponents in each and every game work their asses off against you.

Enjoy yourself, play hard, play fair and nobody hurt.



## History

Ultimate Frisbee was created in 1968 at Columbia High School in Maplewood N.J. For several years the sport was only played in Maplewood usually in the evenings by a group of friends. Many of these players graduated and went onto college in the north east, and established their own teams at their respective schools. 1975 saw the first Ultimate championships (The

Easterns) in which the top eight teams participated with Rutgers University emerging as champions. It was becoming evident that the sport had great potential for growth. 1977 saw the first National Championships with the Eastern Champs Penn State pitted against the Santa Barbara Condors. Santa Barbara was victorious and went on to win again in 1978 against Cornell

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University. By 1979 250 teams were known across the U.S. and through a regional qualifying system, five met in Pennsylvania to vie for the crown. This time the title went back to New Jersey in the hands of Glassboro State College who repeated as the top team in 1980. Today over 600 competitive teams are listed with the Ultimate Players Association but this is only a surface indication of all the Ultimate Frisbee activity as many colleges and high schools have adopted Ultimate Frisbee into their physical education and intramural programs.

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10:30 a.m.	2-15	1-16	7-10	8-9	6-11	5-12
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1:00 p.m.	9-16	10-15	3-14	8-1	4-13	7-2
2:30 p.m.	2-10	1-9	3-6	4-5	13-12	14-11

## SUNDAY

**10:00 Mens Semi-Finals**

**12:00 Womens Finals (Stadium)**

**2:00 Mens Finals (Stadium)**

### Mens Teams

Stanford Synapse  
 Santa Cruz Kaos  
 Santa Clara  
 Chabot 101st Airbourne  
 Flying Circus (Bay Area)  
 Dark Star (Eugene, Ore.)  
 Humbolt Buds  
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Santa Barbara Condors  
 Santa Barbara Seawolves  
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### Womens Teams

S.B. Lady Condors  
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 Sac Attack Womens Team  
 Santa Cruz Womens Ultimate

## Women's Ultimate

Finally....a women's Division at the Nationals. We've waited patiently for the past four years for Women's Ultimate to evolve to a point which warrants a division of its own. We've waited on the sidelines of the men's practices to sub in against another woman in the classic "6 and 1" team format. We've waited at the designated practice field for more women to show up for women's practice (3 on 3 ultimate is only fun for a little while!), finally giving up hopes of having a real women's team after a month of that.

Intermittently, during our waiting, there have been women's pickup games, usually at men's tournaments, serving to keep the ideal alive. We knew some day Women's Ultimate would come into its own. And now it has.

The U.S. is divided into five competitive regions. For the first time, this year, each region will host a Women's Division along side the already established Men's Division. The winning women's team from each region will travel to Austin, Texas to the National Ultimate Frisbee Championships, along with the winning men's team,





to compete for the National Championship title.

The decision to add a Women's Division to the National Championships came in late August. In just two short months, Women Ultimate players have organized nationally, boasting an average of seven teams in each region. During the past four years, women players have been working out and playing Ultimate on men's teams at practice sessions. A few women have even played with their men's teams in national level competitions. These women have emerged as the organizers and leaders of the more than 30 teams now in existence. The level and quality of play is expanding by leaps and bounds atop the wave of enthusiasm and motivation which has swept across the regions. We are genuinely excited!

So... our patience has paid off. We won't be imaged standing on the sidelines of men's practices or waiting in a sparse little group on an empty practice field. We'll be seen practicing and enjoying Ultimate as much as any team ever has.


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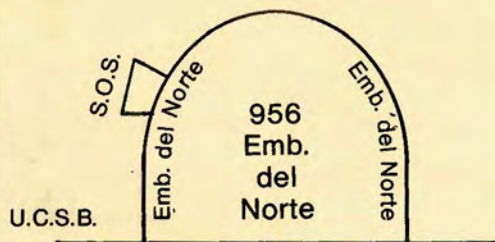
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