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The Washington Area Frisbee Club

The Washington Area Frisbee Club (WAFC) is proud to bring you the Ultimate Players Association 1985 Ultimate National Championships. The WAFC is comprised of players from all of the disc sports, living in the Washington metropolitan area. Planning for this event started nine months ago, and we hope that our efforts are visible to you in the way in which the tournament is run. With the success of the 1984 UPA Easterns as our inspiration, we've set out to bring both player and spectator an enjoyable event. Thanks to all of our sponsors and supporters. Hope you have a great time.

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Playing Fields and Downtown



Schedule of Events

Friday, October 25th

| 9:15 am | Prelim Round 1 |
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| 12:15 pm | Prelim Round 2 |
| 3:15 pm | Prelim Round 3 |

Saturday, October 26th

| 9:15 am | Prelim Round 4 |
|---------|----------------|
| 2:15 pm | Prelim Round 5 |
| 3:15 pm | Prelim Round 6 |
| 9:00 pm | Party |

Sunday, October 27th

| 9:00 am | Men's Semi-finals | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 11:45 am | Women's Finals | | | | | |
| 2:15 pm | Men's Finals | | | | | |

Directions to the Hotel

The Capitol Holiday Inn is the official hotel of the 1985 Ultimate National Championships. The hotel is located near the Air & Space Museum at 550 C Street, SW (the intersection of 6th and C Streets, SW). The location of the hotel is indicated on the map on page two.

From Metro Subway: Take the Yellow, Blue or Orange line trains to the L'Enfant Plaza station. Leave the station via the 7th & D Street exit. Walk one block to C Street; hotel is on the right.

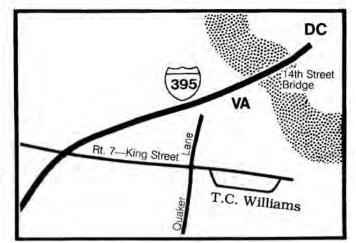
Walking from the Mall fields: Follow the mall past the Washington Monument toward the Capitol Building. Turn right on 7th Street (which separates the cylindrical Hirshhorn Museum and the Air & Space Museum). Go one block and turn left on Independence Avenue. Go one block and turn right on 6th Street. Hotel is 1/2 block on left.

If you have any questions about directions or anything else, please do not hesitate to ask one of the staff members.

Directions to Final Game Site

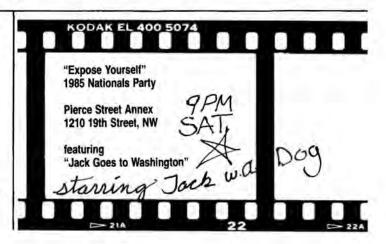
The semifinal and final matches will be held Sunday at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria, VA.

From Washington: Take the 14th Street Bridge south to I-395 South. Exit VA Route 7 South—King Street. Go 1 mile on King Street. The High School is on your right following the light at Quaker Lane.



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REMEMBER Standard Time returns Sunday morning at 3:00 am. Set your clock back 1 hour.



1985 Nationals Preview

by Eric Simon

MEN'S DIVISION

Except for the Mid Atlantic, almost all the participants of the Nationals this year have been there before. The strongest regions, judging from the last few years, have been the West and the Central. Last year, all four semi-finalists for the men. and the two finalists for the women were from those two regions. This year, each of those six teams again qualified for Nationals.

From the West are the Condors and Flying Circus, and the Central Windy City and the defending champion Tunas. Last year the Tunas and Flying Circus won their respective regionals, finished in second in their respective pools, then won their respective semifinal games. This year Windy City and the Condors won their regionals.

The two teams most likely to crack the West-Central dominance are the Rivals (a Dallas Sky Pilot type team with a few Boulder Stains mixed in), and Titanic, a Boston team of stars that includes former Rude Boys, Hostages, and players from other top teams. Indeed, the Sky Pilots are the only team outside the West and Central regions in the last two years to make the final four, while the Rude Boys are the only team outside the West and Central regions to make the finals since 1982. This year the Rivals have beaten both the Tunas and Windy City, and they looked very strong in the Southern Regional. Titanic hasn't lost a game in weeks, winning the Purchase Cup, the Boston Area Sectional (by far the hardest in the country), and the grueling Northeast Regional.

The Nationals are always full of surprises, and not all pre-tournament favorites and underdogs do as expected. Last year, talk was of the Northeast and Mid Atlantic, yet the Mid Atlantic lost all eight games played. In 1982 the West went oh-for-eight, but they came back to take the second and third spots the next year. Who are the other teams that may surprise us?

Kaboom took the second spot in the Northeast Regional. They show flashes of greatness, yet are inconsistent. At the Purchase Cup they badly lost to Cogz (DC, mostly Static), yet qualified out of their pool by scoring the final six points in their game against the tough Screamers (another Boston team—they finished fourth in the Northeast). At sectionals they finished second to Life Before Plastic (NY), and found themselves losing to Life for the second spot of the regionals. A time cap was put on the game, and Kaboom scored three straight to eek out a dramatic victory.

The Mid Atlantic teams are enigmas. Mr. Pouce, the winners, are no strangers to finishing high in the regionals, they had finished third for three straight years! (Two of those years were when North Carolina was in the South Region). This year they finished second in their sectionals (to Cogz), but managed to win the region without playing Cogz, although they did beat the Gang and the Void in tough games. They looked very strong in the regionals, stronger than anyone had remembered. The question is: can they continue to play at that level? And will the lack of nationals experience hurt them? The Cogz still seem like they peaked right before nationals last year and are inconsistent this year. They looked good beating the Gang at regionals, but looked "streaky" against the Void. After taking a 5-2 lead, they fell behind 9-5, but tied it at nines before winning 18-15. They looked good beating Kaboom by five at Purchase Cup but then lost by six to the Screamers the same day. One note of comfort to them: they are playing on the fields they practiced on all year. The only other teams ever to play the Nationals at home were the Condors last year; their men's team made it to the semi's, their women's team won it all.

Chain Lightning is the second team out of the South. In years past, Atlanta has been known as "a team with potential", but had never quite put it together after they won their regional in 1982. This year, however, they won the annual Sinkhole Classic over the Florida teams, and beat a tough Miami team for second place in the regional.

THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Defending Champs have the best chance in the history of the Nationals, men or women, to repeat. Although the starting seven of just about any of the other teams can give them a game, the Condors have a decisive edge in depth. The other four squads are fairly small.

But the Lady Condors are certainly not invincible. San Diego gave them a run for their money before falling 18-15 in the Western Finals. The two most likely contenders are Animation and the Fisheads.

Animation, one of the Boston teams, has been the power of the east, not losing any games en route to first place finishes in the Purchase Cup and the Northeast Regionals. The Fisheads won all of their games in the Central Regionals, but they seem a bit lean as of late. At Purchase they failed to make the finals of a tournament for the first time since 1981, losing to Animation in the semi's. On the other hand, they've never had a large squad and yet, they have made the finals of the nationals three straight years, winning the title in 1983. This year they squeaked out a 15-13 victory over Chicago's Nemesis at their regionals.

Because of graduation, the Shakti Nuns' squad (from Univ. of Florida) only vaguely resembles last year's. They also faced the perpetual problem facing women's teams from the south: no competition. Except for regionals, their entire season consisted of only two games (against the same team on the same weekend). At the Southern Regionals, the Supremes (Austin) swept through the prelims beating everybody, and the only question seemed to be who would come in second. The Nuns beat Atlanta's O-Zone, 13-11, to make the finals and then surprised the very confident Supremes to win the southern title for the third straight year.

A surprise in the Mid Atlantic (the region that wins the title of "most new faces in the Nationals") took place as the Zephyrs from Philadelphia beat the Boneless Chickens from U. Virginia 15-13 in the finals. Like the Supremes of the South, U.Va. had beat every team decisively in the prelims, and were fairly confident going into the finals against the Zephyrs. U.Va. had been to the finals of the Mid Atlantic five straight times, losing in the last two years to Andromeda. The Zephyrs, on the other hand, started the season as one of the most underrated women's teams, and then lost three players to Boston. Not only did they lose to U.Va. in the prelims (15-8) but, in the five year history of the Zephyrs, they had never beaten U.Va. They jumped off to a quick lead, extended it to 11-6, and held on to win 15-13. □





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The Pools

Men-Pool A

0-4 Chain Lightning—Atlanta 4-0 Flying Circus—San Francisco 1-3 Mr. Pouce—N. Carolina 2-2 Titanic—Boston 3-1 Windy City—Chicago

Men-Pool B

Condors—Santa Barbara 2^{-2} C.O.G.Z.—D.C. 0^{-4} Kaboom—N.Y. 4^{-0} Rivals—Dallas 2^{-2} Tunas—St. Louis 3^{-1}

Women

Animation—Boston Condors—Santa Barbara 4-0 Fisheads—Mich. State Shakti Nuns—Univ. Florida Zephyrs—Philadelphia

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Prelims

Friday, Saturday

Field 1

Condors-Kaboom Kaboom-COGZ

Field 3

COGZ-Tunas Tunas-Kaboom

Tunas-Rivals

Fisheads-Zephyrs

Fisheads-Animation

Windy City-Flying Circus

Friday 9:15 am 12:15 pm 3:15 pm

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Flying Circus-Mr. Pouce Flying Circus-Chain Lightning Kaboom-Rivals Shakti Nuns-Zephyrs Field 2 Titanic-Chain Lightning

Windy City-Mr. Pouce Shakti Nuns-Condors

COGZ-Rivals Shakti Nuns-Fisheads Zephyrs-Condors

Field 4

Condors-Rivals Fishcads-Condors Windy City-Titanic

Flying Circus-Titanic Animation-Condors Tunas-Condors

Field 5

Shakti Nuns-Animation Animation-Zephyrs Condors-COGZ

Windy City-Chain Lightning Chain Lightning-Mr. Pouce Titanic-Mr. Pouce

Finals

Saturday 9:15 am

Sunday

| 1st Place Pool A Flying Circus 2nd Place Pool BTUNAS | Circus | Open Division Championship Game 2:15 pm |
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| 1st Place Pool B Kaboom | Kabanm | Flying Circus |
| 2nd Place Pool A Windy (1+y) 9:00 am | | |
| - | 1st Place Prelims Lady Condors | Women's Championship Game 11:45 am |
| | 2nd Place Prelims | Lady Condors |



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The Tunas Saint Louis, Missouri

The St. Louis Tunas are the defending National Champions. Their victory in the finals of the 1984 National Championships catapulted them to the top of the game, where they have remained for the past year. A surprising second place finish in the Central Regionals finds their bid for back-toback titles starting roughly. The Tunas rely on the depth of their team to win the big tourneys. They utilize a grueling man-to-man defense and a pinpoint bomb offense. They are generally considered to be one of the best conditioned teams. This year marks their fourth consecutive appearance at the National Championships with second-, sixth- and first-place finishes, respectively over the last three years. The Tunas are sponsored by Pantera's Pizza, and they are one of the few teams to have used private sponsorship.

Windy City

Chicago, Illinois

Windy City is the 1983 National Champion and they are always ready to fight for the title. Their first place finish in the Central Region has undoubtedly fired them up for great play here in D.C. They have appeared in the last three National Championships, with finishes of seventh-, first-, and third-place, respectively. In addition to their 1983 National Championship title, Windy City also won the 1983 World Championships in Luzerne, Switzerland, where they outclassed all of the European competition. This is definitely a team to watch... and watch out for.

Mr. Pouce

Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina

What's in a name, you might ask? A lot in the case of the first seed in the Mid Atlantic Region. Formerly the Air Police, the team name changed when a batch of silk-screened T-shirts ran, and the name was obscured. This is Mr. Pouce's first appearance in the National Championships. They overcame tough competition in their regionals, beating the Gang and the Void for the number one spot. After years of traveling ungodly lengths to play in their regionals and sectionals, Mr. Pouce was admitted to the Mid Atlantic, where they have been constantly outstanding. This year's tourney found them also-ran's no more. They play a strong man-to-man defense and have a large squad to keep the pressure on their opponents.

The Cogz

Washington, D.C.

As the re-vamped Static Disc, the Cogz are making their third appearance in the National Championships. The Cogz play a strong man-toman defense and have speed through the ranks. With the addition of several new players, they are looking to avenge their 1-7 record of the last two years. The second seed from the Mid Atlantic Region, the Cogz are looking for a big win at home.

The Zephyrs

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Zephyrs hail from Philadelphia, and this is their first time in the National Championships. They won the Mid Atlantic Region with strong victories over the University of Virginia, the Horizontals, and Andromeda. What this team lacks in experience, they more than make up for in athletic talent. They are equally adept at zone and womanto-woman defenses, and are sure to be a factor in the 1985 National Championships.

The Arch Rivals Dallas, Texas

The Arch Rivals are a team largely composed of players from both the Texas and Colorado area. With loads of experience, they have looked very strong this season, finishing high in the standings at most of their tournaments. Dallas has fielded teams in the National Championships for nearly all of the tournament's history, and they could be considered a dark horse to go all the way. The Arch Rivals are the number one seed from the South Region, where they ran away from the competition.

Chain Lightning

Atlanta, Georgia

The 'Chain' makes this their second National Championship berth in the last four years. The team has split up and regrouped a number of times, with strong spinoff teams being the result. They defeated a tough Miami team to complete an ousting of last year's regional championship competitors. This year, they're back—and they're hot—as the number two seed from the South Region.

Titanic

Boston, Massachusetts

The Titanic is put together from some of the best talent in the Northeast Region. Composed largely of ex-Rude Boys and Hostages, they have won just about every tourney that they've entered this fall including the Northeast Regionals and the

TEAMS

Purchase Cup. They play the tight defense that is characteristic of Boston teams, and have the offensive weapons to go all the way. Considering their depth, they should fare considerably better than their namesake. In their various guises, members of this team have played in the National Championships for the last three years.

Kaboom

New York, New York

Kaboom plays tough Ultimate and is capable of challenging the title. They battled their way through the competition to finish second in the Northeast Region. This team has represented their region in the National Championships for the last two years, and are hoping to get their big break this year. They have won the prestigious April Fools Tournament for the last two years, and have generally finished well in this season's tournaments.

The Condors

Santa Barbara, California

The Condors have been one of the most enduring teams in the short history of Ultimate. They are making their sixth appearance in the UPA National Championships, and have always finished strong, with titles in 1978 and 1981. This year, they won the Western Region with powerfull victories over the competition. The Condors, like the Tunas, are a well-conditioned team that plays both defense and offense with intensity. The Condors are notorious for their speed and endurance, and with the right size squad, they could be considered contenders for this year's battle.

The Fisheads

East Lansing, Michigan

The Fisheads are the 1983 national champions, and they are looking to avenge a loss in the 1984 finals to the Lady Condors. This is the Fisheads' fifth consecutive National Championship appearance, and that is a record for both men and women! They have appeared in the finals four of those five times, and that is also a record. Add to all of that the fact that the Fisheads are among the most traveled teams in the sport, and you can easily see why they are one of the favorites to take this year's title. The Fisheads defeated Chicago's Nemesis in the finals of the Central Region.

The Lady Condors

Santa Barbara, California

The Lady Condors are the defending national champions, and are seeking to be the first women's team to repeat as National Champions. Their squad is made up of experienced players

The Flying Circus San Francisco, California

The Flying Circus has been near the top of the game for the last three years, with back-to-back titles in the World Flying Disc Championships and a second place finish in the 1984 National Championships. This year, they come to Washington as the second seed from the Western Region. They have a reputation for being one of the biggest bombing teams in Ultimate, with many good throwers and many good receivers. The Flying Circus also plays a denying sideline defense. They can run with anyone and should be quite strong in the 1985 National Championship.

Animation

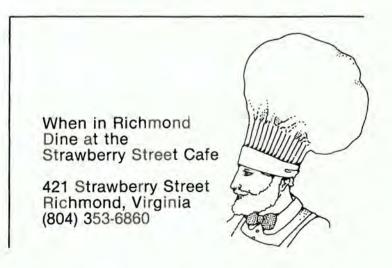
Boston, Massachusetts

Animation is the number one women's seed from the Northeast Region. They play the type of gritty Ultimate that has become characteristic of Boston teams. There are some tremendous athletes on this team, and although new on the national scene, their exploits are already well known on the east coast. Their experience playing in inclement weather can be a decisive advantage if things get messy this weekend.

Shakti Nuns

Gainesville, Florida

This is the Nuns' third consecutive Championship appearance. They defeated the Supremes (Austin, Texas) for the top spot in the South Region. A dominant team, the Shakti Nuns have won in the finals of all of their tournaments this fall!



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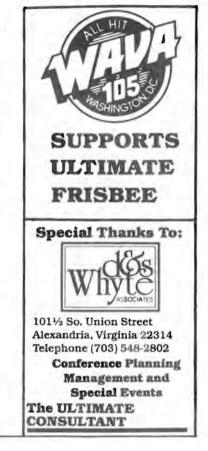
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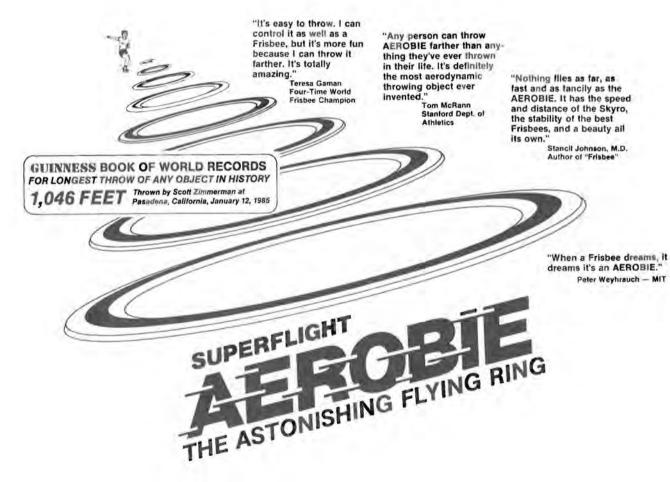
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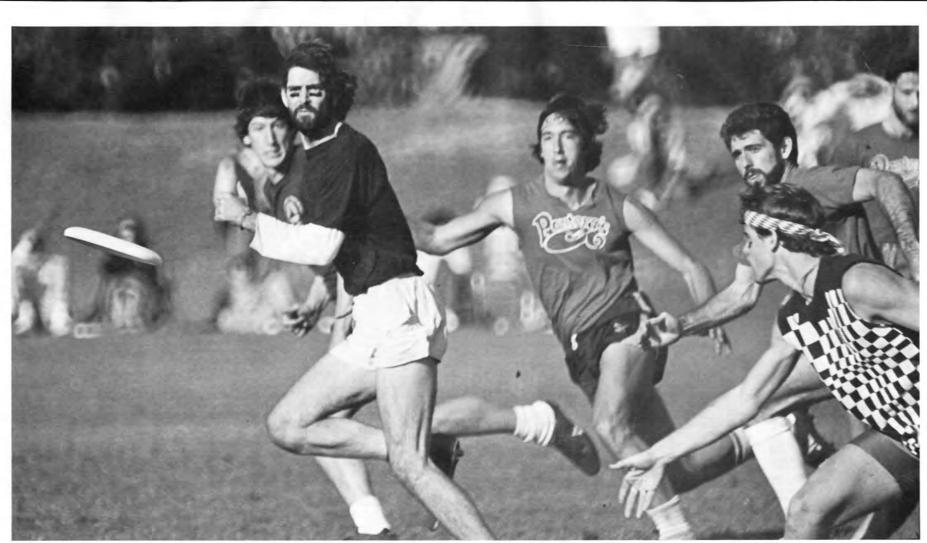




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