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# Pools, Divisions, And Schedule. All You Need To Know For WBUCC 2024!

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We're in the home stretch to the inaugural **World Beach Ultimate Club Championships (WBUCC) 2024**! On October 14 at 9:30 AM (GMT+1), the Opening Ceremony will mark the beginning of an unforgettable showcase of world-class ultimate frisbee talent. Hosted on the breathtaking shores of Portimão, Portugal, this tournament will bring together the best beach ultimate teams from across the globe.

## Format and Divisions

WBUCC 2024 will feature a **solid competition format**, with matches scheduled daily from 8:30 AM until 6:35 PM (GMT+1). The event will run through October 19, offering fans and players alike, six days of sun, Beach Ultimate, and incredible displays of athleticism and teamwork. Competing in WBUCC will be a total of **118 teams**, divided into three divisions:

- Open Division: 39 teams
- Mixed Division: 54 teams
- Women's Division: 25 teams

Teams will compete following a **pool play format** during the initial phase of the competition. Based on their pool play performance, teams will qualify for power pools, quarterfinals, semifinals, and ultimately, the championship final.

With so many elite teams toughing it out for the crown of Champion, expect nothing short of intense matches and high-

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## Fields of Play and Streaming

The tournament will take place across a staggering 20 fields. Among these, the **Ulti.TV Arena** will be our showcase stage, where key matches will be streamed LIVE and for FREE for fans around the world to enjoy. As always, the folks from Ulti.TV will be bringing fans quality coverage and commentary, ensuring not a second of action is missed. Be sure to follow Ulti.TV on YouTube and bookmark their WBUCC 2024 playlist [HERE](#).

## Opening Day Highlights

We'll be kicking off the tournament with a must-watch game in the Mixed division between Portugal's own, **UFA (POR)** vs. **AKS Zły (POL)** at 10:30 AM (GMT+1). Not long after, **Tequila Elite (ITA)** will be set to face off against Canada's **Chilly!** in the Women's division at 1:20 PM (GMT+1). Throughout the days to come, teams from all over the world will take to the beaches, vying for an early edge in WBUCC 2024.

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# Day 1 Of WBUCC 2024: Sunny Skies And Vibrant Flags Mark The Inaugural World Beach Ultimate Club Championships

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Opening Ceremony. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Author: Jamie Truong

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, marked the first-ever World Beach Ultimate Club Championships. 1844 athletes, 706 games to be played, 117 teams from 33 different countries, and 3 exciting divisions (Open, Mixed, Women's), what more could a Beach Ultimate fan ask for?

The first day of competition was what many would describe as a perfect day. A beautiful sunny day with a whisp of clouds sliding through the sky and only a whisper of wind. Festivities kicked off with an energy-inducing Opening Ceremony, setting the tone for a day filled with 97 high-flying, sand-in-your-face games. Let's recap the action in each division.

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UFA vs. AKS ZŁY. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Starting off the day, we witnessed a Mixed division match-up of Portugal's UFA and Poland's, AKS Złȳ. UFA came out firing on all cylinders, using the space on the field exceptionally well and playing to their experience on the beach. UFA took the lead early and never looked back, leading the match all the way through and by as many as 5 points. While AKS Złȳ mounted a late surge thanks to their defense, it wasn't enough as UFA took their first win. UFA will certainly be a team to look out for throughout WBUCC 2024.

## Open Division

The Open division is jam-packed with talent. We saw some unbelievable feats of athleticism, sky-high pulls, and ridiculous layouts.

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racking up 9 break scores and winning 13-4.

Later that evening, they found stiff competition from the 12<sup>th</sup> seed, France's 33 Tours Stade Bordelais. Bordelais took an early 2-point lead with an offensive hold and a break score, showing the Americans they weren't to be underestimated. But in typical fashion, Humiliswag returned the favor with a hold and break score of their own. It was an incredible matchup, but an unfortunate late turnover from Bordelais gave Humiliswag the cushion they needed to close out the game and secure the win.



Humiliswag vs. Bordelais. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

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half with an offensive hold and back-to-back break scores. After halftime, the game was nip and tuck as Magic Disc's #25, Hugo Herbin, tried to make Warao vanish with his 3 goals and 1 assist. However, Warao refused to participate in the disappearing act, sealing the win with an offensive score by #11, João Sousa Lopes.

## Disckick Berlin (DE):

In one of the day's most thrilling matchups, the 38th seed, DiscKick Berlin, took down the 12th seed, SunDogs (USA), on a dramatic Universe Point. The game was a nail-biter from start to finish, with neither team able to pull ahead by more than a single point. Both sides exchanged offensive holds and break scores, showcasing patient, high-level disc movement, and fantastic defensive prowess. For Disckick, it was the heroics of #66 Caspar Gross who stole the show, tallying a game-high 7 goals and 1 assist. His partner in crime, #96 Tom Benjamin Sudhaus, quarterbacked the offense beautifully and racked up 6 assists. Despite the relentless efforts of the SunDogs, they couldn't stop the Sudhaus-Gross duo on Universe Point, allowing Disckick to complete the upset and claim victory.

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Guayota continued to show why they've been and still are a force on the beach, dominating Mighty Hucks (GB) with a 13-6 victory. Known for their quick, precise tiki-taka style, Guayota took the lead early and ended the match commandingly, scoring 6 goals off turnovers and controlling the game until the end. While Mighty Hucks had flashes of brilliance with strong break-side throws, they couldn't match Guayota's pace of play.

## Boracay Ultimate (PH):

Boracay Ultimate is one of the teams that should be on everybody's watch list and their matchup against Italy's AUT BeeFire is the perfect example of why. Boracay led the game all the way through, with lightning-quick cuts and tight defensive pressure. They put up 3 early break scores and to add insult to injury, Boracay's #21, Edgar Sumbi snagged himself a ridiculous Callahan score. They closed the match out with a 13-5 win.

## Freezgo (FR):

In a stunning upset, 24th-seeded Freezgo defeated the 3rd seed, Margarita Mix'd (IE), by 4 points in a hard-fought battle. The game was neck and neck throughout, with Margarita's #8

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to finish the day 2-0, taking the victory versus Frubb Frankfurt (DE), 13-5.

## Women's Division:

### LAMP (US):

Coming in as the number one seed, LAMP put on a dominant display, proving to both fans and opponents why they deserved the top spot. They finished the day 2-0 with an unbelievable 15-goal differential. Leading the charge was #12, Malti McKinnon, who racked up 8 goals, while #24, Danielle Walsh, supported her with 8 assists. This dynamic duo is definitely something every team should keep on their radar!

### Torrijas (BE):

Another upset! The 22nd seed, Torrijas, took down 2nd-seeded Valkyria (SE) in a thrilling back-and-forth battle. Torrija turned the defensive dial all the way to 10 straight out of the gate, jumping to an early 2-0 lead with back-to-back break scores. The game remained tight all the way through until the end, but thanks to Torriia's early defensive showing. they were able to

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Sweden's E6 is no stranger to Beach Ultimate. Silver medalists at the 2023 European Beach Ultimate Club Championships, E6 continued to show their strength with a fantastic first day at WBUCC. Their leading scorer, #19 Maja Lindroth, was unstoppable in the end zone, racking up 10 goals. In an interview with Ulti.TV's lead commentator, Stefan Rapazzo, Lindroth was asked about managing the team's expectations. She responded, 'We don't really have any expectations. We try to tell ourselves to stay calm... We don't know what people will show up with or what they'll bring, so we just try to stay calm and play our game.' Lindroth's game-by-game approach will be key to her and her team's success throughout the tournament.

## Reflections on the Day & Looking Ahead

With such a successful Day 1 of WBUCC 2024 in the books, fans and players alike should have plenty to look forward to. Pool play is set to continue October, 15<sup>th</sup>, with dreadful showers on the forecast. It will be interesting to see how teams adapt to the severe changes in weather and which teams solidify themselves as top contenders in the tournament.

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on their YouTube channel [HERE](#) and you can check out a reel of all the first-day festivities [HERE](#).

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October 16, 2024

# Day 2 Of WBUCC 2024: Pretenders Or Contenders? Even A Storm Couldn't Stop The Top Teams ⚡

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**October 16, 2024**



RSA Foam Rollers vs. Furuset Brickers. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Author: Jamie Truong

Players had the second day of WBUCC marked on their calendars for one reason only: a storm was coming. With strong winds gusting in from the coast, showers dancing over the fields, and the threat of a thunderstorm on the dark purple horizon, all 1844 athletes were put to the ultimate test.

## Open Division

### Humiliswag (US):

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Day 2 Forecast: Wet. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

consistent disc movement in strong winds and suffocating defensive pressure have put them a tier above the competition by beating out the likes of UkrOpen (UA) 13-5, CUS Padova Barbastreji (IT) 12-5, and St. Laurent (CA) 11-6. Being 5-0 in pool play with a 62/31 goals for/against ratio is nothing to scoff at.

## **Salaspils Wild Things (LV):**

The 10<sup>th</sup> seed from Latvia has been nothing short of impressive. With three more games on their schedule, they continued to showcase their sky-high athleticism. However, their toughest test came against Murciélagos (Spain). Both teams put on a defensive clinic, with huge layouts at key moments. The scoreboard never saw a lead greater than two

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quick, short passes. The turning point came late when the Spaniards grabbed a crucial break to make it 10-8 just as time ran out.

With their backs against the wall, Salaspils needed an offensive hold and two consecutive break scores to pull off the comeback of the tournament. In the final minutes, Salaspils clocked in overtime on the defensive side, getting two enormous layouts on errant throws by. Forced into Universe Point, a monstrous pull pinned Murciélagos deep in their end zone. With Salaspils's continued pressure, they were able to force a turnover right on the Spanish end zone line. Securing the win for the Salaspils was none other than #28 Justin Foord to #9 Benjamin Oort.

Salaspils Wild Things heads into Day 3 of WBUCC also undefeated at 5-0.

## **UFO (NL):**

A team that is certainly used to strong winds is UFO, the 15<sup>th</sup> seed from the Netherlands. The towering Dutch showed their mastery in windy conditions with a convincing 13-5 win over Italy's AUT BeeFree. UFO controlled the game from start to finish, securing an early lead and never letting up. With scoring contributions from 9 of their 17 players, UFO's depth was obvious.

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out Ol' Berndad (US) 10-9, and then took down Freespeed Basel (CH) in a winner-take-all 9-8 battle. The Freespeed game, in particular, was a back-and-forth thriller, with no team scoring a break. UFO's resilience in these tight matches has proven they can handle the pressure, leaving them in great shape heading into Day 3.

## Mixed Division

Guayota Mixed vs. Appendix Ultimate. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

### **Guayota (ES):**

If there was a better word than 'dominant' to describe Guayota's performance on the day, it would be applicable here.

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allowed in two games. They started by shutting out Singapore's Appendix Ultimate in a flawless 13-0 performance and continuing their momentum with a decisive 13-2 victory over Mexico's Condor Ultimate. Their relentless defensive pressure and faultless execution on offense were overwhelming for their opponents. With back-to-back wins, Guayota has solidified their reputation as one of the top teams to watch at WBUCC 2024.

## **SoCal (US):**

SoCal, the top seed in the Mixed Division, put on a Beach Ultimate clinic in their three games of the day, allowing just seven points across all matchups. They kicked things off with a dominant 13-1 victory over Italy's Ichnos, followed by a perfect 13-0 shutout against Switzerland's Scorillaz. Their mix of sharp offensive execution and stifling defense kept their opponents grounded in the Portimão sand.

Their toughest match came against Austria's Catchup Graz, but SoCal still managed to control the game after a slower 2-2 start, securing themselves a definitive 12-6 win. It seems as if wind, rain, and thunderstorms couldn't slow down the Americans.

## **Pie Wagon (AU):**

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undefeated run on Day 2. Their most challenging matchup came from Belgium's Flying Rabbits. In a tight game, no team could really find their footing in the wet and windy conditions. Both teams exchanged blows with offensive holds and back-to-back breaks. However, late in the game, the Aussies finally broke the game open in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute of play with a pair of crucial break scores from #1 Luke Prosser and #74 Kristen Murray. Despite their rough start to WBUCC 2024, Pie Wagon has proven to be a real threat in the standings through their resilience.

## Women's Division:

### LAMP (US):

Through Day 2, LAMP remains undefeated. After solid wins against top competition in Jetset LUV (BE) 9-6 and a 10-5 triumph over Yaka (FR), LAMP has shown their ability to brilliantly move the disc along the sands of Portugal. #24 Danielle Walsh continues to be the center of the American offense, distributing a total of 8 assists on the day. Her patient decision-making and pinpoint throws make her a problem for any competitors. Teams heading into Day 3 need to keep LAMP—and Walsh—firmly on their scouting radar.

After E6's (SE) dominant performance on Day 2, the 5th-

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## Cassalletes (ES):

The ladies from Valencia, Spain had themselves two 12-round boxing matches. In a thrilling matchup against the 8th-seeded Salaspils FK (LV), the Latvians displayed meditative patience in their end zone play, finding good resets constantly. They utilized a huck-and-d strategy that kept the Spaniards on their heels when moving upwind. Their defense was tenacious, featuring tight marks and several impressive handblocks, as well as effective high-release backhands that opened up the field.

With the score tied at 6-6 and a gruesome turnover after turnover point, the Cassalletes found a loophole and made a statement with a massive huck from #7 Valentina Betancor Boerr, leading to a spectacular momentum-shifting layout from #15 Jenny Lee. An errant deep shot from Salaspils then gave Cassalletes an advantageous field position, allowing them to pull ahead with an 8-6 lead. The Cassalletes held their ground and went on to secure the win, 9-7.

The Cassealletes faced a tough loss on Universe Point against Poland's team, Troubles, 8-9. They continue onwards to Day 3 with 3 wins and 1 loss.

## Highlights from Day 2 & Looking

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The wind, rain, and thunder have come and gone on what players have described as a 'challenging' Day 2 of WBUCC 2024. The best teams have been able to set themselves apart,

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# Day 3 Of WBUCC 2024: Tight Games And Shifting Sands Reveal The Tournament's

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## October 17, 2024



All smiles at WBUCC 2024. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Author: Jamie Truong

The third day of WBUCC was littered with huge upsets and tight-knit games. In a complete 180° turn from yesterday's weather, the skies were calm and the sun was shining. The only thunderous rumble to be heard were the growls and cheers from a slate of unbelievable games.

## Open Division

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The Quijotes are THEM. Throughout WBUCC 2024, they've been quietly dominating the competition, streaking through the bumpy sands with ease and playing with red-hot intensity. Leading up to their final match of the day against tournament favorite Humiliswag (US), Quijotes had been undefeated throughout the tournament, beating out the likes of St. Laurent (CA), CUS Padova Barbastreji (IT), and FT Würzburg (DE).

Quijotes's game against the Americans lived up to the hype, with Humiliswag starting the match with an easy break score. However, spirits for the Spaniards remained high as they responded in appropriate fashion with an offensive hold and a pair of break scores to show the Americans they were there to play. The game was nothing short of intense as physical play and defensive stops kept tensions at a tournament high. With the score tied 4-4 after an exchange of break scores, Quijotes continued to pressure Humiliswag with their pinpoint disc movement. In a thrilling finish, Quijotes completed the upset with a 10-7 victory, empowered by #1 Claudio Gagliardi Valbuena, who stood out as one of the keys to their offense with 2 assists and 3 goals.

Quijotes head into Day 4 of WBUCC 2024 undefeated and leave Humiliswag 6-1.

## **Salaspils Wild Things (LV):**

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Open. The wind was nearly non-existent and that meant one thing for both teams: send the big man deep and give him that disc. It was an incredible sight as both teams glided the disc so effortlessly across the pitch. Each throw, whether short or long, was precise and perfectly caught in the bread basket. While Jetset gave the Salaspils a run for their money, it wasn't until a break score after halftime that gave the Latvians the breathing room needed to take home the victory, 13-11. Standout performances came from #99 Arvīds Žanis Kārklīšs, who effortlessly tallied 5 assists and 1 goal, alongside his running mate #9 Benjamin Oort, who put in 1 assist and 4 goals.

In their second game of the day against Sweden's Viksjöfors, Salaspils's patience in the end zone was key as they meticulously worked the disc through Vijkjöfors's defense. The Latvian's force-middle defense strategy kept Vijkjöfors' offense in check, securing them their 7<sup>th</sup> well-earned victory, 13-8.

Salaspils Wild Things continue their undefeated streak on Day 4 of WBUCC 2024, 7-0.

## **CUS Padova Barbastreji (IT):**

In Padova's square-off against St. Laurent (CA), the Italians were faced with a torrent of blows from the Canadians. St. Laurent's physical and ice-cold defense disrupted all of Padova's rhythm, giving them a huge 5-2 early lead. However, a

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flip was switched and Padova began playing their game, discarding the errant deep throws for a more controlled short game. Their resilience paid off as they quickly snagged halftime and ultimately finished with an impressive 11-7 comeback victory.

CUS Padova Barbastreji closed out their third day and are 4-3 for the tournament.

## Mixed Division

### Guayota (ES):

The Spanish team hailing from Tenerife in the Canary Islands remains unstoppable. In their three games of the day, they handled RFO (FR), CUS Padova Rangers (IT), and Margarita Mix'd (IE). In all three games, they were in the driver's seat, never relinquishing the lead and providing no room for errors for their opponents. Their exceptional disc movement in the short to midfield has been their calling card.

Let's see if the Canarians can continue their dominance as they face the top competition heading into Day 4 of WBUCC 2024.

### UFA (PT):

Don't sleep on UFA! The Portuguese team is looking to make a statement.

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competition with ease. In their energetic matchup with Zamperl (DE), it was huge defensive layouts from #7 Inês Bringel and crisp high-release flicks from #27 Julia Akramova that helped UFA secure the win, 12-6.

Opposing teams have to keep an eye on UFA as they continue their strategic march towards the WBUCC 2024 crown.

## **SoCal (US):**

SoCal rising up. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

The American powerhouse SoCal finishes their Day 3 with an astonishing 51-point differential. In their three games of the day, they never trailed on the scoreboard. Their larger-than-life defensive intensity paired with a calm disc movement has been a sight to behold. The way they utilized the field's deep space

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help of every single player, proving their depth to be a problem for any opposing team.

## Women's Division:

### Torrijas (BE):

The 22<sup>nd</sup> seed from Belgium has been silently moving through the tournament while handing out Ls to top tournament contenders. In an upset victory against the 12th-seeded team from Czechia, the ladies from Torrijas handled 3SB in convincing fashion, 11-7. Belgium's #91, Pita D'Hespeel was dealing assists on a platter to her teammates with 5 assists.

In similar fashion, Torrijas continued their trend of upsetting the apple cart by taking down Spain's Cassalletes, 10-6. After a tense 4-4 tie, the Belgians went on a break score spree with D'Hespeel putting up another 5 assists, bringing her assist total to 10 for the day.

If competitors want to stop Torrijas, they need to look no further than slowing down D'Hespeel's pinpoint passes and beautiful movement.

### Cassalletes (ES):

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matchup was a tale of two halves with the two teams exchanging breaks. But, after an incredible defensive effort from Cassalletes and the use of great switch defense, LAMP was left scrambling and unable to get easy inside cuts. While the Americans fought back amicably with consecutive break scores, Cassalletes had a firm grasp on the win condition and completed the upset victory.

Cassalletes finished Day 3 of WBUCC 2024 2-1, defeating MUC Munich (DE), 10-5, and dropping their game against Torrijas, 6-10.

## **Valkyria (SE):**

After taking an early loss from Torrijas on Day 1, the Swedish women have been sensational. They put on a clinic against the familiar faces on Yaka (FR), leading the matchup early and refusing to trail at any point. #14 Oda Homlong caught fire during the match, emphatically scoring 5 goals and dishing 1 assist, bringing her total to 7 points on the day. Through sharp execution and high-energy defense, the Valkyries are without a doubt, top contenders heading into Day 4.

## **Looking Ahead**

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Boracay Ultimate. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

As we head into Day 4, the tournament's powerhouses are firmly establishing themselves, but the road to WBUCC 2024 champion is far from certain. Undefeated teams like Guayota, UFA, and SoCal will face their toughest challenges yet, while surprise contenders like Torrijas and Quijotes aim to keep their winning momentum rolling. With only three days left, every game will be pivotal as teams push for the top. As the winds continue to keep the sand shifting in Portugal, more and more will be revealed.

To follow the schedule, standings, results, and stats of every game, head on over to <https://live.wbucc.org>. You can also participate in the games by voting for who you think will win in key matchups! For continued coverage of WBUCC 2024, visit Ulti.TV's YouTube channel [HERE](#).

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# Day 4 Of WBUCC 2024: Get Out Of The Pool! We're Headed Into Playoffs!

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Nice Catch. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Author: Jamie Truong

The WBUCC 2024 crown is close. Day 4 has come and gone as quickly as the showering rain and the gusting wind. With pool play now in the rearview, we're finally seeing the cream rise to the top. Teams have found their footing and the sand is heating up as the top contenders vie for glory. Let's dive in and find out what happened on Day 4 of WBUCC 2024.

## Open Division

### SunDogs (US):

The 11th-seeded SunDogs have clawed their way through the

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the SunDogs struggled to find chemistry in their lineups and faced challenging windy conditions. However, they finally hit their stride when it mattered most, taking difficult victories against Vorai (LT), 12-10, and Solaris (PL), 11-9. Their hard work paid off and earned them a performance against the undefeated Quijotes (ES) in a quarterfinal match for the ages.

From the outset, the SunDogs set the tone, catching Quijotes off guard with their intense defensive pressure and precise execution in the deep space. #0 Jesse Johnson led the charge, helping the SunDogs jump out to an early three-point lead. Quijotes, known for their calm and efficient short-field play, were forced into uncharacteristically long throws, struggling to adapt to the SunDogs' suffocating defense. However, the Spaniards fought back in brilliant fashion. Using the infectious crowd energy, they found their way back to their familiar playstyle and took advantage of back-to-back errant throws from the SunDogs to send the game to Universe Point. With everything on the line and in a moment of absolute cinema, a dramatic layout defensive grab by #43 Kai Durvasula followed by his perfectly executed cut sealed the match for the SunDogs, 10-9.

The SunDogs find themselves in the semi-finals against their fellow Americans, the top-seeded Humiliswag.

## **Salaspils Wild Things (LV):**

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the Open Division after Day 4 of WBUCC 2024. Their quality of players and near-perfect disc movement make them near-impossible to stop. In their two games of the day, Salaspils faced off against 33 Tours Stade Bordelais (FR) and Freezzz Beezzz (BE) for their quarterfinal match.

To put it lightly, the men were dominant in every way, never trailing in any of their matches and asserting unwavering control from the opening pull. Their balanced roster saw significant contributions from all of their players on both offense and defense.

As Salaspils head into Day 5 of WBUCC, they prepare for a much-anticipated rematch against Jetset Open (BE).

## **Jetset Open (BE):**

After suffering a loss to Salaspils Wild Things (LV) on Day 3, the Belgian lads have been marching forward confidently as a tournament powerhouse. With a 3-game slate on Day 4 of WBUCC, they found themselves in several tight matchups against the likes of Gentle (BE), FT Würzburg (DE), and UFO (NL).

Their greatest test came from their quarterfinal match against the 15th-seeded UFO, who pushed the Belgians to the brink for 40 minutes. What really set Jetset apart from the Dutch was their willingness to put their bodies on the line, stealing

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Jetset Open finished their Day 4 with three victories and will enter the semi-final round for a fated rematch against Salaspils Wild Things. All eyes will be on their strategic adjustments as they seek redemption and on their path to WBUCC glory.

## Mixed Division

Freezgo. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

### Freezgo (FR):

For Ulti.TV's showcase game between Freezgo and Boracay Ultimate (PH), we experienced what could be the match of the tournament. This matchup was defined by clutch moments and the most cinematic shifts in momentum. Early on, Boracay

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#50 Enzo Forget and emerging young superstar #24 Quentin Peschard, hosted a two-person block party. Regardless of a lost invitation to the party and being down two points, the Filipinos weren't discouraged and rushed onwards, playing the break side beautifully and scoring four points in a row. From then on, it was a string of picture-perfect throws, and incredible defensive bids that took the game to a Universe Point thriller.

In a sudden death point, we saw everything: layout grabs and massive defensive stops from Boracay's #83 Khyrrah Tuvilla-Roberts and Freezgo's #5 Simon Ruelle. Ultimately, it was Freezgo who breathed a sigh of relief as Ruelle threw #74 Gaetane Le Pezennec open for the 10-9 win.

Freezgo continue their undefeated run 9-0 into Day 5 of WBUCC 2024.

## **Amherst CropTops (US):**

The 5th-seeded CropTops have been sensational at WBUCC 2024. Although they dropped a game against Czechia's F.U.J. on Universe Point, they've been recording tough wins and have remained near-perfect for the tournament. In their match versus tournament favorite UFA (PT), Amherst's #21 Ben Ayre was serving his teammates Michelin-level dishes, racking up 4 assists and 2 goals. The Americans closed out UFA with a clinical offensive hold and move into the round of 16 heading

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## Women's Division:

### Jetset LUV (BE):

Another Belgian team that needs no introduction, the ladies on Jetset LUV have been recording dominant performances against a pool of talented competition. In their Day 4 showcase match against Hot Mess Express (CH), the Belgians proved the importance of sideline help. Several defensive stops were possible only possible thanks to their active sideline calls to stop Hot Mess's dangerous inside throws. In a marathon point that was marked by 11 turnovers, Jetset was able to grind out the score, and from that point on, the Swiss struggled to find their footing. Jetset's beautiful end zone play and patient cross-field passes dismantled the defense.

Jetset LUV will take on Cassalletes (ES) in the quarterfinals in what is sure to be a fantastic game.

### Valkyria (SE):

The Valkyries aren't strangers to playing winning Beach Ultimate. After an upset loss to Torrijas (BE) on Day 1, the Swedish women have run rampant through the tournament and have tallied a 43-point goal differential. Using their height

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Eklund. Her nose for the disc has been impeccable, consistently impacting the field and grabbing difficult passes with her signature two-handed layout.

With their confidence at an all-time high and the wind at their backs, the Valkyries charge forth valiantly into the quarterfinals as surefire top contenders.

## Highlights from Day 4 & Looking Ahead

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Heading into Day 5 of WBUCC 2024, the excitement and energy are reaching a feverish pitch as we jump into playoffs. With so many teams showcasing their remarkable athleticism, skill, and spirit, the next two days are guaranteed to be unforgettable.

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# Day 5 Of WBUCC 2024: Down To The Wire, The Finals Matchups Are Set!

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All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Author: Jamie Truong

The WBUCC 2024 finish line is in sight and the anticipation is at an all-time high with finals matchups set across the three divisions. From the fierce competition in the Open Division to the electrifying battles in Mixed and Women's, this tournament has delivered nothing short of thrilling games and cinematic upsets from the world's best club teams. Let's recap Day 5 of WBUCC 2024.

## Open Division

### Humiliswag (US):

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upset in pool play against Quijotes (ES), they've put in some serious gritty performances, punishing any and all mistakes by their competitors and capitalizing on those opportunities.

On the other hand, the SunDogs (US) have been on a tear and came into their semi-final match against their fellow compatriots as confident as ever. However, Humiliswag would extinguish that flame with relative ease, leading the match early and definitively. Leading by as many as 8 points, Humiliswag showed no mercy and dispatched the SunDogs quickly and securing their spot in the WBUCC 2024 Open Division final.

Jetset Open vs. Salaspils Wild Things. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

## **Jetset Open (BE):**

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we as fans were treated to a beautiful game of Beach Ultimate. Both teams did delivered on their reputations: holding offensive scores with precision and efficiency. With each team holding serve, Salaspils took a narrow lead into halftime. But, straight out of the gate, Jetset quickly flipped the switch and saw #1 Lander Decraene score the only break for the game. The Belgians continued to execute their offense flawlessly, scoring their offensive points and completing their fated rematch in a clinical victory.

With this win, Jetset heads towards the WBUCC 2024 final as they continue in their pursuit to be champions.

## **Salaspils Wild Things (LV):**

In the WBUCC 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> place matchup between the Salaspils and SunDogs, the Latvians put on the burners late in the game to edge out the Americans. The game was neck-and-neck and saw fierce competition on both sides of the disc. Salaspils was able to grab an offensive hold on Galaxy Point and continued to push their momentum to take back-to-back break scores after halftime. Of course, #99 Arvīds Žanis Kārklīņš showed himself again to be one of Europe's top offensive players, contributing 3 assists and 3 goals in the Salaspils's 13-10 victory.

The dynamic Salaspils Wild Things are your WBUCC 2024 bronze medalists.

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Many circled this match as a potential final, but Freezgo and Guayota (ES) found each other early in the semi-finals. This match was a thriller, with fans and players alike biting their nails and holding their breath. Freezgo used their height advantage to its full extent, grabbing seemingly out-of-reach, impossible discs. Early in the match, Guayota's intense defense forced Freezgo into a high-stall throwaway, but in one of the tournament's most athletic plays, Freezgo never gave up on an out-of-bounds disc and saw a truly jaw-dropping Greatest. The momentum and energy were infectious, blowing the top off the arena with thunderous cheers. However, Guayota steadied

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As the time cap hit, the French called a critical timeout to settle their nerves and one by one, clawed back for consecutive points scored by none other than #5 Simon Ruelle. Freezgo sealed the victory and punched their ticket to the WBUCC 2024 Mixed Division final.

## **Margarita Mix'd (IR):**

In a tightly contested and perfectly even match, the Margaritas had their hands full with the lightning-quick Borocay Ultimate (PH). Neither team was able to mount any significant advantage as both teams continued to exchange points. Despite Boracay's #30 Paul Richie Mariano's heroic bids, the game ended on a high-energy and drama-filled Universe Point. Margarita held serve with a definitive offensive hold, beating out the Filipinos and clinching their spot in the WBUCC 2024 Mixed Division final.

## **Women's Division:**

Cassalletes. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

## **Cassalletes (ES):**

The Cassalletes have proven time and time again during their WBUCC 2024 run that they're able to keep up with the top players in the world. In their 3<sup>rd</sup> place matchup against Torrijas (BE), they showed the Belgians what suffocating defense was. With the ever-so-often gust of wind coming in from the ocean, Torrijas had a tough time adjusting the height of their throws. Although the Belgian ladies found themselves in a 5-point deficit, they continued to fight on amicably with the full support of an energetic crowd. Their resilience brought the game within one point, but it was the Spaniards who had enough gas and composure to close out the match.

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## **Valkyria & E6 (SE):**

In what promises to be one of the most exciting matchups, Valkyria and E6 have found themselves a notch above the rest of the competition. Both teams have demonstrated their mastery of the sands, with E6 running through two red-hot teams, Troubles (PL), 13-6, and Torrijas (BE) 12-6. Meanwhile, Valkyria also provided fans with two sensational games against top competitors, handling LAMP (US) 13-9 and overcoming the ever-so-strong Spanish Cassalletes, 12-9.

The WBUCC 2024 Women's Division final has been set and will feature an epic Swedish showdown. E6's #19 Maja Lindroth heads into the finals with an astounding 46 goals and 3 assists and faces off against Valkyria's #7 Sarah Eklund with an also impressive 24 goals and 20 assists. Keep this matchup on your radar because these ladies are going to put on an absolute show.

## **Looking Ahead**

After a week of excitement, thrillers, and upsets, we are finally heading into the final day of WBUCC 2024. The finals matchups are set and players and fans can get hyped for the

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# Day 6 Of WBUCC 2024: A Cinematic Masterpiece – The Final 🏆

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Jetset Open Champagne Shower. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Author: Jamie Truong

The inaugural WBUCC 2024 has been a year in the making and it's finally in the books. Whether you're a fan, player, or someone just passing by watching athletes run around chasing plastic, this final was everything and more anyone could ever ask for. It was a testament to the spirit of the game, dedication to the craft, and enthusiasm for the sport found in Beach Ultimate. All three divisions delivered on the hype and somehow, exceeded any and all expectations. Three World Champions were crowned on Saturday and here's how it went down.

## Open Division

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This game had it all—a roaring crowd, huge layouts, an emphatic Callahan, a jaw-dropping Greatest, and a hands-on-your-head Universe Point finish. Scriptwriters couldn't write a better Open final even if they tried.

Humiliswag and Jetset both came into the final with 11-1 records and it was the Americans that came out in full stride with a highly-contested offensive hold and an easy break score. Undeterred in the slightest, the Belgians held and scored with a fantastic sky-high grab by #23 Sofiène Bontemps. Then, just as quickly as Humiliswag took an early lead, Jetset's #9 Luca Tognetti cleared the lanes for take-off and flew through the runway at a ridiculous pace and grabbed himself a monstrous, momentum-shifting, layout Callahan, igniting his teammates and the crowd.

Regardless of the momentum gained from Tognetti's heroics, Humiliswag weathered the storm like experts, playing picture-perfect Beach Ultimate and stifling Jetset's offense for a break score of their own. With disc in hand, Humiliswag sent a huck deep for their striking player and in another flash of brilliance, #89 Alexander Spahlholz put on his cape and went horizontal for an electric shoulder-high layout.

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#89 Alexander Spahlholz. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

In one of the tournament's most spectacular plays, Jetset's #29 Brecht Heymans was thrown a huck in what seemed to be just out of reach. Putting the 'Jet' in Jetset, Heymans took off from inside the back of the endzone and attempted one of Beach Ultimate's most difficult plays, the Greatest. In stride and perfectly executed, Heymans grabbed the disc midair and launched it back in bounds to #24 Robin Wouters who also flew across the field with his one-handed layout catch to secure the disc. The grandstand erupted as Ulti.TV Lead Commentator, Stefan Rappazo, summed up the moment: "My brains are melting out of my ears!"

If all that excitement wasn't enough, Humiliswag answered the call with an offensive hold of their own, and fans and players were treated to an unbelievable climax: Universe Point at the

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Arthur Moyersoen for the championship-winning score, 11-10. Jetset's triumph over Humiliswag capped off an unforgettable Open Division final, securing their place in Beach Ultimate history.



Jetset Open Win. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

## Open Division Final Standings

Gold: Jetset Open (BE)

Silver: Humiliswag (US)

Bronze: Salaspils Wild Things (LV)

Spirit of the Game: Ol'Berndad (US)

## Mixed Division

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Freezgo and Margarita Mix'd faced off against each other on the very first day of WBUCC 2024 with the French taking the win in a four-point victory. Throughout the week, both teams have been finding their stride, improving, and building on their chemistry with each passing point. It was only right that these two powerhouses would meet each other again, this time in the Mixed Division final.

Without a hint of wind, both teams wasted no time, throwing deep and often to spread out the field. Neither team found any cushion in the early game as both teams would trade breaks off errant hucks. That was until Freezgo mistakenly overthrew their cutters and gave Margarita a quick turnover from back-to-back layout saves from #28 Martina Kmecová and #58 Sinéad Dunne. With Margarita amping up their defensive intensity, a huge block by #8 Sebastian Rossi over #5 Simon Ruelle and a streaking layout from #32 Carmen La Gala gave the Irish team a 7-5 lead heading into halftime.

While the French fought back valiantly and mounted a near comeback as they did against Guayota in their semi-final thriller, it was Margarita Mix'd that continued to apply pressure with players like Rossi and La Gala seeming unstoppable. With a duo players and fans were familiar with, a pinpoint throw up the line from La Gala to a one-handed catch from Rossi closed out the Mixed Division final 11-9, sealing the championship and proving Margarita Mix'd was the stronger team when it mattered most

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Margarita Mix'd Champagne Shower. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

## Mixed Division Final Standings

Gold: Margarita Mix'd (IR)

Silver: Freezgo (FR)

Bronze: Boracay Ultimate (PH)

Spirit of the Game: Fu Fighters (SG)

## Women's Division:

### Valkyria (SE) vs. E6 (SE)

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the ladies from Valkyria and E6 went head-to-head for the Women's Division crown. In our key player matchups of the final, we had our eyes on E6's #19 Maja Lindroth and Valkyria's #7 Sarah Eklund and they delivered in brilliant fashion. While Lindroth secured 4 goals for herself and treated the audience to a full-effort, crowd-pleasing cross-field layout, it wasn't enough to stop the Valkyria's full frontal assault with Eklund leading the way. Eklund played the handler space with patience and hit the open space downfield cuts with authority. In an MVP-worthy performance, Eklund racked up 4 goals and 3 assists, with incredible contributions from all her teammates, including #14 Oda Homlong's 4 goals and 1 assist, and #9 Vendela Viktorsson's 2 goals and 2 assists.

In dominating fashion, Valkyria won the Women's Division final matchup against E6, 12-8, and was crowned the WBUCC 2024 champions. In a post-game interview with Ulti.TV commentator, Liam Grant, Homlong was asked how she coached and managed the game against E6. "I had Maja Lindroth the whole way and she had me, and we know exactly what we want to do and what we're strongest at. That was a challenge, but it was a mental game... and today, we were a little bit stronger." The win not only solidified Valkyria's dominance on the world stage but also marked the beginning of what could be an enduring rivalry between two of Sweden's best.

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Valkyria WBUCC 2024 Champions. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

Gold: Valkyria (SE)

Silver: E6 (SE)

Bronze: Cassalletes (ES)

Spirit of the Game: Black Widows (US)

## In Closing

As the sun sets on an unforgettable week of Beach Ultimate, WBUCC 2024 has delivered the kind of drama, skill, and spirit that will be talked about for years to come. From heart-stopping Universe Points to dazzling athletic plays, the competition in each division exceeded all expectations. With

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Beach Ultimate history. But beyond the wins and losses, this tournament showcased the best of what the sport has to offer: camaraderie, resilience, and a true love for the game.

Until the next WBUCC, we bid farewell to WBUCC 2024, knowing that the legacy of this inaugural event will only grow stronger.

WBUCC Final Crowd. All credit to Focus Ultimate.

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