

## PLAYER PROFILE

### Sherif Ibrahim (#21 NZ Open)

Sherif Ibrahim first picked up a disc and started playing Ultimate in March of 2003. Hailing from Auckland, Sherif, or Shoe as he is known by friends, plays for NZ

national champions, Magon (Monkey Dragon). He represented New Zealand with Magon in Prague in 2010 and is also an active member of the NZ ultimate board. A key handler on the offensive line, Shoe specialises in low breaks and devastating backhand hucks. A vegan and animal lover, Shoe enjoys beach ultimate, drinking cask wine in hot tubs and obscure references to Anime. This week he will be helping drive the NZ Open's offensive line and raising spirits on the sideline for as long as his voice persists. Typically however, Shoe runs out of voice after the first game, if not before.



# THE SAKAI TIMES



Saturday dawned with thunderstorms threatened, but we ended up with just a brief torrential downpour before the skies cleared in time for the opening ceremony and feature games. After being warned at the captains meeting not to steal golf carts, or play to more than 17 points under any circumstances, everyone except the Japan and New Zealand open teams made their way to the main field stands to watch the brief opening ceremony. The Sakai Sparrow Dance Federation and the Japanese Takio Drummers "Miyako" entertained us, and a few words from organisers and dignitaries led us to the first feature game between the Open teams from Japan and New Zealand. Japan was a clear favourite to win, but the vocal crowd was very happy to see the Kiwis score early on. There were glimpses of some excellent play on both teams but the Japanese really played very precisely and pulled away from the New Zealanders, leading 9-4 at half. Although the Kiwis tightened up a bit in the second half end eliminated some errors, there was no stopping the Japanese team and they comfortably took the game 17-9. The second game on the beautifully prepared main field was a women's division game between Japan and Australia. Again Japan were expected to win and they pulled out a 9-4 lead to take half with a game full of control and precision. While Australia came out strong after the break and scored a couple of unanswered points to get to 9-6, that was as close as they got and Japan just pulled away again to take the game 17-10. (continued)



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The final game on day 1 was played under lights on the main fields, and by this time the wind had dropped as well as the temperature -this might have helped the Finns a little in their mixed game against the Canadian team, but Canada had this one in the bag from the first point. A huck from Artturi Koronen to a diving Jussi Kituso in the zone brought the Finns their only first half point. Although both sides turned over more often than expected, the Canadians seemed to take more quick advantage of turns near the zone and scored many of their points with a single pass from a turnover. They couldn't close out the second half scoreless though, and the Finns grabbed a second goal before going down 17-2 in just 60 minutes. Mirroring the mixed result, the other result from day one was the Finnish and Canadian Open game. The Canadians easily took this 17-6, with a commanding second half performance letting the Finns score just once. Tomorrow sees the main tournament kick off with full use of the fields and even the weather seems to be co-operating with the thunderstorms not due to appear again until mid-week.

International Friendship Event 10:00-15:00 @Athletes Village

Join us! Lets play DODGBEE!!

We will hold a mini Disc Dodge tournament in which elementary school kids from Sakai city are welcome to participate and play with WUGC participating players!! No registration necessary. Let's have fun together!

Supported by DodgBee of Japan Association



YESTERDAY'S SCORES

ULTIMATE

Open
JPN 17—9 NZL
CAN 17—6 FIN
Women's
JPN 17—10AUS
Mixed
CAN 17—2 FIN



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

ULTIMATE

Open				
Time	Field			
8:30	S1	AUS	—	FRA
8:30	S24	RSA	—	SIN
8:30	S25	COL	—	FIN
8:30	S26	USA	—	ITA
10:30	S24	JPN	—	AUT
10:30	S25	CAN	—	MEX
10:30	S26	SWE	—	NED
12:30	S24	USA	—	RSA
12:30	S26	GBR	—	NZL
14:30	S26	GER	—	ITA
16:30	S23	SWE	—	FRA
16:30	S24	MEX	—	PHI
16:30	S26	AUT	—	HKG

Women's				
Time	Field			
8:30	S21	CAN	—	MEX
8:30	S22	NZL	—	GBR
8:30	S23	GER	—	COL
10:30	S21	AUS	—	SIN
10:30	S22	JPN	—	FIN
12:30	S22	USA	—	COL
14:30	S1	GBR	—	FIN
14:30	S21	GER	—	MEX
14:30	S22	NZL	—	SIN
16:30	S1	USA	—	CAN

Mixed				
10:30	S1	CAN	—	COL
10:30	S23	USA	—	PHI
12:30	S1	JPN	—	RUS
12:30	S21	AUS	—	GER
12:30	S23	NED	—	RSA
14:30	S23	GBR	—	COL
16:30	S21	CAN	—	CHN
16:30	S22	AUS	—	FIN
16:30	S25	FRA	—	HKG

Open Masters

Time	Field			
12:30	S25	CAN	—	NZL
14:30	S24	USA	—	AUS
14:30	S25	GBR	—	GER
18:30	S1	JPN	—	FRA

BEST PERSPECTIVE

Satoru Sameshima (#17, JPN) lays out in front of Karl Moore (#12, NZ) and forces a turnover during the opening game.





Tom Rogacki (#42 AUS OpenMasters)

Ask Australian Wombat Tom (Gak) Ragacki the date of his wife's birthday and he'll probably get it wrong but ask him anything about Ultimate Frisbee and you're probably going to have to pull up a chair, grab a cold one and settle down for the long winded answer. Tom is to Australian Ultimate what Shaquille O'Neil was to basketball or Zoolander is to male models (So hot right now). Gak started playing Ultimate in the mid 90s, his domination of chasing plastic began when he was still at high school and since then he's chalked up at least three World bronze medals, one World Games silver and four Australian open championships for his club side Chilly. Sadly Worlds gold has eluded Tom - however, his wife Anna won one for the Rogacki trophy cabinet. In fact the 6'4 Gak has become such an institution in Australian ultimate that he's got a New Zealand franchise called Kiwi Shane. Tailing behind Tom at almost every tournament is his trusty sidekick and fellow Wombat Steve Campbell. His wife told us at the Sakai Times that she has become the spare wheel. Tom is an awesome athlete - he's big in the air, has some amazing throws but it's his read on the field that sets him up as one of Australia's greatest ultimate Frisbee players nay World Frisbee players. In fact if we were to pick a dream team of ultimate Frisbee, Tom Rogacki would be in it.

Thanks to Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, 4 cars of all-electric vehicle "i-MiEV" has been provided to WUGC2012 for transportation of the tournament staffs and for our logistics during the WUGC2012 tournament week.



Event report - Throwing Disc with Kids

International Friendship Event held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. 50 WUGC players from AUS, NED, MEX, GER and JPN joined and played Disc-Dodge tournament with 60 elemental school kids in Sakai city. Thanks for Joining the event!



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Today's Voice

Hi, I was wondering if you could say hi to my Dad Chris Burwell playing for Australia in the Open Masters team. Could you please wish him lots of luck from his awesome daughter Antonia. Could you please also say hi to my best friend Jenny Beard playing for Australia in Women masters team. And wish luck to all the Australian teams playing,  
- From Antonia burwell-Rodriguez- 'GO Australia' your the best, you can beat All the Rest:)



# THE SAKAI TIMES



Brilliant sunshine with just a few clouds meant conditions today were perfect for Ultimate and with all the grass fields full it really started to feel like a World Championship tournament. There were quite a few games today and a couple of surprises. First up the NZ women had their first game and it was against Great Britain - a game they knew would be hard but knew if everything clicked they would have a good chance. Both sides played well and the game came down to a golden point in timecap which GB finally managed to take. The kiwis were disappointed with the result but pleased with the performance and I'm sure GB are pleased and relieved. Before today, I don't think any Australian team had beaten a US team at a worlds tournament and today saw Australia finally triumph. The Open Masters team from down under beat the USA 16-13 with legendary Tom 'Gak' Rogacki leading the scoring with 5 goals and 2 assists. By the end of the thoroughly entertaining game there was a large audience watching and I think it was a popular result with the fans. I don't think you'll get the smile off the Aussie faces until much later this week.

Back in the Women's division there was a top of the table clash between USA and Canada on the main field (S1) this afternoon and the large crowd was treated to one of the best women's games I have ever seen. The standard of play was excellent and both teams were happy to play an impressive long game at times. It was always going to be close and the US started well and kept the lead until just into the second half when Canada finally pulled ahead 11-10. This was the start of a great push by the Canadian women and they mercilessly pressed home point after point with the US only managing one more goal on the way to a Canadian victory 16-12 in timecap. Not a great day for the US teams.



The final game of the day was a masters clash between Japan and France. Many people expected Japan to run away with this but after three points it was a massively fired up French team ahead 2-1. Unfortunately for the spectators this didn't carry on and Japan went on a huge 9 goal streak to really break the spirit of the French team before comfortably winning 17-7.

Tomorrow the artificial turf fields come into play as well with Ultimate taking over the soccer fields for the next few days. The first Women Masters and Guts games start on Tuesday, and there are a lot of pool play games. On Monday, games to watch include Canada vs Australia in the Women's, Australia vs GB in the mixed and USA vs Japan in the Open Masters.



**Today's Event --- "World Record Challenge" Let's try "GUTS" !! 16:00-18:00 @F4 Field**

Try your hand at setting an official world record for the fastest "Guts throw and catch" as clocked by a radar gun!!

**Fastest Guts Throw**  
A test of disc throwing speed under the same format as a Guts game. The throw must be considered "in" for the throw to be a record. World record : 135 km/h ( 84 mile/h) by Robbie Bratten(USA)

**Fastest Guts Catch**  
A test of performing a clean catch of high-speed disc thrown under the same format as a Guts game. The throw must be considered "in" for the catch to be a record.

Supported by JFDA Guts Committee

## YESTERDAY'S SCORES

### ULTIMATE

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AUS 17 — 8 FRA	CAN 17 — 1 MEX	CAN 17 — 3 COL
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COL 11 — 17 FIN	GER 14 — 17 COL	JPN 16 — 11 RUS
USA 17 — 2 ITA	AUS 17 — 5 SIN	AUS 17 — 10 GER
JPN 17 — 9 AUT	JPN 17 — 5 FIN	NED 17 — 7 RSA
CAN 17 — 2 MEX	USA 17 — 9 COL	GBR 16 — 7 COL
SWE 17 — 14 NED	GBR 17 — 8 FIN	CAN 17 — 4 CHN
USA 17 — 1 RSA	GER 17 — 2 MEX	AUS 17 — 1 FIN
GBR 17 — 12 NZL	NZL 17 — 5 SIN	FRA 17 — 6 HKG
GER 17 — 7 ITA	USA 12 — 16 CAN	
SWE 17 — 12 FRA		
MEX 12 — 17 PHI		
AUT 17 — 5 HKG		

Open Masters
CAN 17 — 10 NZL
USA 13 — 16 AUS
GBR 17 — 6 GER
JPN 17 — 7 FRA

### Notice to Team/Players

Regarding to the Usage of the field, TOC kindly wants to ask you as follows.

- Natural Grass Field is not for WARMING UP and COOLING DOWN.
- Players are not allowed to enter inside the Natural Grass Field 20 minutes before the games begin.
- Warm-up & Cooling down fields are available on [S14] and [Athlete Village]. Please use these field if you are playing on Natural grass field.
- Please DO NOT DUMP your trash wherever in/out of the field. Get your garbage bag at General Reception and bring it back to your hotel.

Updated information will be updated on our website ([www.wugc2012.org](http://www.wugc2012.org)) and SNS.

For Wi-Fi Access,  
SSID:ULTIMATE\_GUTS2012  
Password: wugc2012  
Wi-Fi is available on [Athletes Village][Central Village][Main Stadium]. Please cooperate to keep our fields in good shape and not destroy it. We maintain our fields every day for you to use it in best condition. Thank you for your understanding! BTW, DON'T STEAL OUR FLAGS!!

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### ULTIMATE

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16:30	S1	JPN	—	GBR
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16:30	S8	GER	—	RSA
16:30	S9	COL	—	MEX

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9:00	S8	USA	—	GBR
9:00	S9	JPN	—	COL
9:00	S10	AUS	—	MEX
9:00	S11	GER	—	SIN
9:00	S12	CAN	—	FIN

Women's				
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13:00	S8	JPN	—	NZL
14:00	S24	COL	—	FIN
14:00	S26	CAN	—	AUS
14:00	S9	GBR	—	SIN
14:00	S10	USA	—	GER
17:00	S7	NZL	—	MEX

Mixed				
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## BEST PERSPECTIVE

#13 player of the Canadian Open Masters team screams as he barely misses the disc while Fraser Stanton (#66) from New Zealand crashes to the ground.





- \***Refreshments supply Booth** 12:00-15:00 @Central Village  
Fresh bananas and "Vege-Start" juice will be brought to WUGC players!
- \***Ennichi Night** 16:00-19:00 @Central Village  
Enjoy Japanese food "Okonomi-yaki" for free!! ( number of dishes limited)
- \***Trading Night** 18:30-20:30 @Athletes' Village  
Exchange your jerseys with other players from all over the world!!!



Please visit Charity market tent for victims of last year's Earthquake and Tsunami hit on Tohoku area.



## WFDF conducts first ever elections to Athlete's Commission at WUGC —Athlete's representation with three members to be elected—

WFDF for the first time ever conducts elections to the WFDF Athlete's Commission during WUGC 2012 in Sakai and has announced the candidates for the election.

Seven candidates have been nominated by their respective Member associations, with three members to be chosen:

- \* Matt DOYLE (Canada)
- \* Adam GOFF (USA)
- \* Anna HAYNES (Australia)
- \* Bernhard OTTO (Germany)
- \* Piero PISANO (Italy)
- \* Ryan PURCELL (South Africa)
- \* Valeska SCHACHT (Germany)

The full biographies and candidate statements of the candidates can be found on the WFDF website. To be eligible, a candidate must be a participant in the current WUGC or have participated in a World Championship within the previous four years.

The purpose of the WFDF Athletes Commission is to promote open communication with, and solicit feedback from, flying disc athletes, and give them a formal role in the decision-making process of WFDF.

"I am extremely excited that we have interest from such high quality candidates possessing significant experience in Ultimate. The enthusiastic response from WFDF's Members was larger than we expected," stated WFDF President Nob Rauch. "As a player-oriented sport, we remain fully committed that the viewpoint of the athletes should always be our primary focus."

The Commission will consist of three members, comprised of a Chair and two ordinary members, with at least one representative of each gender. The term of office for Commission members will be two years. So please do not forget to cast your vote and hand in the election form at the registration desk.

Results will be announced during the Closing Ceremony.

*Report by Volker Bernardi, WFDF Executive Director*



# THE SAKAI TIMES



The weather again today was hot, really hot. Quite a few players seemed to struggle with hydration, so make sure you have plenty of water on hand and keep up the intake. Pool play is in full swing now and some favourites are emerging. Great Britain have a very good open team this year and nearly upset Japan with a big run from behind to force the game to time cap and draw within one point at 13-12. Japan, however, rose to the task and after losing the previous 4 points – took 3 of the last 4 to win 16-13. The Women's division all went comfortably to form today, with every game making it to 17 points. In the open masters, the best game I saw was the Australia vs GB game - it was an epic game with swinging momentum throughout. GB took half 9-6 but Australia came out firing and scored 7 seven of the first 9 points after half. That took them to time cap and a couple of traded points later, Australia found themselves the victors 16-14. It's no surprise to see Gak with an amazing seven of his teams points for the game, AS WELL as 5 assists!

Tomorrow sees the first Womens masters and Guts games of the tournament, so make sure you check them out. We also hand over the newsletter to the professionals from Skyd Magazine tomorrow so I'm sure they'll bring us some more in-depth analysis.

*Reports (July7-9) by Neil Gardner,*

*Photos (July7-9) by Neil Gardner (<http://nzsnaps.com>) and Dave Sanders (<http://ultimatephotos.org>)*

*Correction for July 9 Issue We apologise for a mistake in yesterdays newsletter. There has been an Australian team beat a US team before at worlds - the Jr-Women at WUGC2008 in Vancouver. Clearly our research technique of eavesdropping on the Aussie Masters team over dinner could be improved on.*



### Today's Voice

UltiCards has partnered with Ultimate Peace and the Women Masters Division at WUGC2012 to produce 2 decks for charity. <http://www.ulticards.net>





First Doping Tests in the History of WUGC  
- Significant Progress in WFDF's Anti-Doping Program-

Since the WFDF Anti-Doping Program Plan 2011-2013 was approved by the WFDF Congress last year, out-of-competition testing has been successfully conducted prior to the WUGC 2012. WFDF and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) had previously agreed on the anti-doping testing plan. WFDF in particular is required to conduct in-competition testing during the WUGC 2012. Nine WFDF Registered Testing Pool (RTP) athletes were selected from 6 countries for out-of-competition testing overall. Of those RTP athletes, 3 were randomly selected and tested with the support of the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) during their stay in Sakai. The results of the out-of-competition testing will be available within several days. “The WUGC 2012 is also the qualifying event for The 2013 World Games, so doping testing is very important,” said Volker Bernardi, Executive Director of WFDF and Chair of the Doping Control Panel (DCP), at the captains meeting on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. WFDF will conduct additional tests on the day of the Finals, ensuring that the teams being crowned as World Champions and qualifying for the World Games have “played true” as stated by the WADA slogan. The athletes for the in-competition testing will be randomly selected. If you have any questions, please contact the WFDF’s doping control professionals at the WFDF Office, Dream Camp building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Additional information including the 2012 version of the prohibited drug list is available at the Anti-Doping Information booth at the registration desk located in the same building.

“Spirit of the game,” the essence of ultimate, and “play true,” the slogan of WADA, are the common ideals of fair play. Although a challenge, we are all hoping to have successful doping testing in this event. It will be a remarkable turning point of the history of WFDF and flying disc sports.

Report by Koki Yamashita, Member of the WFDF Doping Control Panel



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CAN 17— 4 COL	GER 17— 3 SIN	HKG 13— 9 RSA
GBR 17— 8 AUT	CAN 17— 5 FIN	NED 7 —17 PHI
FIN 17— 4 PHI	JPN 17— 3 NZL	USA 17— 8 RUS
ITA 17— 9 SIN	GBR 17— 4 SIN	AUS 15— 9 GBR
AUS 17— 7 NED	USA 17— 5 GER	GER 17— 4 FIN
NZL 17— 4 HKG	COL 17— 9 FIN	COL 13—16 CHN
JPN 16—13 GBR	CAN 17— 7 AUS	
GER 15— 9 RSA	NZL 17— 5 MEX	
COL 16— 9 MEX		
CAN 17— 5 PHI		
USA 17— 2 SIN		
	Mixed	
	JPN 17— 1 NED	GBR 17— 9 FRA
	USA 17— 1 RSA	USA 14—17 JPN
	RUS 9—17 FRA	CAN 17— 4 GER
	HKG 7 —17 PHI	NZL 7—17 AUS
	CAN 17— 5 GER	JPN 17— 5 GER
		AUS 16—14 GBR
		USA 17— 5 NZL
		CAN 17— 5 FRA



TODAY'S SCHEDULE - July 10

ULTIMATE

Open					Women's				
Time	Field				Time	Field			
11:30	S26	FIN	—	MEX	14:00	S24	AUS	—	GER
11:30	S7	COL	—	PHI	14:00	S25	FIN	—	SIN
11:30	S8	GER	—	SIN	18:30	S6	AUS	—	COL
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11:30	S12	NZL	—	AUT	9:00	S6	FRA	—	RSA
11:30	S13	FRA	—	NED	9:00	S7	JPN	—	PHI
16:30	S22	(OA1)	—	(OC2)	9:00	S8	USA	—	NED
16:30	S26	(OA3)	—	(OC3)	9:00	S9	RUS	—	HKG
16:30	S6	(OC1)	—	(OA2)	11:30	S22	AUS	—	CHN
16:30	S7	(OR15)	—	(OR17)	14:00	S26	GBR	—	GER
16:30	S8	(OR13)	—	(OR19)	14:00	S6	USA	—	FRA
16:30	S9	(OB1)	—	(OD2)	14:00	S7	RUS	—	NED
16:30	S10	(OB3)	—	(OD3)	14:00	S8	PHI	—	RSA
16:30	S11	(OD1)	—	(OB2)	14:00	S9	JPN	—	HKG
16:30	S12	(OR16)	—	(OR18)	16:30	S21	CAN	—	AUS
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14:00	S23	JPN	—	GBR	14:00	S13	CAN	—	GBR

BEST PERSPECTIVE

France's #6 Pierre Alexandre Monet leaps for this sick grab in their mixed matchup against Russia.





## World Guts Speed Records Set

Congratulations to Shori Ouchi for setting a new world record in the speed of a Guts throw on July 9th. His 140 km/h throw sets the precedent for all future challengers. Ouchi also owns the Japanese distance record (178.03m).

Meanwhile, in the Women's Division, Naoko Tanuma set a new world record with a 109 km/h throw.

Report by Fumio Morooka, President of WUGC2012 TOC



Shori Ouchi



Naoko Tanuma

## Mixed Division Mayhem Colombia Upsets Germany

With the score 12-12, game to 14, Colombia navigated a swarming German defense to go up 13-12. Germany quickly tied the game, sending the game to universe point. With the game on the line, a last second dump pass opened up a huge deep opportunity and Colombia capitalized. The receiver catching it just short of the end zone. After a few more close calls, Colombia found themselves the victor 14-13.



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# THE SAKAI TIMES



## Women's Division Japan defeats USA

In an exciting match-up, Japan overtook the USA 16-14 in a game early Tuesday morning. Despite building an early 4-1 lead, the United States could not hold due to the strong play of the handlers of Japan. Akina Fujikawa, Eri Hirai, and Moe Sameshima provided a very steady presence for their offensive line. Georgia Bosscher had an incredible game, often being the spark to USA's offense. Emily Damon also had a break out ... *Continued next page*

## Open Division Top Seeds Hold

Canada, United States, Japan, and Australia all remain undefeated after the first game of power pools. Canada and Australia faced tough tests from Great Britain and Germany, respectively. Both teams pulled away late on the strength of their defense and athleticism. The U.S. and Japan gained early leads on both of their opponents and never looked back. After an early break by the Swedish, the defense of the USA took over, building a 9-3 halftime lead. ... *Continued next page*

## Stat Leaders By Division

**Open:** Davide Morri (Italy) 26 pts

**Women's:** Yina Cartagena (Columbia) 40 pts

**Mixed:** Brian Garcia (USA) and Santiago Tobon (Columbia) tied with 24 pts

**Masters:** Tom Rogacki (Australia) 28 pts

**Women Masters:** Three tied with 9 pts, Ai Fukano (Japan), Masumi Obata (Japan), Beverly Porter (Canada)



Japan Defeats USA (Cont.)

...defensive performance, gaining three layout blocks in quick succession early in the game. However, the USA zone was not enough to contain the experience handling core of Japan. Often employing a three man cup, USA attempted to slow down the quick moving Japanese offense, but was unsuccessful in the early going. Late in the game, and down several points, USA adjusted with a 4 woman cup which got them back into the game. While the U.S. would tie the game at 14-14, Japan would quickly end it, solving the zone and scoring on the ensuing defensive point. Both teams could very well meet in semi-finals or finals, and it would be a highly anticipated rematch.

Top Seeds Hold (Cont.)

The U.S. cruised to a 17-7 victory in the second half. The top seeds will match up tomorrow with Australia vs. the U.S. and Japan vs. Canada.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

ULTIMATE			
Open	Women's	Mixed	Open Masters
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Women Masters			
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE - July 11

ULTIMATE		
Open	Mixed	Women Masters
11:30 S24 Canada – Japan	09:00 S21 Japan – South Africa	09:00 S11 USA – Canada
11:30 S25 Great Britain – Colombia	09:00 S22 USA – Hong Kong	09:00 S12 Great Britain – Germany
11:30 S26 Finland – New Zealand	09:00 S23 Russia – Philippines	09:00 S13 Japan – Australia
16:30 S1 Great Britain – Finland	09:00 S24 France – Netherlands	14:00 S24 USA – Great Britain
16:30 S24 Canada – New Zealand	14:00 S9 Japan – USA	14:00 S25 Japan – Canada
16:30 S25 Japan – Colombia	14:00 S21 Russia – South Africa	14:00 S26 Australia – Germany
11:30 S1 USA – Australia	14:00 S22 France – Philippines	
11:30 S22 Sweden – Italy	14:00 S23 Hong Kong – Netherlands	
11:30 S23 Germany – France	11:30 S6 Australia – Colombia	
16:30 S21 USA – France	11:30 S7 Finland – China	
16:30 S22 Sweden – Germany	11:30 S21 Canada – Great Britain	
16:30 S23 Australia – Italy	16:30 S6 Germany – China	
09:00 S26 Austria – Singapore	16:30 S7 Great Britain – Finland	
14:00 S13 Austria – Philippines		
11:30 S12 South Africa – Hong Kong		
11:30 S13 Netherlands – Mexico		
16:30 S12 Netherlands – South Africa		
16:30 S13 Mexico – Hong Kong		
Women’s	Open Masters	Guts
09:00 S6 Canada – Great Britain	11:30 S8 Canada – Japan	09:00 F7 Japan RED – South Korea
09:00 S7 Australia – Finland	11:30 S9 USA – France	09:00 F8 USA – Australia
09:00 S8 Colombia – Singapore	11:30 S10 New Zealand – Great Britain	09:50 F7 Japan RED – India
09:00 S9 USA – New Zealand	11:30 S11 Australia – Germany	09:50 F8 Australia – Japan WHITE
09:00 S10 Japan – Germany	16:30 S8 New Zealand – Germany	10:40 F7 South Korea – Japan WHITE
14:00 S1 Germany – New Zealand	16:30 S9 Australia – France	10:40 F8 USA – India
14:00 S6 USA – Finland	16:30 S10 Great Britain – Japan	11:30 F7 USA – South Korea
14:00 S7 Australia – Great Britain	16:30 S26 USA – Canada	11:30 F8 Japan RED – Japan WHITE
14:00 S8 Japan – Mexico		13:15 F7 USA – Japan RED
14:00 S10 Canada – Colombia		13:15 F8 Australia – India
18:30 S6 Mexico – Singapore		14:05 F7 India – Japan WHITE
		14:05 F8 Australia – South Korea
		14:55 F7 Japan RED – Australia
		14:55 F8 South Korea – India
		15:45 F8 USA – Japan WHITE

BEST PERSPECTIVE

Antonio Barrera (#85, Colombia) lays out in an attempt to prevent an Alan McFarlane (#78, New Zealand) catch.





Learn from the women participating in the inaugural WFDF Women's Masters Division at the WUGC and support Ultimate Peace.

The women from each of the six teams competing in the Women's Masters division of WUGC 2012 have created a Tips From the Masters Ultimate Deck full of skills, drills and expertise from some of the top women players in the world. With the purchase of each deck, \$5 will be donated to Ultimate Peace (link to <http://www.ultimatepeace.org/>) an organization which builds bridges of friendship and understanding for youth from different social and cultural backgrounds around the world using the sport of Ultimate. Among the players featured in the deck are Miranda Roth (USA), Anja Haman (CAN), Hidemi Tominaga (Japan), Masami Tsutazawa (Japan), Nicole Cozens (Great Britain), and Kelli Browne (Australia). To order your Tips from the Masters Deck and support Ultimate Peace, visit the Ulticards fundraiser page (<http://www.ulticards.net/pages/wmfundraiser>).

#### Last day of WFDF Athlete's Commission elections

The Thursday, 12 July, is the last days of the elections to the WFDF Athlete's Commission during WUGC 2012 in Sakai. So please do not forget to hand over the election forms to the staff at the registration desk no later than midnight. Forms received after this deadline will not be taken into consideration. Thank you very much for your support !!!

#### News and Notes

- **Mixed:** The Philippines were dominant, defeating Russia 14-11 and France 17-9. Advancing from Pool A to quarters are Canada, Australia, Great Britain and Germany. From Pool B, Japan, USA, France, and the Philippines
- **Open:** Quarterfinals feature USA vs. Finland, Australia vs. Great Britain, Japan vs. Sweden, and Canada vs. Germany
- **Women's:** Both Canada and Japan continued their undefeated streak. We can't wait to see these two teams match up!



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## Women's Division New Zealand over Germany

It was a game filled to the brim with exciting plays and a big comeback by Germany, but in the end New Zealand prevailed 17-15. Early in the game, the Kiwis were able to build a lead off of the play of their 4 person zone, forcing the Germans to dump and swing it up the field into the wind. Nobuko Mori struck quickly off the change of possession... *Continued next page*

## Open Division Top Seeds face off

Two highly anticipated matches lived up to the hype, as the top of the power pools did battle today. USA outlasted Australia in a dog fight, a game featuring multiple lead changes and stifling defenses. The Aussies held a 8-5 lead, but were unable to hold off an American run to half, and would find themselves down at half, 9-8. They never relented, fighting back to take the lead 16-15. After a USA hold, the Australians would have a shot to win... *Continued next page*

## Stat Leaders By Division

**Open:** Davide Morri (Italy) 33 pts  
**Women's:** Yina Cartagena (Columbia) 49 pts  
**Mixed:** Brian Garcia (USA) 36 pts  
**Masters:** Tom Rogacki (Australia) 33 pts  
**Women Masters:** Nakamura Noriko (Japan) 18 pts



Heart break for Germany, Celebration for New Zealand (*Women's Cont*)

...putting the disc deep for her favorite receivers, Sarah Rice and Jennie Parker. Rice led the way with 5 goals, several coming on spectacular receptions. New Zealand had no fear of the wind, using a high risk style of play to take half at 9-6. Germany stayed with it, and leaned heavily on the talents of Sara Wickstrom, who had an incredible game of 7 assists and 2 goals. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the wind died down enough for the patient offense of the Germans to go to work. They chipped away at the lead, holding fast until they broke through to take the lead at 15-14. However, their celebration was short lived as New Zealand's defense came through on the final two points, taking the game 17-15.

Top seeds go to universe point, U.S. and Japan victorious (*Open Cont*)

...A receiver nearly came down with a low hammer throw in the end zone, but could not hang on, giving the USA a chance for the win. Robbie Cahill found separation on his man, but the throw from Mark Sherwood hung into the wind. As the disc pinballed between defender and receiver, it drifted to the back of the end zone where Sam Kanner would lay for the catch and the win. Japan also squeaked by against Canada in a game that featured rough physical play from the frosty northerners. With the game tied at 13, a Japanese thrower fit a pass perfectly into the back left corner of the end zone, giving them the game, 14-13.



YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Open	Mixed	Women's	Guts
Austria 17 9 Singapore	Japan 17 5 South Africa	Canada 17 9 Great Britain	Japan RED 21 6 South Korea
USA 17 16 Australia	USA 17 6 Hong Kong	Australia 17 12 Finland	USA 21 18 Australia
South Africa 17 6 Hong Kong	Russia 11 14 Philippines	Colombia 17 5 Singapore	Japan RED 21 0 India
Netherlands 14 10 Mexico	France 17 8 Netherlands	USA 17 3 New Zealand	Australia 12 21 Japan WHITE
Sweden 17 8 Italy	Australia 15 12 Colombia	Japan 17 6 Germany	South Korea 13 21 Japan WHITE
Germany 16 8 France	Finland 10 17 China	Germany 15 17 New Zealand	USA 21 0 India
Canada 13 14 Japan	Canada 17 9 Great Britain	USA 17 0 Finland	USA 21 8 South Korea
Great Britain 13 11 Colombia	Japan 17 13 USA	Australia 17 12 Great Britain	Japan RED 21 13 Japan WHITE
Finland 16 12 New Zealand	Russia 17 6 South Africa	Japan 17 0 Mexico	USA 23 25 Japan RED
Austria 17 5 Philippines	France 9 17 Philippines	Canada 17 9 Colombia	Australia 21 0 India
Great Britain 17 9 Finland	Hong Kong 16 15 Netherlands	Mexico 9 16 Singapore	India 0 21 Japan WHITE
Netherlands 16 11 South Africa	Germany 17 8 China		Australia 21 15 South Korea
Mexico 13 10 Hong Kong	Great Britain 17 4 Finland		Japan RED 21 7 Australia
USA 17 6 France			South Korea 21 0 India
Sweden 15 17 Germany			USA 21 10 Japan WHITE
Australia 17 9 Italy			
Canada 17 13 New Zealand			
Japan 17 6 Colombia			

Womens Masters	Open Masters
USA 8 17 Canada	Canada 12 14 Japan
Great Britain 17 10 Germany	USA 17 9 France
Japan 17 6 Australia	New Zealand 2 17 Great Britain
USA 17 5 Great Britain	Australia 17 7 Germany
Japan 15 10 Canada	New Zealand 17 15 Germany
Australia 17 5 Germany	Australia 17 8 France
	Great Britain 13 17 Japan
	USA 17 5 Canada

TODAY'S SCHEDULE July 12

Open	Women's	Mixed
09:00 S10 Singapore - Mexico	09:00 S6 Canada - Germany	11:00 S9 Finland - South Africa
09:00 S21 Japan - Sweden	09:00 S7 Finland - Mexico	12:30 S21 USA - Great Britain
09:30 S22 Australia - Great Britain	09:00 S8 USA - Australia	13:00 S12 Colombia - Hong Kong
11:00 S10 New Zealand - South Africa	09:00 S9 Great Britain - Colombia	13:00 S13 China - Netherlands
11:00 S11 Italy - Austria	13:00 S7 New Zealand - Finland	13:00 S22 Australia - Philippines
11:00 S12 Colombia - Netherlands	13:00 S8 Colombia - Mexico	14:30 S23 Canada - France
11:00 S13 France - Philippines	13:00 S25 Japan - Singapore	15:00 S26 Japan - Germany
11:00 S23 Canada - Germany	13:00 S24 Germany - Great Britain	17:00 S9 China - South Africa
11:30 S26 USA - Finland	17:00 S6 Japan - Canada	17:00 S12 Colombia - Netherlands
13:00 S10 Singapore - Hong Kong	17:00 S7 USA - Singapore	17:00 S13 Finland - Russia
15:00 S10 [OT13-Win] - [OT14-Win]	17:00 S8 Australia - New Zealand	
15:00 S11 [OT15-Win] - [OT16-Win]		
15:00 S12 [OT13-Lose] - [OT14-Lose]		
15:00 S13 [OT15-Lose] - [OT16-Lose]		
17:00 S10 [OT1-Lose] - [OT2-Lose]		
17:00 S11 [OT3-Lose] - [OT4-Lose]		

Womens Masters	Guts
09:00 S24 USA - Japan	09:00 F7 Australia - South Korea
09:00 S25 Canada - Germany	12:00 F7 Japan RED - [G31-Winner]
09:00 S26 Australia - Great Britain	12:00 F8 USA - Japan WHITE
16:00 S25 (WM4) - (WM5)	16:00 F8 [G33- Lose] - [G34-Lose]
16:30 S24 (WM3) - (WM6)	

BEST PERSPECTIVE

French Mixed Star #19 Ronan Bichon (blue) shows us the definition of horizontal for this score against the Dutch Mixed squad.



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## Great Britain goes to the finals

The first open semifinals definitely didn't disappoint, featuring multiple lead changes and a devastating zone, as Great Britain prevailed 15-14. Sweden opened the game with a break as their 4 man cup wreaked havoc on the Great Britain offense early. However, Great Britain's Daniel Furnell provided the steady hand to patiently guide his offense through the shifty zone. With the offense now comfortable, the defense went to work... *Continued Next Page*

## USA over Canada in a close one

Fans were treated to another great semifinal, as the Americans survived a late run by the Canadians to win 17-16. Team Canada broke early, taking advantage of several American miscues. Oscar Pottinger and John Hassel were in sync early, both hitting on deep throws to help the Canadians build their early lead. Team USA responded with tenacious defense late in the first half, taking a 9-8 lead. The attitude would carry into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.. *Continued Next Page*

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## USA defeats Canada in Women's Semifinals

After losing to both Japan and Canada in pool play, team USA looked like a completely different squad in the semifinals vs. Canada. After a close start, tied at 4-4, the Americans pulled away and never looked back. The difference in the game was the hucking efficiency of Canada vs. USA. Canada was unable to connect on their deep shots, where as the Americans converted on their opportunities. Alex Synder led the way for the Americans, hitting Alicia White and Georgia Bosscher for scores. Team USA went on to win 17-10 and will face Japan in the semis. Japan won convincingly over Colombia, 17-13, also advancing to the finals. Japan defeated the U.S. earlier this week, 16-14, in pool play.

## News and Notes

**Mixed:** Australia and Canada advance to the finals, Japan takes the bronze in mixed defeating USA.

**Masters:** Canada dominates for the majority of the finals before Australia mounts a comeback. Too little too late, the Canadians take the gold, Australia the silver, and Japan the bronze

**Women Masters:** Canada makes it look closer than it was, but Team USA takes the gold 15-13 in the finals. Canada the silver, Japan the bronze.

## Sakai Style Awards



Best Hair  
Elizabeth Mosquera (Colombia Women's)



Best Moustache  
Jaimie Cross – Great Britain Mixed

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Great Britain survives Sweden’s zone, advances to the finals (Cont.)

...breaking for an 8-5 lead. Sweden rallied, relying on their zone to produce confusion once again. The lead would be reduced to one at half, Great Britain up 9-8. After the offenses traded to start off the second half, the Swedes took the lead 11-10, striking quickly after another turnover produced by the zone. After holding to the 12-12, Matthew Parslow took over, involved in scoring the final five points for Great Britain. Sweden tied it at 14s, but changed their defense from their zone to man. Great Britain’s offense worked beautifully, putting the game away 15-14.

Team USA survives a close call, Canada nearly completes comeback (Cont.)

... where the defensive pressure caused Canada to take shots that weren’t easily available, leading to turnovers. The outcome was all but determined, with team USA leading 15-11. However, the Canadians weren’t done yet, displaying a new zone for the first time in the game. A deep pull set up a pressure situation that led to an errant throw by Adam Simon in the end zone. With the very short field ,the Canadians stuffed it in, and the comeback was on. Numerous American mental errors allowed Canada to tie at 16 all. On double game point, Robbie Cahill and the rest of team USA displayed the patience and poise they are known for, working it slowly downfield. Beau Kittredge appeared to be stalled out on Canada’s goal line, but the call came back as contested. Kittredge flicked it back to Cahill and busted to the break side for the goal and the win.

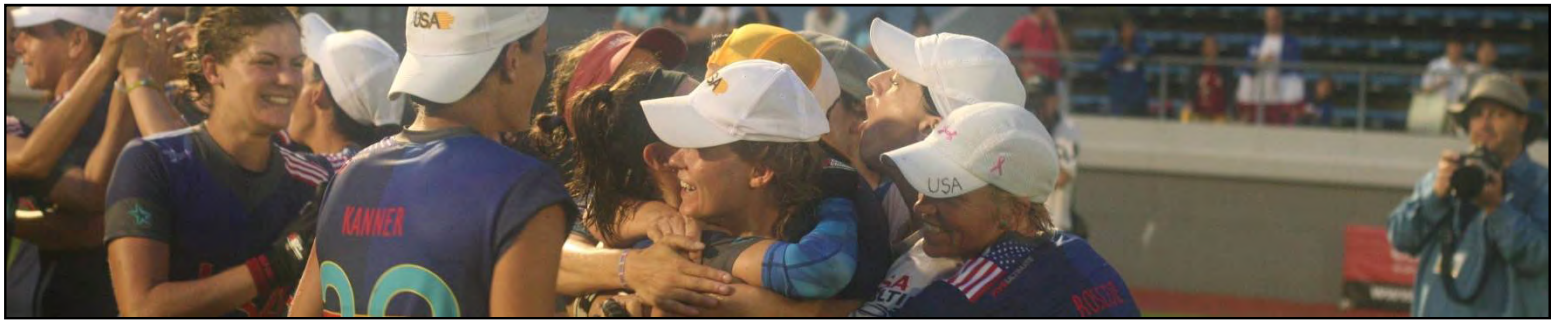


YESTERDAY’S SCORES

Open				Women's				Mixed				Open Masters							
Sweden	14	-	15	Great Britain	Australia	17	-	4	New Zealand	Colombia	17	-	10	South Africa	France	17	-	11	Germany
USA	17	-	16	Canada	Great Britain	14	-	16	Germany	Finland	8	-	14	Hong Kong	Japan	17	-	14	USA
New Zealand	17	-	8	Colombia	Finland	15	-	10	Singapore	China	6	-	17	Russia	Australia	13	-	17	Canada
Austria	13	-	16	France	Canada	10	-	17	USA	France	6	-	17	Great Britain	Women Masters				
South Africa	16	-	15	Netherlands	Japan	17	-	13	Colombia	Philippines	14	-	17	Germany					
Italy	17	-	12	Philippines	Finland	17	-	2	Mexico	Canada	17	-	6	USA	Great Britain	15	-	6	Germany
Mexico	17	-	15	Hong Kong	Australia	16	-	11	Germany	Australia	16	-	13	Japan	Canada	17	-	5	Australia
Australia	17	-	13	Germany	New Zealand	11	-	17	Great Britain	China	10	-	16	Hong Kong	Japan	11	-	15	USA
Japan	17	-	8	Finland	Singapore	17	-	7	Mexico	Finland	10	-	13	Netherlands	Australia	8	-	17	Japan
Sweden	8	-	17	Canada	Colombia	12	-	16	Canada	Colombia	13	-	17	Russia	Canada	13	-	15	USA
										Great Britain	17	-	9	Germany					
										France	10	-	17	Philippines					
										USA	13	-	15	Japan					
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TODAY’S SCHEDULE July 14

Women’s				Mixed				Open			
Time	Field			Time	Field			Time	Field		
10:30	S1	Japan	— USA	12:45	S1	Canada	— Australia	15:00	S8	Great Britain	— USA
								17:15	Awards&Closing Ceremony		



BEST PERSPECTIVE

Great Britain’s Jolian Dahl reaches for the sky against Sweden in an exhiirating semifinal. GB won 15-14 and will face USA in the finals.



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### <Stat Leaders By Division>

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#### Guts

**Open:** Daily Jackson (USA) 71pts

*Congratulations to the MVP's of each division!!*

*MVP disc was sponsored by Discraft.*

### Final Ranking - Ultimate

Open		Women's		Mixed		Open Masters		Women Masters	
1	USA	1	Japan	1	Canada	1	Canada	1	USA
2	Great Britain	2	USA	2	Australia	2	Australia	2	Canada
3	Canada	3	Canada	3	Japan	3	Japan	3	Japan
4	Sweden	4	Colombia	4	USA	4	USA	4	Australia
5	Japan	5	Australia	5	Great Britain	5	Great Britain	5	Great Britain
6	Finland	6	Germany	6	Germany	6	New Zealand	6	Germany
7	Australia	7	Great Britain	7	Philippines	7	France	SOTG Germany	
8	Germany	8	New Zealand	8	France	8	Germany		
9	New Zealand	9	Finland	9	Russia	SOTG New Zealand			
10	Colombia	10	Singapore	10	Colombia				
11	France	11	Mexico	11	Hong Kong				
12	Austria	SOTG Canada		12	China				
13	South Africa			13	Finland				
14	Netherlands			14	Netherlands				
15	Italy			15	South Africa				
16	Philippines			SOTG South Africa					
17	Singapore								
18	Mexico								
19	Hong Kong								
SOTG Philippines									

### Final Ranking - Guts

#### Open

- 1 Japan RED
- 2 USA
- 3 Japan WHITE
- 4 Australia
- 5 South Korea
- 6 India
- SOTG Australia

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### Open Final USA 17-5 GBR

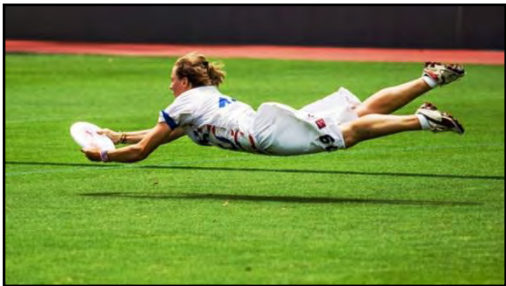
The Open Final saw the United States versus Great Britain in the first time the Brits had made it to the final in the Open division in any Ultimate world championship. With the Open final being the last of the day, the wind picked up a bit and the sun came out, and it showed as Great Britain missed three or four crucial passes early. USA was able to capitalize and went up 3-0. Great Britain took a timeout in order to calm the game down and was able to score their first two goals off the handling of Daniel Furnell. The USA, however, answered back, and even though most points had two or three turns, USA was always able to put the last point in. USA took half 9-3 after a strategy change to "walk the disc in", chanting "five yards at a time" from the sideline. During halftime, Great Britain attempted to get fired up by doing shuttle runs and an inspirational halftime speech. This looked like it would work at first right out of half as Britain converted their first break, making the score 10-5. USA's walk it in strategy kept on paying dividends, however, as they scored the next seven points with no answer from Great Britain to win the final 17-5.





Women's Final JPN 17 – 13 USA

The fans crowded into the stadium early in preparation for this hotly anticipated matchup between Team USA and Team Japan, a rematch of their game from round robin play on Tuesday. Japan won that game 16-14 after Team USA rallied to tie the game 14-14. The match started out under overcast skies with little to no wind as Fury dominated early, coming out 5-2 on their tight man defense and burst offense by Alex Snyder and Cree Howard. Japan turned the disc quite a bit in the first few points on long hucks that failed to connect. USA then started to play zone, a look they had tried in the Tuesday game. It seemed to work as first as they generated a couple turns, but Japan quickly figured the zone out and started a run. USA, on the other hand, seemed to lose patience in the end zone and started throwing floaty blades that were easily contested by team Japan. Japan rallied to take half 9-8 with the crowd supporting them every step of the way. After halftime, USA continued to play zone, but it was clear at this point that it was not effective. The Japanese offense tightened up and stopped taking risks with the disc, and the US offense responded by doing the same, walking the next few points into the endzone, as the two rivals traded three breaks. At 14-12 Japan, the crowd was treated to a nailbiting point with quite a few turns. After a timeout was called, it was clear that both teams needed to score this point more than everything - the USA to remain in the game, and Japan to put the nail in the coffin. Japan scored on a throw from Oyama Ayu to Yonehara Rie to make it 15-12, and the US was unable to come back. Final score: 17-13 Japan. After Ito Madoka got the final point and was mobbed by her teammates, many a Japan play began to shed tears of joy - it was clear how much this game meant to them to be able to win in their home country in front of hundreds of their fans.



Mixed Final CAN 17- 9 AUS

The Mixed Final featured Canada, a team who so far in the tournament had yet to be challenged, beating all opponents handily, versus Australia, a team with a tougher road through finals, staving off a skilled Japanese team 16-13 in the semis. The two teams had previously met on Tuesday, where Canada crushed the Barramundis 17-5. Australia came in looking for revenge. It was not to be, however, as the all-star Canadian team quickly ran away with the game. The Canadians went up 3-1 early, and then it was Mark Leduc time: the longtime Team Canada Mixed player scored the next 5 points for Canada as Canada and Australia traded breaks, making it 7-5 Canada. Canada then began to pull away both before and after half, relying on the consistent play of brothers Jeremy and Justin Norden, who played on the defensive and offensive lines, respectively. That remained the story through the end of the game, as Canada walked away with the 17-9 victory. Australia was able to hold on a few points with the gutty defense of tall man Gavin Moore and the offensive connection of John Damiani and Tegan Sneddon, but ultimately was not able to make a dent in Canada's perfect offensive set. Canada finished as the most dominant team in any division in the tournament, with no opponent able to score double digits on them.



BEST PERSPECTIVE

Japan's Eri Hirai (#11) sprints to capture this incredible catch against a bidding Kaela Jorgenson (#7)



**WFDF announces elected members of the Athlete's Commission**

WFDF is pleased to announce the results of the elections to the first ever WFDF Athlete's Commission. Seven candidates from six countries stood for the elections to the Commission during WUGC 2012 in Sakai, Japan.

The elected members for the first term of office lasting two years are Anna Haynes (Australia), Ryan Purcell (South Africa) and Matt Doyle (Canada). The Athlete's Commission will strengthen Athlete's representation in the decision making process of WFDF.

WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch welcomed the newly elected members during the Closing Ceremony of the World Ultimate and Guts Championships 2012 in Sakai, Japan, and introduced them to their peers. The Commission members will select their Chair representing the Athletes in the future as a non-voting Observer to the WFDF Board.