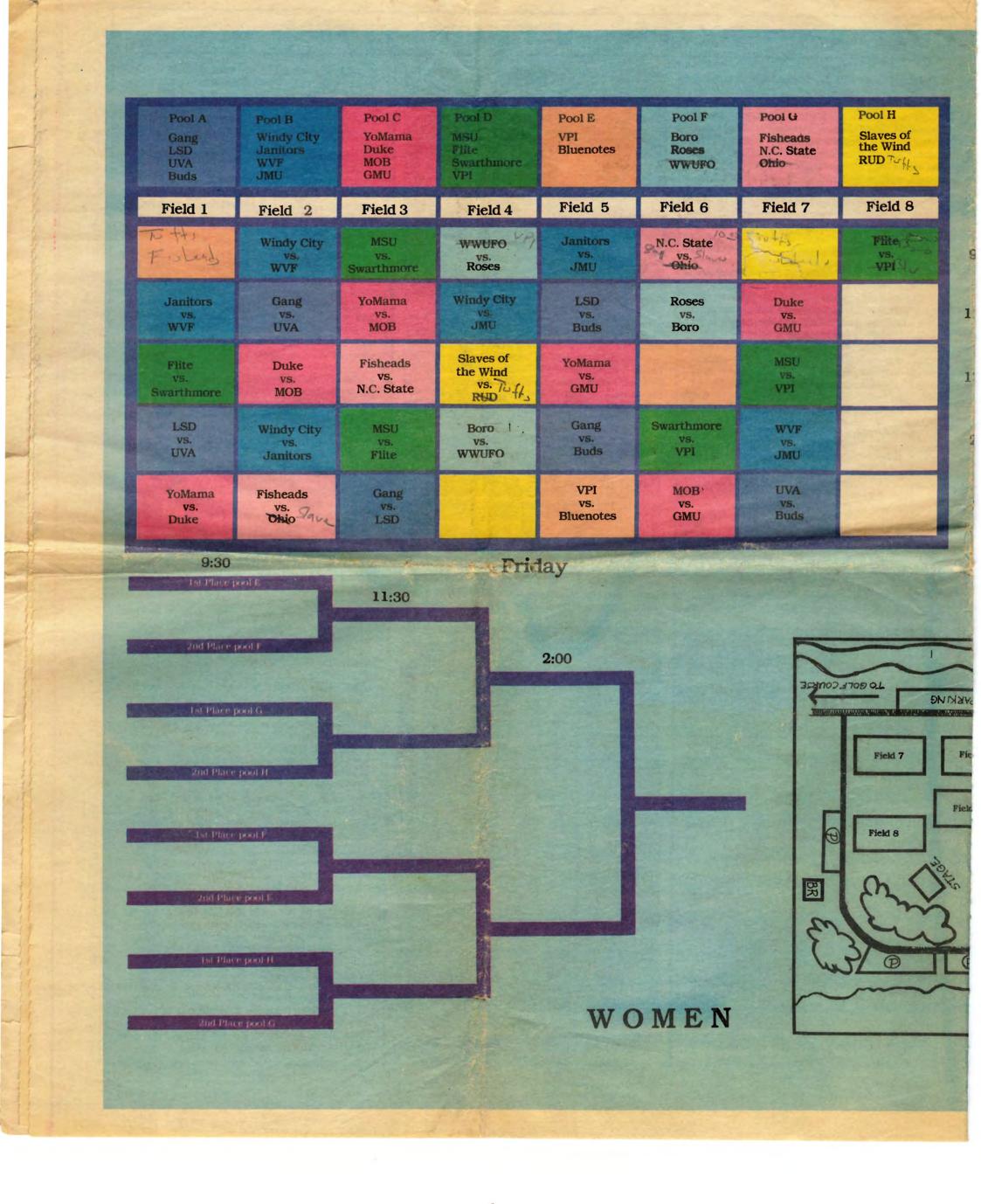
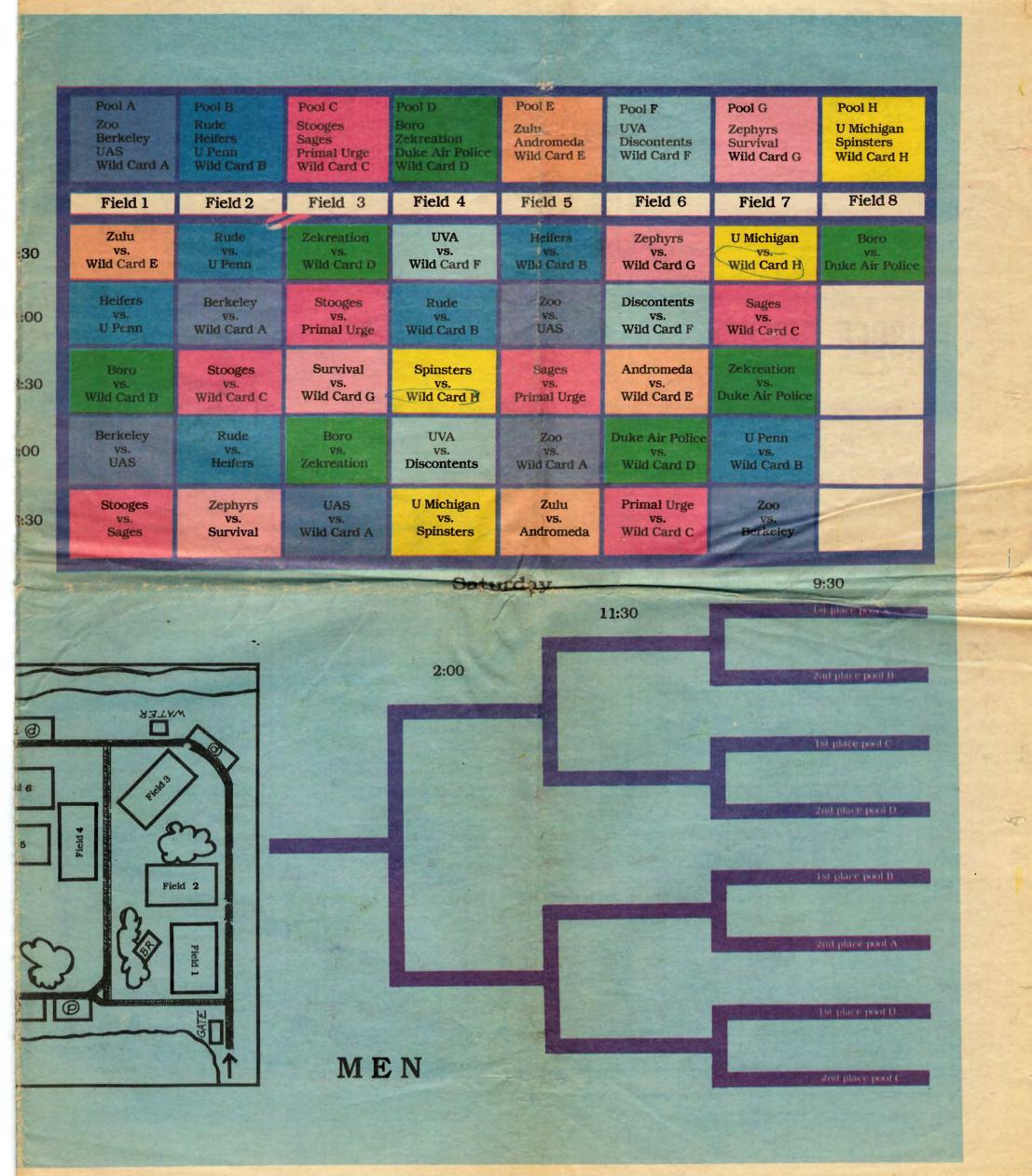
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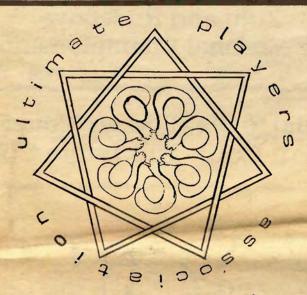
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HISTORY

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Like ultimate, the April Fools Ultimate tournament has not always been as it is today. The sixth annual AFU will host over forty teams, including nine out of the fifteen teams that went to the Nationals. The women's division will have it's own Wild Card Friday with up to twelve teams competing for four slots on Saturday. For the games, there will be score keepers and timers. At the party, there will be east and west coast tournament videos. Berkeley's Flying Circus will be the first west coast team to attend. We have come to expect a lot each year from this tournament that honors the jester in us all but let us not forget the foolishness of the early years and for those that are new to this foolhardiness, here are some fool facts.

At the East Coast Captain's Meeting in 1977, the 165 was chosen over the masters as the official ultimate disc and Eric Knudsen, the Ultimate Fool, announced the coming of a D.C. tournament. A foolish letter was sent to approximately fifty teams inviting them to the first annual April Fools Frisbee Fest. The letter mentioned a wooden plaque trophy and suggested park benches as possible places to crash.

The day of the tournament arrived; sunny, 88 degrees, 30-40 mph winds. Twelve teams had regarded the letter as no joke but the T-shirt manufacturer had. It was two hours after the first game started that the T-shirts finally arrived. The tournament had attracted the big names from the Mid-Atlantic: Knights of Nee, Penn State (the 1977 East Coast Champions), Webb Institute, and a team called Glassboro. The rest of the teams were local college and club teams except for Wilson High School who later became the 1978-9 High School Champions. Amongst the competitors were Jens and Erwin Velasquez. (Have you ever tried to guard someone with that many moves?)

Although the first April Fools Frisbee Fest might have been a foolish adventure the competition was serious. With the help of Larry Schindel, fifty four games were played in twenty-eight hours. The finals began a tradition in D.C. tournaments of Glassboro vs. Nee competing for ultimate victory. Webb played WAFC for third place. WAFC wanted to prove they were up to snuff although Webb was well tooled. Down 12-7 at the half, WAFC scored the first five goals and continued to trade goals until the final score was 17-14. As hundreds of spectators watched, the final game of Glassboro vs. Nee began. Nee scored first but Glassboro answered, kept on top and were up 10-5 at the half. Nee came out smoking with three goals but were unable to maintain. 'Baylock' put the hex on Nee and the final score was 19-12. The first AFU was over but the shared bliss had been contagious and soon everyone had become Ultimate Fools.

A shift in policy made playing on the Monument grounds impossible so Bull Run Regional Park became the site of the second annual April Fools Frisbee Fest. That year there were more teams from both the north and the south. WUFO, a colorful, zany bunch who looked great and played almost as well, made their official debut. University of Penn and Swarthmore, who would often compete in later AFU's, arrived along with Flite from Richmond, the representative for the southern frontier. The final was again an intense game of Boro vs. Nee with Boro victorious. UVA, who had formed the

previous year, came in third under the guidance of Houston Miller. The first AFU disc was produced that year and has become a classic. The 1979 AFU was a tournament of great Ultimate and we all knew that foolishness was here to stay.

In 1980 the tournament was back on the mall next to the reflecting pool. It was renamed April Fools Ultimate to avoid trademark hassles. AFU had caught on and there were more teams than there were fields. However, Eric Simon, with his mathematical genius, was able to keep the play to a maximum and confusion to a minimum.

Women's Ultimate was still in its formative stages in 1980. UVA's women's team was the only one present on Saturday and much to their credit, entered the open division playing four mens teams. When Boro's women's team arrived on Sunday, UVA was able to show their competitive prowess and won decisively.

In the men's division, much to the pleasure of the tourists on the Mall, WUFO wore clown make-up, three piece suits and aviator hats and still played well. Two new teams, the N.J. Plastic Exchange and the Mud Sharks, made their debut with players that would return again and again in later years under names such as Jolt, Sages, Boro and the Gang.

While the women set new traditions, the men were breaking old. Pete Bloome, making a guest appearance with Nee, helped to upset Boro. Igor, twice a bridesmaid was now the bride. UVA men's team maintained their hold on third beating the N.J. Plastic Exchange.

Manassas was the site for the fourth April Fools Ultimate tournament in 1981. In order to accommodate the growing number of teams the





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Duke vs. Rudeboys

This publication is dedicated to Stanley Rosen for showing me the way

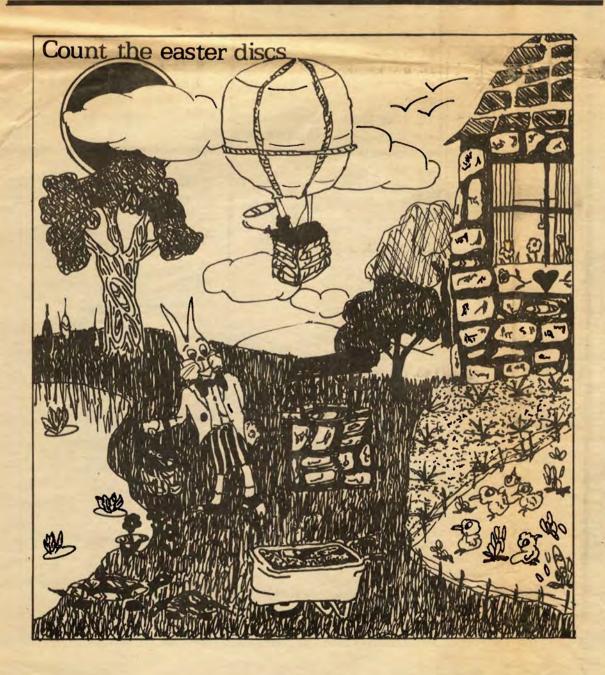
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We welcome suggestions, criticisms and encouragement.

Congratulations to the Northeast's Zulu and Rudeboys for their National Championship Titles

A Loving Hello to the Ultimate Couple in Belgium Jon Cohn and Louie Cohn



To understand the reason why players should join the UPA, you have to look at it from a different point of view than someone who would simply ask "Well, what do I get for my money?" Sure, the UPA newsletter should come out more frequently, and it could be more timely; but the publication does not even pay for itself as it is. Wham-O's generous support has kept it afloat. Sure there should be more communication and more organization, one could list a whole host of improvements and ideas.

The problem is that some of us are so apathetic. We're really into ultimate, travelling, meeting people and competing, but when it comes to putting out a \$7.00 investment in the future of our favorite sport, we have all kinds of excuses. This is precisely why the UPA has its shortcomings and why the UPA engenders a feeling of an invisible organization; think of it as an investment in our favorite sport or as buying a subscription to the UPA newsletter. At any rate, please consider it. Ultimate does not get organized magically, it takes work. If you like ultimate, JOIN THE UPA. For all of us.

Enclosed is my □ Renewal □ Membership Dues \$7.00 in the U.S., \$13.00 outside the U.S.

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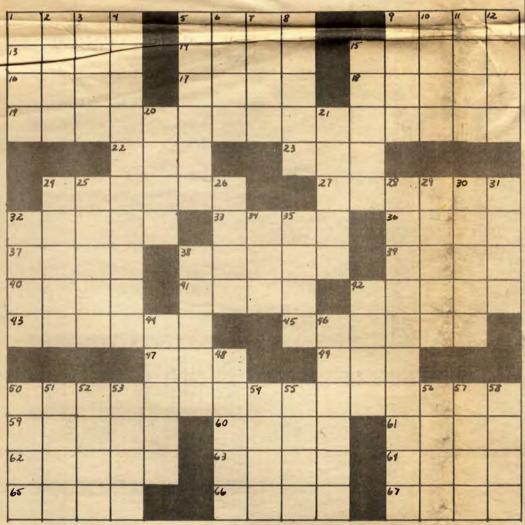


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A BASIC DISCUSSION

by Tiina Booth



ACROSS

- 1. Seat
- 5. "Born Free" Star
- 9. Seize
- 13. Kept bow on sea
- 14. Not foul
- 15. Blacksnake
- 16. Flower extract
- 17. Canine
- 18. Additional
- 19. Originated in New York
- 22. Heard in 19 across
- 23. Water in Paris
- 24. Acted sullen
- 27. What SCF is
- 32. Curses
- 33. Palm
- 36. Rastafarian expression
- 37. Mr. Guinness
- 38. Knee and foot
- 39. Disc parts
- 40. Wall writing 41. Steinbeck subject
- 42. Monk leader
- 43. Part of 50 across
- 45. Pardons
- 47. Mr. McCann 49. Burmese premier
- 50. Originated in New Jersey
- 59. Italian white wine
- 60. Goddess of dawn
- 61. Madagascar native
- 62. Disc ridge
- 63. Cape
- 64. Female sheep
- 65. Belonging to actress Sandra
- 66. Library Bar forte
- 67. Bed frame part
 - DOWN
 - 1. Arab surname
 - 2. Mr. Preminger

- 3. Wife in Berlin
- 4. Seen in Freestyle
- 5. Overrefined
- 6. "The best-
- 7. Moslem title 8. Ascended
- 9. Arrangement; comb. form

plans. . ."

- 10. Perform; Latin
- 11. Actress Deborah
- 12. He was; Latin
- 15. Slice again
- 20. Polish weights
- 21. Bivouacs
- 24. Thin leaf
- 25. Signs
 - _ Star
- 28. Seen in freestyle
- 29. Clan
- gin fizz la vie
- 32. Moist
- 34. ___
- 35. Mimics 38. Put ___
- 42. Dog-face ape
- 44. Mr. Fudd
- 46. Prize monies
- 48. Conned 50. Not new
- 51. Misplace
- 52. Grab
- 53. American inventor
- 54. Isaac's son
- 56. Rose_
- 57. Shrub genus
 - of Eden

Wild Card Friday was introduced with fourteen teams competing for four slots. The list of competing AFU teams in the newly published Frisbee News, which also doubled as the program, grew to 34. The teams competing on Wild Card Friday represented some of the hottest Ultimate of the tournament. There was one team that stood out; the Hostages, a new team from Boston, epitomized the spirit and sportsmanship of the game. With Gus in command, they advanced from Fridays competition on to the quarter finals. They even played an extra game and wrote a thank-you letter after the tournament - what style!

The semi-finals were between Cornell and Jersey Jolt on one field with Cornell coming out on top and Atlanta and Boston Aero Disc on the other. Atlanta, a psyched team who wanted to prove that the south had excellent Ultimate talent, played a highly competitive in which observers were necessitated for the first time. Boston was victorious. The final game placed Cornell against Boston, a team which had many Cornell graduates. After the intensity of the semi-finals, the opportunity to play old friends seemed like quite a relief. In a flash of AFU inspired energy, the suggestion was made that players from both teams combine and that sides be picked by blindly pulling team shirts from a bag. Unfortunately, feelings of unity gave way to those of team loyalty and the opening pull was thrown. Within minutes a downpour sent spectators running for their cars. The intensity of the storm did not match the enthusiasm of the play as Cornell went on to

1981 was the year the women's division took off with seven teams competing including Cornell, MSU, BLU, UVA, Glassboro, and two new teams, ZULU and Galaxy. The final was a very close game between the teams that would rep-



AFU '81 Knights of Nee vs. UMich



AFU '82 UVA vs. MSU

resent the North East and the Mid-Atlantic, BLU and Glassboro respectively, in the first Women's Nationals in Austin, Texas. It featured such pioneers in Women's Ultimate as Suzanne Fields and Louie Mahoney. It was in the final seconds of the game that Louie Mahoney made a diving endzone catch to win the game by one for BLU.

By the fifth year of AFU the promoters were finally getting their act together. The UPA was putting out a fine frisbee publication and Frisbee News was a year old. Forty teams would play on the fields at Mannassas. Twenty-eight men's teams and twelve women's teams from Florida, Michigan, Boston and everywhere in between were into being foolish. This year the growth brought joys and pains. No longer were there dominant teams; upsets were the name of the game. In the open division, Windy City beat Boro; Atlanta beat the Rude Boys; Rude beat Knights of Nee. Every team that lost their



AFU '82 Knights of Nee vs. Atlanta

first game seemed to win their second so that three way ties were inevitable with many games having only one point spreads. Great man to man teams played great zone teams. The wind was very much a factor and by Saturday afternoon, all hail broke loose - literally!

The women's division was well seeded and went as expected. One of the more exciting games was the Cornell versus Glassboro match up. Glassboro made a gallant effort to make up a three point deficit by throwing into overtime but lost the disc on an upwind drop. Cornell worked a series with the last throw leaving:01 second on the clock and left Boro one short. The quarter-final games were all decided by one point. In the semi-final games, NEWD lost to MSU and UVA was victorious over BLU. The UVA - MSU game went the way of many games that weekend. UVA knew how to use the wind and a tight zone to hold back a less experienced team. MSU tried to swing but even the best had trouble making passes against the wind. UVA won 8-4.

In the open division, the quarter and semi-final games fostered an old Ultimate theory: A well tooled squad who enjoys playing will beat a highly talented team who is out to win. University of San Salvador and Atlanta thought that the disc mold was so important that they argued for twenty minutes. The Heifers started Friday with a small squad and were down to eight due to injuries. Down three against Boro they scored six straight. They made up for their few numbers by throwing long bombs and using that to help their defense. Unable to adapt, the Univ. of San Salvador also fell to the Hiefers. The Hostages, a small, friendly team, were able to ride the joy of having played together for a year and maintained that energy to win. The Clones, being a newly formed team, had not established the energy flow.

Everyone thought that the Hostage - Heifer game might be a joke since the Hiefers only had eight men and had already played eight games. The winds were still a major factor. The Heifers, a fast bombing team, continued to develop this offense and it kept them in the game. During the half time the Hostages planned an adaptive move that would change the style of the game. They went man to man and though it initially did not bring the results they wanted, they were patient. With more energy needed to break their man, the Heifers began to tire. The Boston Hostages, who were the new kids on the block the year before, were now the champs.

The sixth celebration is at hand and each new fool should realize that the jester cannot avoid the dance of spring. And the wisdom of the fool is that we all win if we have fun.

In appreciation for the use of the park, it would be a large help if everyone would observe the rules and regulation of the park.

How to get into the AFU Foolishness 1) A letter or postcard must be sent between December 1 and January 1 to: Eric Knudsen 513 Springvale Rd. Great Falls, Va. 22066

2) The following information must be included Name of team Name, address, and phone# of contact person

From these postcard the invitations are sent and the wild card teams notified.