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Welcome!

Welcome to the 1996 Desert Sectionals, back in Tucson for the first time in quite a while. We are excited to again be hosting a tournament in the Nationals Series. Whether you are a player or spectator, we hope you have a great weekend in the Old Pueblo.

The Sport of Ultimate*

Ultimate combines elements of soccer, football and basketball in a fast-paced game, played with a Frisbee, where everyone is a quarterback and everyone is a receiver.

When a ball dreams, it dreams it's a Frisbee...
... Stancil Johnson

Ultimate began in 1968 in Maplewood, New Jersey when a group of Columbia High School students first played on an asphalt parking lot at their high school. As those students graduated from high school, the game spread to the college level. The first intercollegiate Ultimate game occurred on Nov. 6, 1972, between Princeton and Rutgers, in New Brunswick, NJ. They

played on the anniversary of the first ever intercollegiate football game, also played between those same two schools.

Today, the game is played by over 15,000 people in over 30 countries. Ultimate is played by people from all walks of life. From high school students, to the still thriving college game, to the highly competitive club teams all over the world, to the many thousands of people who play in informal summer leagues; Ultimate is a game for everyone.

Ultimate is a non-contact sport that requires a combination of agility, speed and quickness to play. Teams consist of seven players on the field at a time. The basic rules are easy, and even the full set is only a few pages. The field has a rectangular shape with endzones at each end. A regulation field is 70 yards by 40 yards, with endzones 25 yards deep. Each point begins with both teams lining up on the front of their respective endzone line. The defense throws ("pulls") the disc to the offense. A regulation game has seven players per team. Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's endzone, the offense scores a point. Play is reinitiated after each score. During play the disc may be advanced in any direction by completing a pass to a teammate. Players may not run with the disc. The person with the disc ("thrower") has ten seconds to throw the disc. The defender guarding the thrower ("marker") counts out the stall count. When a pass is not completed (e.g. out of bounds, drop, block, interception), the defense immediately takes possession of the disc and becomes the offense.

No physical contact is allowed between players. Picks and screens are also prohibited. When a player initiates contact on another player a foul occurs. When a foul disrupts possession, the play resumes as if the possession was retained. If the player committing the foul disagrees with the foul call, the play is redone. Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.

At the heart of Ultimate is a code known as **"The Spirit of the Game"**, which embodies the ideal that Ultimate stresses sportsmanship and fair play. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play.

Ultimate is played all over the world, with varying degrees of skill, dedication and intensity. For the beginning player, summer leagues are often the best opportunity to play the game for the first time. In Tucson to find out more about playing call Jack Rief (322-6344) or Jim Borgardt (881-2492) for more information.

In the US, the Ultimate Players Association (UPA) is the governing body for the sport. This largely volunteer organization runs the National Series, watches over the sport, keeps the database of teams and acts as a clearing house for Ultimate players across the country. The phone number for the UPA is 1-800-UPA-GETH. You can also access the UPA's website at <http://komodo.hacks.arizona.edu/~upa/>

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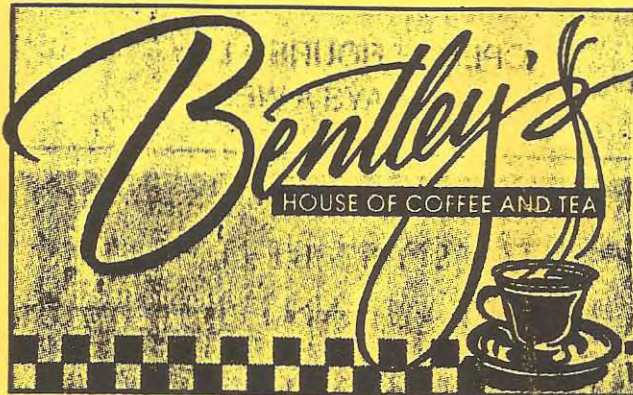
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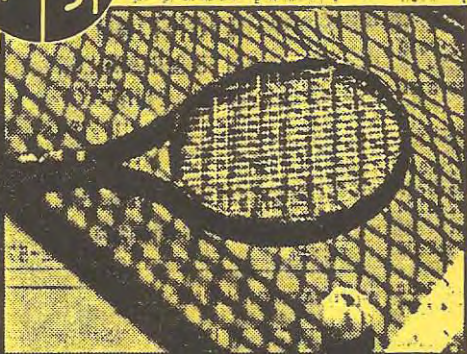


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Ultimate after 40.

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This tournament brought to you by the letter "M"

"If you want something done right...just forget it"

- Neil Peart

Ode to Desert Disc

by Matt Penn

In Tucson in April
in the bright desert sun-a,
we have a coed tourney.
It's called Uomo Donna.

Teams came to the desert
from points far and wide.
They ran hard, they cut deep,
they ho-ed and they sky-ed.

On Saturday the winds blew,
by the disc this was felt.
But this was no trouble
next to what the fields dealt.

"Ouch... ooo... yikes!"
cried Jeffrey P. Harrison.
"This field makes cacti
seem soft by comparison."

On Sunday the elimination
ladders were scaled,
and the Brownies were the ones
who ultimately prevailed.

So come to the desert
in April next year.
We'll throw, run, and smile
and spread our good cheer.

