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PHOENIX CLAIMS UOMO DONNA CROWN

TUCSON - It was no April Fools joke, the Uomo Donna tournament was actually held in Tucson over April Fools weekend, and those who were in attendance can certainly confirm that Uomo Donna was no joke. It was, in fact, an excellent example of ultimate at its finest. The foremost accolade goes to The Voodoo Children for putting together this congenial little jewel of an event. Four cities were represented in the event: Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Tucson, and Phoenix — with Phoenix fielding two teams.

The Phoenix people divided into "A" and "B" teams. The A squad adopted the slogan "Just Say Co" as a unifying team concept in light of the co-ed nature of the tournament. The B squad, not wanting to be branded with the unpleasant "B-team" moniker, opted to label themselves "The Discastaways". This inspired the squad to rally around the following team song (sung to the tune of the Gilligan's Island theme song).

*Now sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
A tale of a fateful team.
The A-team wanted to wear white
So this team's wearing green,
This team's wearing green.*

Of course, when The Discastaways wore white Sunday this tune made little sense.

The tourney started at O-late-thirty sharp UST (ultimate standard time) on Saturday in the company of the standard stiff wind that seems to follow the Phoenix team from tourney to tourney, and Just Say Co played The Discastaways first thing.

*The weather started getting rough.
The tiny disc was tossed.
If not for the spirit of the fearless team,
The weekend would be lost,
The weekend would be lost.*

The Discastaways got off to a quick start, punching in 2 quick points before Just Say Co had even wiped the sleep from their eyes. The teams traded points before Just Say Co pulled themselves together and marched on to a 15-7 victory. Although the outcome of Just Say Co vs The Discastaways was never really in doubt, the spirit and play of The Discastaways inspired Tad to trade himself to The Discastaways for Matt and a draft pick to be named later.

The next round saw Just Say Co take a bye while The Discastaways met The Voodoo Children in what proved to

The Game of Games

An athlete in the Game of Games is one who plays life intensely, with heightened awareness of this endeavor.

An athlete is one who can perceive discord and harmony both, who can accept contradiction as the very stuff of play while not losing sight of the ultimate harmony. An athlete in this Game of

Games plays voluntarily and wholeheartedly, even while realizing that this game is not all that is; knows the rules and limitations of play, and seeks beauty in the order thus imposed; seeks to expand any frontier available and yet is not unmindful of ethical imperatives and the needs of others.

This athlete contends in a game for a prize, and the prize is play itself, a life fully experienced and examined.

by George Leornard

APRIL FOOLS JOKE PAYS OFF

TUCSON - The Phoenix ultimate team played in the Uomo Donna tournament over April Fools weekend and brought with them for distribution a crafty little April Fools joke/propaganda vehicle newsletter that apparently bore fruit. The newsletter was cleverly disguised as a tournament newspaper labeled the "Uomo Donna Times". The Uomo Donna Times was filled with what appeared to be obvious April Fools joke articles, but hidden within the script were subliminal messages suggesting that the tourney be handed to one of the Phoenix teams and also suggesting that items of value be given to the Phoenix team. A Phoenix team in fact did win the tourney, although many opined that it was won on merit, but one of the Tucson players was seen giving Sam \$50.00. Unfortunately, Phoenix must now host the 1990 national championships because everyone fell for that one. Team members have also reportedly received numerous inquiries about Learjet rides and room on the space shuttle ultimate team.

UOMO DONNA CONT.

be one of the tourney's most interesting games. This game started evenly with both teams scoring downwind goals, but before long The Voodoo Children went on a tear, scoring numerous consecutive goals and taking a commanding 11-4 lead (game to 13). Throughout The Voodoo Children's run The Discastaways displayed a high level of play, but they were repeatedly thwarted at the goal line. Facing certain doom at the hands of The Voodoo Children, The Discastaways pulled together and went on a 8-1 run that equalled the score at 12-12. The Discastaways were assisted in their effort by Sarah "Mark from Hell" Youngblood temporarily jumping from the Just Say Co team to pull a little double-duty with The Discastaways (women double-teaming was provided for in the rules). Notable among the scores of that run was the rifle shot that Tina "Elway" Hatch fired to John Simmons that raised her career total of scoring passes to one. With the score knotted at 12, The Voodoo Children put together consecutive scores to take the game 14-12. While The Voodoo Children let go a sigh of relief at the completion of that game, The Discastaways swelled with pride at their showing. Unfortunately for The Discastaways, their goal line troubles reappeared in their next game against Las Cruces and they suffered a disappointing 13-9 defeat. The Discastaways were unable to finish pool play Saturday, so they met Albuquerque first thing Sunday and still had the goalaphobia. Once again they played well, but lost 13-9. That loss eliminated The Discastaways from further competition. Overall, The Discastaways bore a striking resemblance to their namesakes — no matter how they tried, they just couldn't get off goalaphobia island.

Just Say Co's fortunes took a decidedly different turn. This team proved to be the class of the tourney as they posted a record of 6 wins and 0 losses in winning the tournament championship.

After lending emotional support (and physical support — Sarah) to The Discastaways, Just Say Co finished their Saturday by beating The Voodoo Children and Albuquerque. Tucson gave JSC their greatest challenge Saturday, but JSC prevailed 13-9. The intensity and competitive spirit displayed in that match made it evident that these two would likely meet again in the final. JSC handled Albuquerque with relative ease (13-4), and that left JSC with one game to make up Sunday against Las Cruces. JSC disposed of Las Cruces 13-1 Sunday morning and by virtue of Las Cruces's win over The Discastaways, JSC met Las Cruces again in the semifinals immediately thereafter, this time handing them a 15-4 defeat. In the other semi, Tucson clipped Albuquerque to set up the Just Say Co vs. Voodoo Children final.

For the final, JSC picked up Krista, Tad, and Brendan off the waiver wire. Earlier in the day, JSC added John "Better Late Than Never" Flynn. Those additions, coupled with the loss of Matt "Johns Hopkins" Westfield to an injury gave JSC 10 men and 4 women for the showdown with The Voodoo Children.

The Voodoo Children came out fired up in the final and they traded points with JSC throughout most of the first half, but JSC was able to get a couple of points ahead by halftime. JSC's late first half surge was spurred along by an emotional eruption by D "Get Outta My Face" Hey. The second half saw JSC take control of the match. JSC received a big boost from Susan "Big D" Bulzoni's remarkable defensive effort in the second half, and JSC's late additions seemed to be the undoing of The Voodoo Children. The final score was 17-9.

Winning the championship netted the Phoenix contingent a \$50.00 prize which was promptly consumed in the form of pizza at a nearby restaurant.

Overall, the Uomo Donna provided all who attended with a great weekend filled with good times and good ultimate — Thanks Tucson. It was a welcome change of pace for the Phoenix team. Recent outings had given the men little to cheer about, but teaming up with S'wilma, the Phoenix team seemed to adopt the winning ways of the women and they were able to handle the competition in fine form. Let's hope this signals the shape of things to come for the Phoenix team. Let's get 'em in Albuquerque!

BIRD DROPPINGS

by Birdie Man

Imagine... A nice, soft, full-size field... A beautiful Sunday afternoon... A keg of flat but cold Molson... A calm breeze... Perfect for ultimate you say? Well, about 4:00 six or eight players straggle in for the 3:00 practice. By 4:30, if we're lucky, we have sixes.

It's a shame that we have twenty or more people fighting for limited space on the weeknights while the Sunday practice is so relatively ill-attended.

In the interest of getting Sunday practice going strong, here are some questions to consider:

- Should we change the venue? (move it to Tempe?)
- Should we schedule the practice earlier or later on Sunday?
- Should we schedule the practice on Saturday?
- Should we keep the keg and skip the practice?

Yours for Sunday Fun, B.M. ✱

PHOENIX CONSIDERING SECTIONALS BID

TEMPE - Talk has been heard recently about Phoenix potentially hosting this year's sectionals or regionals. The reasoning has been that not only are these tournaments relatively easy to stage (compared to the New Years Fest), but if Phoenix doesn't host one of these tournaments they will likely be held in either Ft. Collins, CO; Denver, CO; or S.L.C., UT. In other words, if we don't host either sectionals or regionals and we qualify for regionals we will have to travel to distant and expensive to get to locations twice in rapid succession. Nationals will be held Oct. 14 & 15 this year, so that puts sectionals and regionals in late August and mid September. Krista and Dee are acting as contacts on this.

TOURNAMENT OUTLOOK

TEMPE - The next tournament that we will be fielding a team at is apparently the Albuquerque tournament scheduled for May 20, 21. This gives us a chance to hone our skills to a razor's edge over the next few weeks in preparation for that one. In addition, it has been suggested that we field a team at this year's 4th of July in Boulder, CO. The issue with going to Boulder is simply getting in the tourney. It is not too early to think about securing a place in the line-up. So make your plans now. Let's put together a great showing in Albuquerque and carry that on to Boulder.