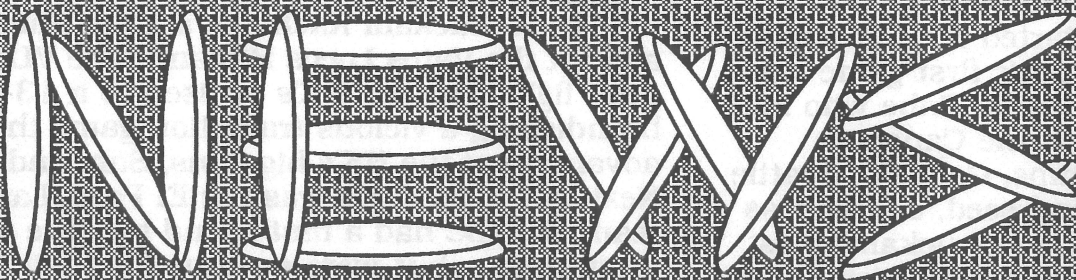


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Ode to Ivana edition

Did you ever get out of those big vegetable showers caught sideways in your mouth? I felt it when that happen. I once got out stuck up and down in my mouth. It poked through the roof stuff under my tongue, right through the bottom of my jaw. Boy did that hurt. Not as bad as losing to Tucson though.

## AZ WOMEN TAKE NEW YEAR FEST

MESA - The 8th Annual New Year Ultimate Fest was held Feb. 3rd and 4th in Mesa. The field of teams was the largest ever, with 31 men's teams and 7 womens teams representing 14 states and Canada present.

The Phoenix and Tucson women combined with one Texan and called themselves The Mud Head Kachinas. The Kachinas proved to be a strong contender, as they breezed by all but one of their competition, San Diego Safari, in round robin play. Safari topped the Kachinas Saturday by virtue of being ahead when the game was capped.

Sunday saw these two meet in the final. The final was a close contest throughout, as no team led by more than two points. The pivotal point occurred with the score tied at 13-13. Safari received the pull and there were 9 turnovers before the Kachinas finally put it in to take a 14-13 lead.

Safari tied the game at 14, but the Kachinas scored two in a row to take the championship. It was a great win for the local squad, and the first time either men's or women's team won their tournament. Congratulations Mud Head Kachinas!

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## 1990 COLLEGE NATIONALS TO BE HELD IN SCOTTSDALE

HORSEWORLD - The 1990 Ultimate Players Association Collegiate National Championships will be held this year at Horseworld in Scottsdale. The event is scheduled for May 25, 26, and 27. The local club is hosting the event, and would welcome any league players who want to get involved. If you're interested in helping, contact Kevin Hatch.

## PHOENIX EARNS 2ND AT UOMO DONNA #3

TUCSON - A valiant band of Phoenix Hohuckam Kachinas set off last weekend for Tucson to take on four other southwestern ultimate teams in the 3rd Annual Uomo Donna Ultimate Tournament. Uomo Donna is the only regional tournament that mandates coed play, and the resulting atmosphere mixed with the ambiance of the Old Pueblo makes Uomo Donna an especially fun tournament. Albuquerque's Anarchy teamed up with some Joygivers from Santa Fe to form "Santaquerque", the El Paso and Las Cruces wetbacks

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## WELCOME WELCOME

Hey all you ultileaguers! Welcome to the Spring '90 Cactus Ultimate League. We've got six hungry ultimate teams vying for the Cactus League title this spring, and the competition will be tough. Unfortunately, the fields are in pretty bad condition. Just stay on your feet. Diving for discs is not recommended at Riverview. Be sure to pay your whopping \$5.00 fee to Kevin, and sign the waiver to get on the list for future leagues. Have a great time, and keep practicing that forehead.

## NYF Cont.

The Phoenix Hohuckam didn't attain the gloriou heights of their female counterparts, but they did very well nonetheless. The Hohuckam started the tourney as a third seed. Their first game was against the Seattle Tribe who had combined with the Canadian national champs, Calgary. Seattle was the second seed, so this was likely to be the Hohuckam's best chance to move up a division. The Hohuckam played tough, and put on a small comeback to beat the northern combo. The rest of Saturday went according to schedule. The Hoboys stomped the Pitzer Braineaters and were beaten by South Bay and Santa Barbara to put them in the Division II quarterfinals against Philadelphia's Group Therapy. Their showdown with the Philly team proved to be less than therapuetic, as the game degenerated into a call fest and got just a trifle ugly. Nonetheless, the game will stand as an memorable one, not for its ugliness, but for an awesome comeback by the Hohuckam. In a game to 15, the Hoboys found themselves down 11-14. With imminent doom hanging over them, the Hohuckam put together 4 straight points to take a 15-14 lead. Philly gathered themselves to take a 16-15 edge. The Hohuckam tied it back up at 16 to put the contest into sudden death (cap at 17). With the Hoboys pulling, the final point saw 3 turnovers before the local squad put it in to take the win. The glory of that win will stay with those who earned it, but the Hohuckam's next opponent, Houston, wasn't impressed, as they topped the local boys 13-8 in the Division II semifinal.

Overall, it was a great tournament and the local players gave terrific accounts of themselves.

## UOMO Cont.

combined and went by the clever name El Paso/Las Cruces, and Tucson, sporting their new identity, "Vatos Locos", put 2 teams together for the event.

The Hohuckam Kachinas started Saturday against the Vatos Locos B-team. The VLB's put up a good fight, but the HK's cruised to a 13-2 victory brandishing a vicious transition game that took advantage of the HK's big guns, Sam and Brian. Next up for the HK's was the El Paso/Las Cruces team. EP/LC had a first round bye due to lack of promptness, but were on time for their 2nd round meeting with the HK's. Unfortunately, they didn't take time to eat their Wheaties, and they went down quickly 13-2. Third round action put the HK's against the Vatos Locos A-team. VLA had thumped Santaquerque 13-8 in round 1, so the HK's hunkered down for a big showdown. The contest didn't live up to expectations though, as the HK's dropped the VLA's rather handily 13-7. As had been the standard throughout the day, the HK's victimized their opponents with tough defense and a brutal transition game. Round 4 pitted the HK's against Santaquerque. The HK's lost Mosh for the SQ game due to work, and by the time they were able to outfit a pick-up from the league, Doug Calvert, they found themselves down a whopping 8-1. At that point the HK's began a furious comeback. Doug came in and promptly made a sweet diving biff and rambled into the endzone to complete the stuff and score. Before long, the HK's had closed the gap to 10-7. At 10-7, the HK's turned the disc over in the endzone and SQ gathered themselves and went on to put down the HK uprising 13-8.

Sunday, the HK's met EP/LC in the semifinals and once again put them down handily. VLA beat SQ in the other semifinal to set the final with the Vatos Locos meeting the Hohuckam Kachinas for the coveted Uomo Donna title. The first half of the final saw the HK's take a slim lead and maintain it. The Vatos combatted the dynamic HK long game with safe, methodical marches for their scores. With the HK's leading 10-7 the tide turned. The HK's came down with acute droposis complicated by throwawabia, while the Vatos continued to make safe, smart passes. The Vatos went on an impressive 10-2 run to win the championship 17-12.

The Hohuckam Kachinas came home with a strong second place showing, and had a great time in the Old Pueblo.