

Tom's Daily

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SUNDAY BROUGHT:

Sunshiiiiine! And more than we expected. And another 102 great games of Ultimate and some more info about who could be able to win this edition of TT.

In the OPEN 1 DIVISION, we had some surprising results. Fwd>> won their game against Chevron Action Flash with 9 – 10. At the same time, Gentle gave Freespeed a really hard time, winning with 8 - 6. Two serious contenders for this TT title were put under high pressure. Two games later, Freespeed stepped up their game and took a solid victory over Chevron, while Gentle was leading with 6 – 2 over fwd>>, heading for group victory. Fwd>> decided differently: with an amazing comeback they managed to win the thriller game with 8 - 11. Meanwhile, Vibration Old Stars took the better of CUSB La Fotta, who got their first defeat of the tournament. Vibration kept their winning streak after a very tight quarter game against Gentle Open. La Fotta caught up with their winning mood and beat Chevron Action Flash for a place in the semi-finals. The other semi-finalists are Ragnarok, who won against fwd>>, and Freespeed who proved to be better than the Dutch national team Orange.

In the LADIES' DIVISION, in the upper pools, Lotus and GB women clearly showed their intentions. With their power play they could take the victory in their pools and steamed through the quarter brackets on the same winning wave. Leaving Primavera Olandese and

Genesis in their path. In the other quarter finals, Little miss Sunshine and Yaka were able to claim the other two semi-final tickets.

In OPEN 2 DIVISION, Breizh United showed to be a strong contender for the win, they claimed a spot in the semis and sent Disc Devils Twente to the lower brackets. Revos beat last year's champs Diabolic Heaven for their place in that semi-final. The other semi-final will be played by Blue Arse Flies, who already have some experience with winning TT and Broc Ultimate.

HOW TO ENJOY THIS EDITION TO THE UTMOST, PART 3: MONDAY

You might not be enjoying this morning after the great party that much, but when your head clears, the sky will clear and finals will start. Make sure to get your seats on the grandstands. If you rather stay on ground level, please respect the security lines drawn in wide. The open 2 division, the final will start at Field 1 at 13.30h. At 14.40h the ladies' division final follows at the same pitch. TT gameplay ends after the Open 1 Division final at 15.50h on, obviously, field 1.

Shortly after that, the Price ceremony will start and this anniversary edition of TT will run to its end.

GAMES TO WATCH

As we're nearing the end of TT, every game will be tight. The day will start with all semis of the bracket game phase.

Exact timing for the finals is listed above.

ZOOMING IN: THE PARTIES

Are you still seeing blurry? Does your head feel like you just did the sickest face plant indoor? Not to worry, it means you had a great party, or that you couldn't see a thing in the gym and fell flat on your face. Anyway, we hope you had an awesome party or parties, if you read this paper and knew where to find them.

"WHEN I SAY FREEZZZ, YOU SAY BEEZZZ"



Yes, that's right. We all had ourselves a little, fancy reception to celebrate 25 years of Freezzz Beezzz, 20 years of Tom's Tourney, and A LOT of good times. To all those attending it's an honour to be able to celebrate this history, filled with good times, great battles and even greater memories. A big shoutout to both of the founders Jan Loontjens and Guido De Meulenaere, who helped found Ultimate in Leuven where they were studying at the time and brought it to Bruges and started the now legendary FreezzzBeezzz. Another big shoutout to Glenn Nolf, for putting in the massive amount of efforts he has done over the years.

If you read this today and see them walking by, please give them a warm thank you. Oh, and one thing else, it was

a true pleasure seeing the crowd shaking it like a polaroid picture and even trying some Macarena moves while the sun set over Bruges. Cheers for FreezzzBeezzz !!! Can't wait for the 30th or even 50th birthday !

ZOOMING IN: LOTUS, FLOWER OF SWITZERLAND

In the ladies division Lotus from Switzerland stormed to a well-deserved place in the semi-finals. Although they won two of their upper poule games with quite a big margin, they never felt like it were easy victories, according to (Belgian) teammate Jane. The biggest battle they held was against the Irish ladies of Little Miss Sunshine who have earned a spot in the other semi-final (against GB Women). The game between Lotus and LMS started off quite bad for the Swiss ladies, being 2-0 down after only a few minutes. Points lasted long and the conditions were anything but perfect. Both teams struggled with the wind and threw way too many turnovers for their respective level of play. Wind seems to be nobody's, at least no Ultimate players real friend :) Luckily for the Swiss ladies this universe point ended in their advantage. After that the Dutch ladies from Primavera Olandese awaited in the quarter final on field 1. Lotus seemed to struggle just a little more than they expected but still took a seemingly well-deserved victory over the former TT champs Prima to earn their spot in the semi-final. Lotus from Switzerland will be taking on Yaka and this promises to be a nice battle between two teams who have known each other for quite a while now.

ZOOMING IN: DIABOLIC HEAVEN

In second division last year's champions Diabolic Heaven have been rocking hard ! They were on a roll until multiple injuries weakened their team a little right before heading to the quarter final against Revos. After a hard battle this up-and-coming team from Belgium took a defeat at 6-8. According to Fery, one of the many talented players on this team, a lot of the injuries were due to the high intensity and follow-ups of tournaments in the last month. Playing two Belgian championship weekends, Paganello and Tom's Tourney in only one month some legs just couldn't take it anymore and were overloaded. Rest assured these guys (and some girls!) will be out there trying to do as good as possible, meaning going for the 5th place in div2. The semifinals will be going down with Blue Arse Flies Open (2010&2009 division 2 winners) vs Broc Ultimate and Revos vs Breizh United.

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Many thanks to you all for reading! Any comments? Feel free to come by at our cozy helpdesk!

WEATHER FORECAST FOR MONDAY

At last, there is sunshine predicted, Although a shower still might occur. The wind will drop a bit and temperatures should rise to a comfy 20°C, which would allow a nice set of Finals, tomorrow afternoon

FUN FACTS :

- This edition of TT, 234 games of ultimate were played, for a total of 11700 minutes of gameplay!
- In two days, 2863 points in total were scored by you all!

THANK YOU!

A big thanks to all of you for making this edition of TT a wonderful experience, again. We really enjoy hosting tournament for this kind of games and such a jolly bunch of people. We hope you liked it too and we would love to see you again next year for another amazing edition of Tom's tourney! Have a safe trip home!