

Tom's Daily

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SATURDAY BROUGHT:

Rain, for sure. But more than that. 78 games of Ultimate were played yesterday. And a lot has become clear.

In the OPEN 1 DIVISION, Pool leaders Chevron Action Flash, Freespeed, Vibration Old Stars and CUSB La Fotta are on their way to the upper pool and quarter finals, but this wasn't achieved without a good game of Frisbee. Ragnarok gave La Fotta an especially hard time in pool D. In pool C Freespeed got the better of fwd>>, who just beat former TT champs Cota Rica in a 1 point difference game. Chevron found their way through the first round rather safely, followed by Belgian outdoor champs Gentle in Pool B. In Pool A, Vibration Old Stars are swinging through the first round, with Ka-pow! and Orange, battling for the second place and following upper pool play. Some serious and important games will be played this morning.

In the LADIES' DIVISION, Lotus took the lead firmly in group M, followed by LUV & Friends. Group N is dominated by GB women, silver medalists at the latest EUC in Maribor, followed by Yaka, TT regulars since long. CUSB deadline from Italy took the better of Genesis for group victory with a convincing game in group O. In the fourth group, group P, the Irish Ladies from Little Miss Sunshine have the upper hand. Together with Primavera, also former TT Champs, they will compete in the Upper pool during second rounds.

In OPEN 2 DIVISION, Disc Devils Twente from the Netherlands won their group G, followed by OUF. Group H had a tight battle between Last year's Div 2 champs Diabolic Heaven and Breizh united, where the latter took the win and therefor the group victory. In group I, Broc Ultimate proved one point better than Sean's Sheep, which gave them group victory there. Finally, in group J, former TT champs Blue Arse Flies Open took a challenged victory, allowing them a spot in the upper pools and another battle for TT victory.

Tomorrow, the second rounds will start, dividing Ladies' division and Open 2 division in two upper and two lower pools, and Open 1 division in two upper, two middle and one lower pool. Make sure to check the game schedule regularly!

HOW TO ENJOY THIS EDITION TO THE UTMOST, PART 2: SUNDAY

There is so much to attend during the following three days, some information could come in handy.

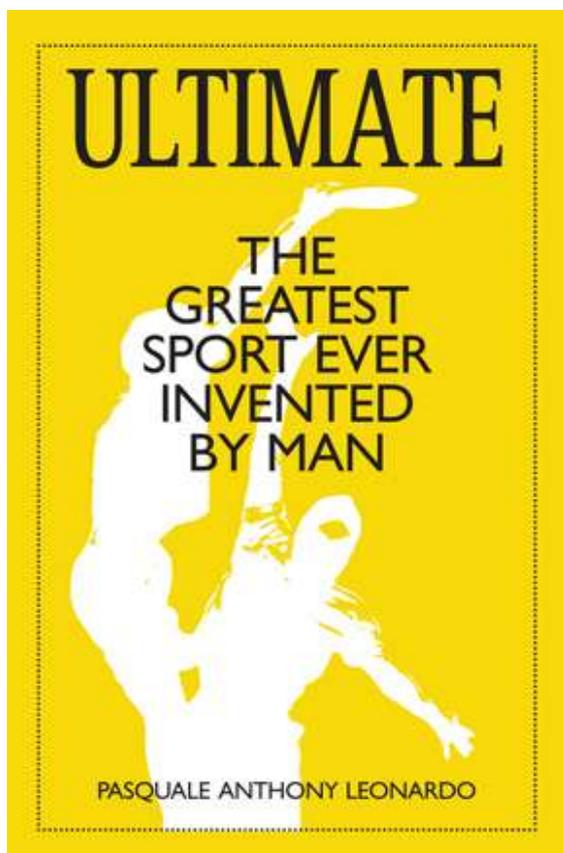
This tournament exists for 20 years now, so there's your perfect reason for a night never to forget! First of all, we invite you to take part in the great TT anniversary reception. We will serve bubbles and snacks for free, starting at 7 o'clock!

Afterwards, you can loosen your muscles and drink some beers at the good old TT party at the usual location: a bit to the North of Bruges, at JH Comma. Insein Radio will provide you with a fresh blend of crazy tunes and more!

Zooming in: The parties

TT has no history of dress-up parties, and we don't intend to, but receptions are different. Though, we don't want to forget why we are throwing this party for you the dress code for this evening's reception in the big tent is: 'half suit, half ultimate'. Meaning: a pair of fancy pants combined with your cleanest Frisbee shirt or the other way around, a nice shirt combined with flashy shorts and cleats.

OLD NEWS



Maybe you noticed already, but in this book that was published a few years ago, Tom's tourney was listed as a 'must do tournament'. It's always nice to know that our hard work is greatly appreciated by the players. On the other hand, no great tournament without great players, so lots of compliments to you as well!

GAMES TO WATCH

For early birds, or for those who like to eat breakfast while watching a nice game of ultimate: at 9.30h Cota Rica will compete against Freespeed on field 7 for their last chance to get into upper pools after Losing against fwd>>

At 14.30h, Vibration Old stars will play against La Fotta on field 1

At 15.30 and 16.30, The top 4 of the Ladies' division will play against each other. First, Lotus competes against Little Miss Sunshine, and then, GB women will take up the battle against CUSB deadline.

From 17.30h onwards, Quarter finals will be played on all fields.

Zooming in: gametime!

After one day of play, Freespeed , Swiss powerhouse who have been in Tom's Tourney's final twice (unfortunately for them without winning) in 2009 & 2010, are looking strong. With 3 victories after day one they are on a roll and possibly heading to the quarter finals. A tough game against Cota Rica, who only lost to fwd>>; awaits the Freespeed boys on sunday morning. The hardest game they had so far was playing against fwd>>, a battle which ended at 9-7. Freespeed traded points with the Austrian team fwd>> in the beginning of the game but stepped it up after even being one point down. Two very lucky catches and some nice plays later the Freespeedies took home the victory in their first game of the tournament. According to the Austrians both teams didn't really play their A-game. When asked to Freespeed they told the Tom's Daily crew that they had a little trouble finding their flow, as it was the first game of the tourney and

they also have some new players who transferred from the Freespeed Coed team. Funny thing about the Austrian team fwd>> is that this is actually a melting pot of two Austrian teams : Insiders and Upsadaisy. Playing with these two teams they came up with the idea of keeping both home teams separated, which according to them played in their advantage. Having set the goal to making it to the top 8, these Austrians now raised the bar and are definitely trying everything they can to get even higher than that, maybe to the semis or who knows...

FACE PLANT OF THE DAY!

landing gracefully can be damn difficult, so diving head down and plant your nose in wet soil is certainly another and easier way of getting cheered at. Congratulations to Josh from Chevron Action Flash for this beauty!



WEATHER FORECAST FOR SUNDAY

In the morning, showers are likely, but towards noon, the weather should get better. No more rain predicted, but sun is rather unlikely. Keep your jacket at hand though: In Belgium you never know...

FUN FACTS :

- At Tom's Tourney 2012 we have 400 pens, so you can be sure we're getting every detail on paper.
- The official TT2012 camera crew already filmed 63 gigabytes of footage.
- Shake That used 73 ice cubes during the show, yesterday.
- Glenn, aka Sikk'n, aka the Tom's Tourney TD, aka 'the boss', has had grey hairs since 1991. If you don't know him, where did you get this newspaper ?
- On Saturday morning we started the games at 11.00 sharp, according to the official atomic clock.
- When building the TT site and putting up the tents, one of the FreezzzBeezzz crew found a disc in the bushes from last year's TT in 2011. Yes it was green, muddy and very smelly.
- TT skipped only one year, and that was the second one in 1993 due to insufficient registrations. Yes, that means too few teams sent out a paper letter with the postal mail.
- Genesis is the name of a new French ladies team built around Rasta and her friends. They're not an official club team but will be present at tourneys throughout Europe.
- Sunday will show a nice battle on the field: two brothers will face each other in the heat of the game. Nasser Mbae Vogel, playing for the Vibration Old Stars will be battling his older (but therefor definitely not lesser) brother Faissoil Mbae, playing with Ragnarok as he has moved over to Denmark.

