

Pool A	Seed	Win/Loss	Pool C	Seed	Win/Loss
F-Pat&MM	5	5-0	C-Jeff&Frannie	1	4-1
B-Marc&Becki	3	3-2	R-Dobyns	2	4-1
V-Derek&Molly	2	3-2	U-Cox&Sims	4	2-2
Y-Alan	4	2-3	O-Daran Edmonds	6	2-2
L-Kitchens&Cates	1	2-3	K-BJ	3	1-4
Q-Alton Boshoff	6	0-5	I-Claw&Judy	5	1-4

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	Fld 1	Fld 2	Fld 3	Fld 4	Fld 5	Fld 6
9am	16 (5-3)	52 (8-1)	34 (8-4)	16 (9-5)	25 (7-2)	43 (7-4)
10:30	13 (9-4)	24 (11-3)	56 (11-2)	13 (9-1)	24 (7-6)	65 (8-5)
12:00	21 (6-2)	54 (9-3)	36 (8-4)	12 (5-2)	45 (8-2)	63 (8-4)
1:30	41 (6-4)	26 (11-5)	53 (11-7)	14 (8-6)	26 (7-5)	35 (7-6)
3:00	51 (7-5)	32 (10-8)	46 (11-1)	51 (6-4)	23 (8-7)	46 no game

One of the windiest days on which I've ever played ultimate, the morning began chilly and overcast, with some light sprinkling here and there. To indicate how it wasn't rain nor chill which most boded ill, I had to lay out the fields twice, the second time using nails to hold the cones in place. While distributing spirit/MVP discs to captains, I alerted them that the only horn to be heard during the day was going to be for the time cap, which would promptly sound 10 minutes before the next round. With this prompting, the first round of games got under way, some as early as 9:15.

The wind blew and gusted east-southeast, up to 20 mph, largely sideways across all of the fields except for #6, which had to suffer a true downwind, upwind scenario. Even with this severe disadvantage, all but one game there at least two upwind scores. Other fields seemed to suffer as badly with the wind, with the worst results being those games where the point total (for both teams!) did not exceed 7 or 8 points. Suffering some sprinkling and overcast skies throughout the first rounds, the third round had the skies clear of all but wispy clouds. The wind, however, did not abate until the final round, and even then it was more than sufficient to challenge offensive squads which love the zone game.

Revealing the extent to which the wind effected the games, it was reported by one participant in the Dobyys versus Jeff/Frannie game that there was a 40-minute point comprising 70 turnovers.

Pool C's results were pretty straight-forward, and the number one and two seeds held true, both going 4-1, with the Dobyys squad losing only to the number one Jeff/Frannie bunch.

Jeff/Frannie chose to rest the horses in the final game, as their number one finish was assured, and the hungrier Claw/Judy crew took that game 6-4. Apparently there was no interest in a final game for Daran Edmonds and the Cox/Sims teams, as both had 2-2 records and could not, even if the Dobyys team had lost, advance to second place. Point differentials over-all have Cox/Sims with +5, while Daran's squad ended the day with +1.

Pool A was turned upside down with the performance of Pat Inman and MaryMolly's team, overcoming all the oddsmakers with a perfect 5-0 day. The Kitchens/Cates squad was looking strong in their first two rounds, but they succumbed to the Dail/Doyle group, 2-6, in the third round. Alan Hoyle's team finally came alive after three straight losses and squeaked out a 6-4 victory in the fourth round over the Kitchens/Cates team. The final round saw the possibility of a 3-way second-place tie, as Kitchen/Cates (2-2), Marc/Becki (2-2), and Dail/Doyle (3-1) all might have ended with 3-2 records.

The Pat/MM crew continued acting the borg, though not without some resistance, as they beat Kitchen/Cates, knocking them from any chance of a second-place finish. An outright victory by the Dail/Doyle team over the Marc/Becki squad would have clinched a second-place finish for the double D team. However, after a see-saw start that promised a close game, the Marc/Becki squad pulled away and took half at 6-3. The second half began as the first had ended, with the Marc/Becki squad, powered by Tiger's all-over-the-field play, taking three straight points. The horn sounded at 9-5, and the point finished with Dail/Doyle getting the score, enough to avoid the mercy rule trouncing. Three points later, after persistent zone defense by the Marc/Becki squad, the game ended in their favor 10-8, giving them the head-to-head advantage and second-seed bid from Pool A to the finals next Sunday, March 2.

Thanks to everyone for cleaning up after themselves, and to those who did extra duty (Twon and Julie) helping with cones and miscellaneous refuse. Thanks to everyone (mostly) for adhering to the park's injunction to use the parking lots.