

UTAH SNITCH



Official Sports Newsletter of the Utah Quidditch Organization

Gripping Victories: Utah's 1st Games



On July 31st 2010, history was made. The first two officially IQA recognized Quidditch matches in the State of Utah took place at the Sego Lily pavilion in Sugar House park in Salt Lake City.

The teams were Judge Memorial High school and the Utah Hex community team. The setting was perfect. It was an overcast day with the drizzle of a summer rain. In attendance were friends and family as well as Harry Potter fans drawn out to celebrate the event.

Pregame warm ups were facilitated by the UQO's own Amy Ellis, an RN. The game's referee, Niel Burk, initiated a pre-game rule review.

With the command "Brooms up!" and a whistle blow, the first match began. Players from all walks of life collided and the Hex started off



in possession yet they were no match for Judge Memorial's offensive. Judge won the steal and scored in lightning speed! In both games the beaters played a large role in each team's strategy with an amazing number of bludger attacks, throwing Quaffle possession back and forth.

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Kids, Quaffles & Community Service

Since its inception, the Utah Quidditch Organization has reached out to youth in the Utah communities, inviting them to experience the thrill of Quidditch first hand.

In an age where youngsters are bombarded with indoor and sedentary amusement, it is refreshing to see something new and exciting which can captivate the mind as well as provide much needed physical exercise.

The Utah Hex community team has incorporated this vision in their recent practices. At Southridge Park, many children come as their parents play in local Cricket teams. Quidditch for them started out as a welcomed escape from boredom, yet has now become a weekly favored pass time.

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2010 Season Tracker

Utah HEX: 140

Judge Memorial: 190

(Other Teams – Pending)

*Follow the action on
utahquidditch.org/utah-cup*

Service (Cont.)

They are taught the rules (modified to be a safer and more kid-friendly experience) and given opportunities to play with their friends.

All of Utah's Quidditch teams and clubs are encouraged to give community service, especially as it involves Utah's Youth. Let us hear how it goes and don't forget, you may be training the future World Cup Champions!■



Make sure your friends know about how awesome your favorite team is! Spread the word about the "Utah Snitch", and you will be helping to spread Quidditch across the state!



"Quidditch, it was totally awesome, a childhood story come to life." – Jasiek Ottowicz (Judge Memorial Acting Team Captain)



New IQA Website!



The Intercollegiate Quidditch Association released its new world-wide website July 7th. Designed in part by our very own Regional Director Alicia Radford, the new site boasts a slick design and a wealth of information. News articles, promotions, and even a complete list of new and established teams are presented like never before for the world to see. Don't forget to look for Utah's teams in the West region section!

Upon the site's release, the IQA has also formally reorganized to accommodate the rapid growth of the sport to become the "International Quidditch Association." Check it out at internationalquidditch.org today!



The UQO is proud to announce that we have updated our online rule-book to conform 100% with International Standards. Take a look!



Win a Free Trip To the Magical World Of Harry Potter!

"I can't wait to see the Magical World of Harry Potter – I would go right now if I could." Does that sound like you? If it does, you may want to look into the "International Confederation of Wizards." This organization has been founded to send two Harry Potter fans to Universal Studios Orlando theme park as part of an all expense paid trip.

Applications are done online and through fan-made you-tube videos. Anyone is welcome to apply and let the Confederation know why you would be a good candidate for the free trip.

All Quidditch players and fans in Utah are invited to apply as well. Please visit <http://confederationofwizards.org/> for more information. Good luck!

1st Games (Cont.)



Judge Memorial pulled ahead with the score 30 to 10 yet were suddenly thrown into a loss with the dynamic catch of the snitch within seven minutes of play! 30 points were awarded to Josh Shrewsbury for a quick snitch-snatch, earning victory for the Utah Hex.



Game two began as the storm intensified. Judge started in possession and each team played with greater intensity with more tackles and steals accompanied by slips and sliding on the wet grass.

"I looooooved playing in the rain... It was awesome... so was trying to tackle guys about twice my size," commented Lizz Dial, Chaser for Judge.

The match was interrupted a few times due to an excessive number of fouls including Feebling, Interposition fouls, Muggling, Trolling, and cobbing, causing each team to lose key players to serve penalties. (Descriptions of fouls are included on utahquidditch.org)



Amazing plays were seen on each side including Rich Steele of the Hex making a solo drive passing three bludger attacks and scoring with a fade-away shot! Judge's head chaser also was on fire scoring twice as much as any other chaser in both games!

Judge pulled ahead 130 to 100 points, and as the game raged on, all were eager to learn of the whereabouts of the Snitch, who had only made one previous appearance. After multiple sub-outs to accommodate exhausted Seekers, Jasiak Ottowicz raced in and was able to catch the snitch and end the game with a land-slide victory!



After seeking our state's most elusive snitch to date, Arthur Taylor of the Utah Hex had this to add, "As a seeker for the team, I enjoyed the hunt. It is quite clear to me that having a cross-country runner as the snitch is the way to go, though it means that I will have to train hard before the next game. I am going give the snitch a bigger challenge. It will be great."

Each team played hard and the season is now underway. For further pictures and news on future games, feel free to visit the Utah Quidditch Organization face book page! Thank you to everyone who have helped to make these games possible. ■



Which Broomstick?

Utah's first games boasted a mix of broomsticks from Alivan's "Sienna Storm" to lobby brooms and the UQO's own "Sky-Striker." All of these brooms give their riders unique advantages as well as different challenges. Yet which one will help you play at the top of your game?

That is the question the UQO hopes to help answer on our recently updated "Broom Cupboard" page. Visit our website and follow the link!



The Utah Snitch would like to give special accolades and appreciation to the following individuals who have helped make Utah's first games of the season possible:

Calvin Jones – Photographer, for taking our games' pictures!

Genevieve Bennett – for rallying Judge's team together. Thanks!