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Crimson Fliers Victorious!



On March 5th local college students proved their skill with a staggering 300 point lead over the closest competition! The UQO is proud to congratulate the Crimson Fliers, Champions of the 2011 Quidditch Snow Cup! Many Fliers will be now heading to Los Angeles to compete for the Western Tournament! (See "California Dream'n" Page 3)



Snow Cup Report



In Titanic Triumph and dramatic defeat, the three finalist teams of the Quidditch Snow Cup competed in the greatest battle of bludgers and brooms ever seen in the state! The Utah Snitch now gives you the spellbinding story of the epic end of our winter season, and of the stunning results of our day long of matches between the Northern Arizona University Narwhals, the Crimson Fliers from the University of Utah, and the Utah Hex community team! ("Report" Cont. Page 7)



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Upcoming Events

Fred & George's B-day:	April 1st
Western Cup:	Apr 2nd, 3rd
2011 UT Cup Meeting:	Apr 9th
Youngster Tourney:	Apr 23rd
1st Quodpot Games:	Apr 23rd
Library Quidditch:	Jul 21st

(The dates of future events may be changed or adjusted. Please visit our website for up-to-date times, specifics, and for more upcoming events)



Final points for our winter season:

1. **Crimson Fliers:** 700
2. **Utah Hex:** 400
3. **NAU Narwhals:** 280
4. **Judge Memorial:** 140

Don't miss our 2011 Utah Cup Planning Meeting on April 9th to help determine which teams will compete, and when and where the games will be!



Utah's Community Team

Do you want to play Quidditch, but you don't have a team? Join the HEX for one game or for many seasons, everyone above 16 is welcome! The Utah Hex, your Quidditch Team!



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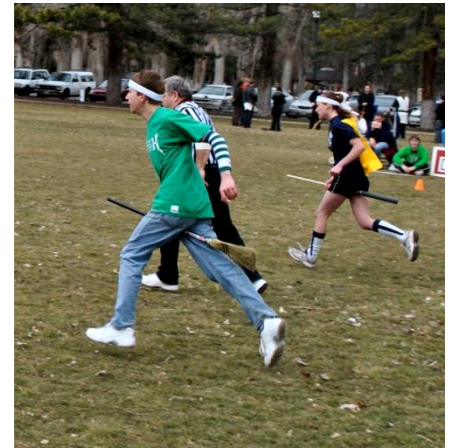


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Game Pics

See the story of the Snow Cup unfold online! Check out the most comprehensive collection of pictures and videos on our photo-bucket page:

<http://s942.photobucket.com/albums/ad261/SLIQgames/Snow%20Cup%202011/>



California Dream'n



As Snow Cup Champions, Utah's own Crimson Fliers now have the distinction and the great challenge to represent our proud state's Quidditch talent, heading to the sunny beaches of the West Cup Regional Tournament!

The University of Utah Student players will play in the International Quidditch Association's Western Cup in Los Angeles California on April 2nd and 3rd. These games will represent the largest Quidditch tournament of all history west of the Mississippi! They will be playing broom to broom against World Class teams such as: Arizona State University, Emerson College, Moorpark College, Occidental College (Known for being the first school to offer a Quidditch Scholarship), San Jose State University, The Silicon Valley Skrewts, UC Berkeley, UCLA, and USC! The games will take place at Cheviot Hills Park, with a performance from "The Remus Lupins" Saturday night.



Head Team Training Coach, Matthew Williams has a rigorous training program set up in the short weeks until the tournament, with strategies and plays kept confidential from the media. In addition to running drills and creating plays, the Fliers will also be holding a few fundraisers (including a bake sale) to help them make the long, long trip.

The UQO wishes the Crimson Fliers the best of luck. Remember that the whole state is cheering for you!



Donate Today!

You can be a part of history and help the Fliers Go for the Gold by making a donation to the Crimson Fliers! Even if you can't play, you can still help our state toward excellence by helping with travel and other expenses. All you have to do, is visit www.utahquidditch.org, and then click on the:



Button to make a secure Pay Pal donation via credit card, debit card, bank account or Paypal account donation. 100% of all donations made on the UQO website during March and up until the 3rd of April will be sent to the Crimson Fliers. Thank you!

Youngster Tourney



Are you between 6 and 12? Do you want to play Quidditch without waiting until High School or College? Then your patience has paid off. The UQO is proud to announce our first ever Youngster Tourney!

Boys and girls Elementary school age all across the state are invited to come and play Quidditch at South Ridge Park in Taylorsville on Saturday, April 23rd. High School and College age Quidditch players are asked to invite their younger siblings, nieces and nephews, and everyone else who can make it.

Youngsters will be sorted into two teams via a sorting hat, and will play a couple of games before being resorted creating entirely new teams for the last games, each estimated to last about 15 minutes.

The IQA rules regarding physical contact will be modified to ensure safety, and additional referees will be appointed to promote fair play. Don't forget to tell youngsters you know, and we'll see you there!

Volunteers Needed



As Quidditch grows at an exceptional rate from past the Wasatch front to South of Utah County, The UQO finds itself growing stretched thin. Positions have opened for volunteers to help organize and coordinate the growth of our great teams, and the spread of the sport. We are looking for people who:

1. Are able to make bi-monthly contact via phone and have reliable access to internet and email.
2. Are dependable and persistent, with a love for Quidditch (even if they don't play.)
3. Are friendly and self motivated.

Positions which we will fill in the next few weeks include:

- **UQO College Level Team Reporter** (Checks up on College teams every two weeks and sends an email report to the UQO.)
- **UQO High School Level Team Reporter** (Checks up on High School teams...)
- **Utah Match Reporter** (Attends games and writes articles about them for the Utah Snitch News.)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email utahquidditch@yahoo.com.



Planning the 2011 Utah Cup Season

Attention all teams wishing to play in the next big state-wide Quidditch Tournament! Our next online planning meeting will take place on Saturday, April 9th at 12 noon. This will take place on Facebook. In order to join, please join the group "UQO Online Meeting" and join in on the group chat at noon.

All the teams who wish to compete will need to be represented, and we will at this meeting plan the dates and times and locations for our next season of the Utah Cup! Save the date!



On April 23rd at South Ridge Park In Taylorsville, the first ever recorded Muggle Quodpot games will commence! Look for our April issue of the Utah Snitch with more information about this exciting new water game on brooms!

Wizard Duel: How To Play



After the awarding of the Snow Cup, players from Utah and Arizona drew their wands and sent spells and curses at each other like only Quidditch players could do. The game was "Spellcasting," as seen at the University of Utah ball room at Harry Potter Alliance parties.

The game was conceived by Hex players Nicholas Burk and Steven Burk, at about the same time they started playing Quidditch as kids.

For the first time ever, the rules are now set for everyone to play. This will be your first lesson, young Witch or Wizard. Pay careful attention, and enjoy!

Game: "Spellcasting" or "Wizard Duel"

Objective: Avoid being hit by spells and be the last wizard or witch standing by collecting everyone else's wands.

Game Play: All spells are heaped in a pile in the middle of a room or field. Each player chooses one or two spells. All players begin by standing back to back and taking 7 steps away from each other. Once they turn around, the game is on. Players cast spells, hitting them against other players who must follow

certain rules when hit. When wands are dropped, they can be picked up by others who are quick enough to snatch them. The wizard or witch who collects all the wands wins.

Materials Needed:

1. Wands: Each player will need to bring a wand (sturdy, without a sharp tip, and preferably made of wood). These may also be provided in adequate number, so all players may start with one, and only one.

2. Spells: These are made from foam ½ page sheets, brightly colored and wrapped with bright tape (reflective is preferred) in conical shape, with weights fastened in their tips. (This can be made by taping marbles in the top center of the sheet, then wrapping the sheet so the weight remains in the tip.) Narrow cones tend to work better.

3. Marker: Each spell is made of a unique color, and specified by the name of the spell (along with the rule the one hit must follow) in marker. These are all written on the spells.

Spells:

- Expelliarmus - Red; drop your wand, and you cannot pick it up again before you count to 10 out loud.
- Stupefy - Orange; drop your wand, and you cannot pick it up again until after your back has touched the ground.
- Accio - Yellow; You must throw your wand or a nearby spell to the one who hit you, depending on what they demand.
- Locomotor Mortis - Green; Your legs are locked until you count to

10 out loud, however you may still pick up spells or wands within reach, but you cannot walk or run.

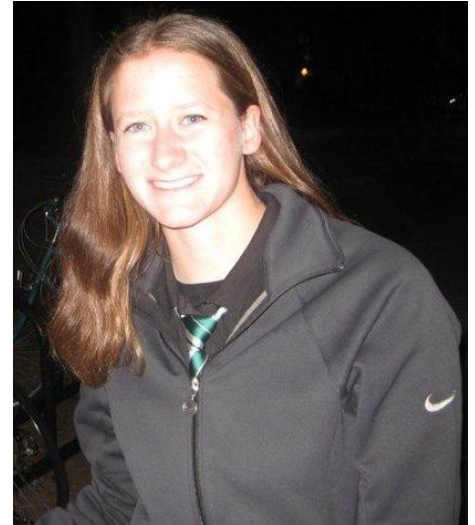
- Petrificus Totalus - Blue; You must freeze completely until you are finished counting out loud to 10. You may also grip your wand tight, yet if it is pulled from your grip, that is a legal move.
- Protego – Purple; While this spell is in the air, and before it hits the ground, the one who sent it upward is immune to any spells hitting them.
- Finite Incantatem – White; (Team play only) When you are hit by a team member, you are freed from any spell which just hit you.
- Wild Card – Brown; The spell caster may use this cone for any spell, given they specify and cast the spell correctly.

How to Cast a Spell:

In order to correctly send a spell into an opponent, the witch or wizard must mount it on their wand, and flick it off their wand while shouting the name of the spell. The spell must hit an opponent before it takes affect. Spells may be deflected by a player's wand. Happy dueling!



NAU's Captain:



Bridget Peterson

For our second Player of the Month Award, the UQO would like to recognize one of the most fierce and feisty of players to play in the Snow Cup, the fearless captain of the NAU Narwhals. She exemplifies the zeal and dedication the UQO likes to see, as she helped start her team and bring it to their first tournament, scoring many of NAU's goals herself! Published here is the Snitch's exclusive interview with the one and only, Bridget Peterson:

US: Where did you first learn about Quidditch?

Bridget: "It was on mugglenet, the Harry Potter fan site. I followed a link there to the IQA website. I thought 'Wow, this is awesome!' I did a little research and found that my school didn't have a team, so I knew I needed to start one."

US: What do you like most about Quidditch?

Bridget: “I like how awesome my team is together. We all get to live out our childhood fantasies, and we get along so well. The game creates an atmosphere of unity and team work. We don’t really care about the competition. Just having fun is our main goal.”

US: Do you have any suggestions for newbies?

Bridget: “Don’t worry too much about the technicalities, rules, etc. Make sure you have the spirit of the game down first, and then just get out there and have fun.”

US: What is your favorite position?

Bridget: Chaser, because a Chaser gets to be right in the middle of the action, making goals, and getting into the game.

US: Do you have anything else to say to our readers?

Bridget: Thank you to the UQO for the award, and for pulling off the Snow Cup. We look forward to seeing you all again some time!

Team Rosters

The UQO would like to thank every player and fan who participated in the Snow Cup, and we hope to see you again in the future! Listed in this issue are the complete rosters (listed alphabetically by first name) for each finalist team...



Snitch Runners:

George Williams
Roland Jordan
Spencer Hadlock



Crimson Fliers:

Dakota Briggs
George Williams
Hannah Bradway
Heather Ranschau
Kevin Engberson
Kyle Williams
Lillian Schenk
Matt Williams
Patrick Engberson
Sam Burton
Spencer Hadlock



Utah Hex:

Aaron McColley
Amy Ellis
Kristina Breese
Mikinley Weaver
Nicholas Burk
Rian Lucas
Richard Steele
Steven Burk
Tanner Shahan



NAU Narwhals:

Bridget Petersen
Burgan Martin
Chase Grisham
Eric Andres
Jessica Flood
Josie Gonzales
Kevin Mohrweis
Randi Jamer
Sharamie Russel



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Prior to the games on March 5th, The Hex and Crimson Fliers played each other twice, allowing each team to come to the finals with scores of 360 (Fliers) and 230 (Hex).

At around 11:30 Pm on the 4th, players from Flagstaff Arizona began meeting at a rendezvous point in Taylorsville. They were then able to stay at the homes of Hex and Fliers Players before and after the tournament. Following a breakfast of champions, the teams began to assemble near the mid fields of Liberty Park, near Tracey Aviary's Owl Exhibit.

Last minute rule reviews, stretching and a coin toss led to the first match at 12:00 between the Narwhals and



the Hex. The fast pace and hard play set the tone of the final games in the crisp winter air.

The Narwhals impressed the assembling crowds with their level of skill at being such a new team, and certainly brought a competitive game aboard their prototype brooms christened "Storm Strikers."

The Hex were able to move the Quaffle well, yet the strongly offensive strategy from NAU's Beaters kept the competition cut down. The snitch was caught in under 15 minutes by NAU's captain, leading to a second match to commence right after. (This was the case in all games with the exception of the second Hex game, which ended at just over 15 minutes.) The Narwhals achieved their first victory, 110 to 80. This thrilling match was covered by local Channel 2 News, and was complimented with free hot chocolate.



1:30 found NAU head to head against the Winter Cup's leading team, the Crimson Fliers. The grueling match was punctuated with many Quaffle steals by the Fliers and drives made from their hoops down to lightning-speed scores at

the NAU end. However formidable NAU's Keeper, the Fliers' Chasers talent showed as they passed and scored like clockwork. The second double game also introduced the crowd to Snitchy Mischief. Roland Jordan led Seekers on a challenging chase finding him up on top of a trellis near the pitch. He wasn't caught until after jumping down and darting towards the pitch, at which time he was caught by the Flier's Seeker. The double match added 90, then 80 points to the Flier's score. NAU scored 50 points in the second game.



Taco Bell was the lunch of choice for many Hex and NAU players, who later visited the London Market near historic Trolley Square. There, players found wands, candies, and British souvenirs at a surprise tournament player discount!

The Fliers' new scoreboard reflected the previous match's points. The Fliers lead with 530 points, Hex: 310, and NAU followed with 160 points, leading to a second half of new strategies never before seen in Salt Lake!





At 4:00 Whistles blew and brooms soared with the crash of NAU and the Utah Hex. While the first games showed few tackles, Players soon found themselves shoved and stuffed on both sides.

With Fliers commentating, a few players gained new nicknames, including NAU's Eric Andres' "Bear Train" (notorious for his strength and stature, plowing through the opposition, and breaking through to the other team's hoops), and the Hex's Nicholas Burk, dubbed "Mail-Man" (for running the Quaffle and delivering it at the end of the pitch each time he caught it).

NAU's Beaters fought like champions to ensure their rematch with the Hex would be one to remember. One new technique was to trail the Hex's Seeker, with their Beaters, who knocked him out an estimated 12 times during play. NAU's Keepers also stepped up



their game blocking nearly 80% of the Hex's shots.

Hex and NAU Chasers tied, 60 to 60 when Snitch Runner Roland Jordan broke into the match. Just as he attempted to pick up the Hex's Seeker (Aaron McColley) and steal his broom, the snatch was made across the Snitch's back, ending the match: 90 to 60!



The Snitch Runner of the second to last game lead Seekers across the park, crowds, literally through hoops, and up gigantic fir trees, making that the longest match of the Snow Cup. NAU's beaters continued their attack, and Chasers tried even more bold shots, some from their own side of the field. Although their powerful charge continued into their sixth game of the day, the unparalleled talent and practice of the Crimson Fliers came out.

The last match was filled with pure Quidditch Magic, with star Crimson Chasers Kevin Engberson, Matt Williams, George Williams and others shooting down the field time and time again, passing, catching, and sending the Quaffle packing.

Cheers not only followed the Flier's chasers, but also erupted each time their Keepers blocked, making them the most successful Keepers of the tournament. Adding their experienced Beaters to the mix ensured the Fliers a hearty victory.

The Snitch Runner of the last match stayed mostly within the pitch boundaries, weaving the Seekers in and out of game play (leaving them prone to Beater attack). Although the Narwhals'

Seeker won out in the previous match, the Fliers took away the last snatch, leaving NAU with 40 then 20 points, and the Crimson Fliers with 60 and 110 points!



For diehard fans and new spectators alike, the exhilarating conclusion of the Snow Cup lived up to the thrill only Quidditch Pitch goes know. The final scores were tallied, Fliers: 700, Hex: 400, and NAU: 280!

With words from each of the team captains, and from the UQO President and Referee, the Fliers were awarded the 2011 Utah Quidditch Snow Cup trophy, with its title and "internationalquidditch.org" inscribed in its base.



The amazing action and game play will be hard to forget, but it was the uncanny sportsmanship and goodwill amongst players that will never be forgotten. After the dueling and goodbyes that followed the games, the new reigning champions invited NAU to dinner at "The Pie" Pizzeria, a favorite University of Utah student spot.

This is Quidditch, in its finest form, and it isn't hard to imagine, that out of all the blundering, stuffing and snatching, that everyone came away more grateful for the game. ■