

The UniBall Weekly

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The UniBall Weekly's 10th Issue

This week marks the 10th issue of the UniBall Weekly. Each week we try to include news from around UniBall that would interest you, the readers! After all, it is you, the readers that make it successful. Various members of the community send their articles, bios, league information and even inadvertently become subject of the You Got Quote'd section and this is what makes the UB Weekly newsletter a success. On behalf of the entire staff of the UBHelp Chan and the UB Weekly newsletter, we'd like to thank you, the readers and participants for making the newsletter a hit! If there's anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, please whisper Maria or zoron on BR or send us a forum PM. Here's to many, many more issues to come!

UCL Playoffs

Well, the playoffs kicked off on Sunday roughly around 4:30 PM EST and it was certainly entertaining and exciting! It was full of surprises, upsets and domination. Here's the run down by series and how it all played out!

Quarterfinal - ZG vs pVc

This game had a slow start as ZG (4th seed) showed great sportsmanship in waiting for pVc (5th seed) to field 3 members and not wanting to win by forfeit. The first game went to ZG as they showed dominance on the MW server. pVc had a slow start but managed to make it up in some goals so their deficit wasn't as bad as the game ended 10-7. As the game moved onto the UK server, just (pVc's only UK player) came into the game showing great ability and confidence. The exciting 2nd game went to pVc with a score of 10-7. Since the aggregate score was tied and the number of away goals was also tied, the quarter-finals went into another 2 game series for these two squads. This time it was a different story on the MW server. pVc going with their UK player on MW proved to be the difference in this game. They took the 3rd game on MW with a score of 10-7. On comes the 4th game of the quarter-finals to be played on UK. ZG would have to beat pVc with a score of 10-7 or better to stay alive and pVc would need to get to 8 goals. It was a hard fought battle. Both teams played well and it went the entire 25 minutes. In the end though, it was pVc who came out on top. The game officially ended as 6-6 but with the aggregate score, pVc was ahead 16-13 and they were off to the semi-finals where they would meet the 1st ranked team, DD.

Here are the lineups for each game. I will put the starting lines and the subs that came in mid game. Players with an (S) next to their names were subbed out.

Game 1 MW: ZG – surreal, Bryant, Purity(S) 10 vs 7 pVc – resti(S), Polynikes, tick Subs: Thurgood (ZG), Recoil (pVc)

Game 2 UK: ZG – surreal, Bryant, Purity (S) 7 vs 10 pVc – Polynikes, just, Recoil Subs: aran (ZG)

Game 3 MW: ZG – surreal, Bryant, Thurgood 7 vs 10 pVc – Polynikes, just, beee
Game 4 UK: ZG – surreal, Bryant, aran 6 vs 6 pVc - Polynikes, just, Recoil

Winner: pVc

Semifinal 1 - >Y vs One

The first semi-final series was between >Y (2nd seed) and One (3rd seed). What can you say about this match up? Both teams are very tough on their respective servers and both can compete on the away server, so it was definitely going to come down to the aggregate score to determine this one. The first game of the semi-finals started on the MW server. These two teams battled it out hard but it would be One who would come out with the win with a score of 10-4. This most certainly looked gloomy for >Y as they would now have to beat One with a score of 10-4 or better to stay alive. But these are the playoffs and the game isn't over until it's over! The game started slowly. The score remained very low in the first half of the game. Substitutions were made due to lagging players for One, but that didn't prove to be enough for them. >Y went on to win the game 10-3, stunning One and earning a well deserved spot into the Championship Game!

Game 1 MW: >Y – Monk, Babalybeck, Ham 4 vs 10 One – Bandit, Globe, Master
Game 2 UK: >Y – Monk, Babalybeck, Ham 10 vs 3 One – Bandit(S), Globe, Master(S) Subs: ec (One), Invasor (One)

Winner: >Y

Semifinal 2 - DD vs pVc

The time came for DD (1st seed) to face pVc (5th seed) in the semi finals on the MW server. Given the winning streak pVc was on, this was definitely not a team to underestimate. DD came in strong and confident and took the first game with a score of 10-0. Since both teams home server is MW, the 2nd game was played on their as well. pVc had their work cut out for them as DD only needed 1 goal to win the series. pVc would now have to beat DD 10-0 to have a tie, but was not the case in this game. The final result ended as 1-1 and DD would now go onto the finals to face >Y.

Game 1 MW: DD – Destiny, ck, Ironman 10 vs 0 pVc – Polynikes, beee, Recoil
Game 2 MW: DD – Destiny, ck, Ferocious 1 vs 1 pVc – Polynikes, beee, mustard_seed

Winner: DD

The Final - DD vs >Y

Here it was! The final game for the UCL season 2 and it came down to 1 MW team and 1 UK team. Since DD was the top seed, they chose which server the first game was to be played on. The UK server was where game 1 would take place. The game was a hard fought battle. There were a couple of lead changes in the beginning, both teams playing well and doing their best to gain that edge over their counterparts. The first game finished with DD taking the win 10-6. And here comes the final game. DD needed 7 points to win the title, >Y would need to win 10-5 to take the championship. DD seemed to struggle in the first half of the game, giving up turnovers, but >Y couldn't capitalize on their mistakes. The game finished with a score of 7-1!

Game 1 UK: DD – LunarLite, Killer, Ferocious 10 vs 6 >Y – Monk, Ham, Lavel
Game 2 MW: DD – Destiny, Ironman, ck 7 vs 1 >Y – Monk, Ham, Lavel

UCL Champions: DD

Congratulations to DD for winning the UCL Season 2! It was an exciting afternoon/evening. A job well done to all participants and we look forward to another UCL season!

Minicup

Minicup is a BRChat channel based on demand miniball tournament. Players must register with our bot by typing in BRChat /w Minicup !register. Once players are registered they will be waiting for a ref to approve them, once approved they are invited to the Minicup channel in BRChat, where tournaments are organized. You will specify which server you would like to play your matches. Once the required number of players are prepared for a Minicup tournament, teams will be designated by the bot and play will begin. The tournament format is single elimination. Player record stats are recorded and ranked every season. Please visit our website for specific instructions and information. <http://minicup.home.sapo.pt>.

LiveScore Channel

Written by: TheDevil

LiveScore (/join livescore) is a new service in which live football (soccer) goals will be reported automatically AS they are scored in a number of leagues throughout the world, including red cards and full time scores. The channel also provides news/fixtures and transfer gossip. The channel bot is in beta and so there are still a lot of features to be added and bugs to be fixed. In the future there are plans to have automatic news reporting, league tables and possibly additional leagues/sports and also including virtual cash and betting on games!

UBLadder Channel

Some of you have seen, visited or currently idle in the UBLadder channel (/join ubladder). It was started up in November as a means of getting ladder matches organized among squads. Not many squads were laddering due to successful hockey leagues (UHL and MnM) and also due to the anticipation of the new ladder! Well, now the new ladder has been released and is in full effect. The UBLadder channel is a great place where you can reach members of different squads and ask for squad matches or duels.

The WWBot for the UBLadder channel is currently undergoing some maintenance work but will be back to assist you in finding games! We welcome you to join the channel and get the ladder going!

Please note that even though the UBLadder channel is moderated by Ladder Admins, it is not a replacement for the Ladder Support Channel. If you need any technical ladder support, please /join Ladder.

We look forward to seeing you in the UBLadder Channel! Let's get the ladder popular again!

Player Reviews

Reviews by: Ironman

I was asked to bring back an old thread I did in the past where I reviewed UniBall players. I've always attached a NBA player comparison because basketball is also a team oriented game like UniBall and plus I love basketball. These are my personal opinions that I taken from games that I've witness the reviewed player playing. I stress that everyone sees things differently in a game and I don't play with the reviewed player 24/7, everyone has good and bad games and once again it's solely my opinion at the time. The overall is just averages of all stats doesn't mean your better than a player with a lower rating as everyone knows its good to have players who excel at certain aspects for a balanced and effective team.

Rating 1-10

1 - Worst

5 - Average

10 - Best

Scoring: is the likeliness of you scoring a goal by any means with the ball in your possession, includes one on one moves, effectiveness with ball around goal line, etc.

Ball Handling: is the ability to maintain possession of ball thru juking, graving and bouncing.

Playmaking: is the ability to get team-mates involved, score off assists, making plays, etc.

Passing: is self explained, but passing in regards to timing and accuracy

D - (man to man): is ability to guard players who has possession of the ball

D - (Off ball): ability to guard player without ball, covering passing lines, and preventing fast breaks, etc.

Attitude: includes actions during games, state of mind, arrogance, ego, hostility, etc.

Player Review: Pommarch aka Master

Uniball Player Comparison: Destiny, Corvette

NBA Player Comparison: Kobe Bryant

Scoring: 10

Ball Handling: 10

Playmaking: 10

Passing: 9

D - (man to man): 7

D - (Off ball): 8

Attitude: 1

Overall: 7.8

Strengths: A complete player ... He does everything and does it well ... Use to be a selfish player now a team player ... Can create plays for his team-mates or create his own shot at will ... Can dribble in traffic no problem ... Breaks down the best team defense ... Unstoppable when he is on a roll ... Plays great defense when he feels like it

Weaknesses: Worst attitude in history of a top tier UniBall player, unfortunately when he retires from UniBall will probably be more remembered as an a**hole then a top player ... Gets easily frustrated ...

Gambles on defense often, high risk defensive move but also high reward ... Doubles on D, especially if his team is down

-Reviewed by Ironman

Player Review: zorro

Uniball Player Comparison: Ironman, Ham

NBA Player Comparison: Ron Artest

Scoring: **6**

Ball Handling: **7**

Playmaking: **6**

Passing: **7**

D - (man to man): **8**

D - (Off ball): **9**

Attitude: **5**

Overall: **6.8**

Strengths: A good team player ... Understands the concept of team and individual defense ... Good fundamentals ... Know for defense but a decent ball handler ... Knows where to be in position during game, avoiding clutter with team-mates ... Usually have to work to score on him never gives up easy goals not a doubler or diver

Weaknesses: Streaky player can be either really good or really bad especially on offense ... Not a leader, poor attitude can be a distraction ... Level of play depends on interest in game ... Does not adjust game style to team-mates, requires certain players on his team to make an effective team

- Reviewed by Ironman



UCL Highlights Contest

Polynikes is holding a contest and offering a minimum of \$20.00 to the person who can make him the best 3:20 - 5:30 minute video. This winner will also receive a short bio and recognition in the UniBall Newsletter and the winner will also have his/her video featured on UBC. The deadline for the contest is 2 weeks after UCL finishes. That means you have to submit your UCL montage video by March 29th! If you would like to help increase the pot for the winner please speak to Polynikes for donation information.

For more information on this please visit his thread at <http://www.uniball-central.net/forums/viewtopic.php?t=11879> or contact Polynikes via PM on the forums or message him on BR.

Ask Maria

Do you have a question about love or relationships but are afraid to ask your friends? Is there a new girl or boy you like but don't know how to approach them? Are you just really bad at figuring out the opposite sex? If so, feel free to email Maria at uniballhelp@gmail.com with your questions. Your entry will be posted in the next issue of the newsletter along with Maria's reply. All entries will be kept anonymous, so please use a closing line that cannot identify you such as "signed, confused in Chicago."

Disclaimer: While Maria will do her best to give sound advice, this is still for entertainment purposes and should not be taken seriously but more as a guideline. If you have a serious problem, please seek professional help.

About WaWa

The name is WaWa. I started playing this game in late 99 or early 2000. I was in my computer lab at school 'working on a project' when I saw a few guys playing the game. I was curious and downloaded the game when I got home and got hooked. I grew up playing sports, which is why I was intrigued by this game. I have gone through a couple periods of inactivity due to life's circumstances and I anticipate future hiatus's, however, I don't see myself ever retiring from this game.

You Got Quote'd!

You must be careful of what you say at all times while chatting on BR. The most innocent of phrases can be turned into an embarrassing comment or a sexual innuendo. Such is the conversation between WetWookie and TheDevil.

Wetwookie: your log must be huge by now
TD: you're not the first person to tell me that

Tweeder-isms A moment of UB-Zen

And now, your moment of enlightenment brought to you by UniBall's own Buddha, Tweeder. Mediation is encouraged but not required. Allow your mind to be at ease, and your senses alive. Tweeder says:

"Let me tell you a little something about teamwork! teamwork is working together"

Happy Birthday UniBallers!

Happy Birthday to UniBallers celebrating their birthday this month:

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| LunarLite | March 5 th | 18 years old |
| mop | March 8 th | 19 years old |
| gillesp | March 11 th | 21 years old |
| pennerup | March 12 th | 17 years old |
| varsity | March 19 th | 22 years old |
| Method | March 31 st | 22 years old |

If you would like your birthday posted in the newsletter, e-mail uniballhelp@gmail.com with your name, birthday and how old you're going to be!

