

# The UniBall Weekly

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## UniBall Lessons Level 1

As discussed in previous week's newsletters, UniBall lesson levels are going to be introduced to the newsletter along with signups and refs. If you are interested in helping out with the UniBall Lessons whisper zoron or Maria and they will put it up for discussion with the team.

Level 1 lessons are going to be for the newest players of the game. We continue to have new players join from sites like digg. There has been an outstanding job done by surreal with the overhaul of UBC to attract new players to the game. The only thing that is missing is encouragement and help to the new players that join the game. These lessons will give the new players encouragement to stay with the game and teach them what they need to work on to help.

Here is what is going to be offered in Level 1 Lessons:

### Offense:

- Basic Ball Handling
- Passing
- Where to shoot on the goal
- How to use your boost
- Using your boost to increase shot speed
- Breaking
- Basic 2 v 2 offense

### Defense:

- Basic 2 v 2 zone
- How to setup on man vs. man
- Man vs. Man

With the lesson system Level 2 will start to get into more advanced game play.

Right now the Level 1 teachers are: Maria, zoron and Wawa. As more levels are introduced more teachers will be also. We will have all the teachers on the same page so when a player goes from Level 1 - Level 2 or Level 2 - Level 3 the teaching style will not change and things that were learned in the previous levels will be useful to the more advanced levels. As everyone knows as the levels become more advanced some of the more basic skills will change.

If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact zoron or Maria with your ideas!

# New Ladder, New Maps

Since the new ladder has been released, there's been an influx of duel ladders on maps that wouldn't normally have been played on the old ladder. What actually caused all these maps to be played all of a sudden? Well, the answer to that is not known at this time. What can be said although is that these new maps that are being ladderred on have dramatically increased dueling again. Of course, the traditional maps of shades and miniball are still being used in duels. It's a great thing that these maps that usually don't ever see a game are being played on a lot and for the ladder. But is there a down side to all of this? Is winning a duel on Golden Eyes seen as less respectable than winning a duel on shades? As of right now, that's a question that can only be answered by what you deem as important in terms of dueling. So far these new maps have only be used in dueling. Will we will see squads ladderred on Oof! or Battledome? Maybe, maybe not. One thing you can't deny, dueling has rapidly increased, bringing back competition to UniBall – which is always a great thing!

Here are just a few maps that have been played on recently for the duel ladder: Golden Eyes, Battledome, meltdown, jailbreak, Oof!, basketball, figure 8 and the vice.

## Player Reviews

Reviews by: zoron and LunarLite

We are going to try and keep this post going. I will be selecting different players throughout the week to get reviewed. I will also ask another player that has played with them and is respectable to the game to do that persons player review. No one will know who is getting reviewed until the newsletter is posted so I ask that if you are asked to do a review please keep it private.

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 through 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.

This weeks player reviews will be Adman and Monk:

## Player Review: Adman

Uniball Player Comparison: Nukem and MDR

Scoring: 7

Ball Handling: 6

Playmaking: 6

Passing: 6

D - (man to man): 4

D - (Off ball): 5

Attitude: 8

Overall: 6.5

Strengths: Overall a good team player. Can control the ball when he needs to but doesn't hog the ball and try to be a show stopper. He can setup plays and help motivate his team. He is a good leader and a player that can be looked up to. When it comes to posting at the goal he can box player out and give an open net.

Weaknesses: His defense is not as strong as it could be. He tends to dive when playing on his zone defense. He gets crowded in the double team plays. He tends to get frustrated when his team is down and will start to try and will start to try risky plays.

-Reviewed by zoron

## Player Review: Monk

Uniball Player Comparison: Destiny, Pomm

Football Player Comparison: Zlatan Ibrahimovic – This is for the likeness in ability to win a game while playing absolutely incredible, or be absolutely anonymous and fume at his teammates.

Scoring: 10

Ball Handling: 10

Playmaking: 9

Passing: 6

D - (man to man): 8

D - (Off ball): 6

Attitude: 2

Overall at present: 7.5

Strengths: Although he is not the player he can be right at the moment (his overall ability could be much higher) he is a player who has everything in his locker. When on form he is easily one part of the top three UK players. He can get out of the tightest situations due to his near perfect bouncing and gravity abilities. He can score from just about anywhere. The kind of player who you can just give the ball near the opponent's goal and you know with near certainty he will create or score a goal. His belief that he will always score these days though is easily his biggest weakness. His man to man D is solid, where I believe people often underrate him, and he will not give much away with his off the ball D.

Weaknesses: With the roots being from his dueling days he seems to try too hard to score solo goals, which leads me to think that he seems to hate not being the centre of attention in any team, perhaps subconsciously. More and more frequently his bad attitude now takes control in games. When in one of these attitudes he is easily one of the most frustrating teammates. High risk doubling, diving on D, incredibly reckless shooting and a lack of passing can be expected. Very up and down form, he went into the UCL as the UK's most dangerous player in my opinion while his form during and after UCL didn't come close to that mark.

-Reviewed by LunarLite

## Interview With Pomm

Interviewer: -Alien-

-Alien-: how did you find Uniball?

Pomm: Jiggs introduced Destiny and myself to UniBall in 2000/2001

-Alien-: Jiggs?

Pomm: he was considered the best in the game around then (I think) so dest and I kept playing with him...basically he trained us

Pomm: ya Jiggs...Badmario's brother. We all went to the same school

-Alien-: ah right

-Alien-: so did you start on Miniball and move to Hockey like most?

Pomm: I remember in the beginning I was playing on 56k and dest had cable...he rarely played miniball

Pomm: mostly bc jiggs always played shades or hockey

Pomm: so we skipped the miniball part

Pomm: and basically started on shades

-Alien-: lol no wonder you're so good ;P

Pomm: haha thanks

-Alien-: so how would you rate yourself as a player on a scale of 1 to 10? 10 being the best

Pomm: honestly it depends...after reading ironman's review of me I'd say he was pretty close with his rankings

Pomm: I am a poor sport and easily get frustrated which changes my game drastically

-Alien-: ah I see

Pomm: I don't accept losing and take it too far most of the time

-Alien-: :o

-Alien-: so what about your life? care to share anything?

Pomm: my life isn't too exciting at the moment...finishing up school (I graduate in a year)

Pomm: I work at Snap Fitness (a gym)

-Alien-: anything else u want to tell people about you're life?

-Alien-: or is that pretty much it?

Pomm: that's pretty much it

-Alien-: kk, so back to Uniball, which was your favourite squad that you was in and why?

Pomm: damn tough question...there have been so many haha

-Alien-: :P

Pomm: FFG was awesome because dest and I were starting to be recognized as top tier players

Pomm: and still had to earn a lot of respect and wanted to

-Alien-: I never saw it :(

Pomm: from players like Rollo Brianu Wawa 3d Iron Cow Haupt etc...

Pomm: finally we convinced Haupt to join FFG w me dest and kast  
Pomm: probably the most competitive I remember UB being  
Pomm: then we joined MPT  
Pomm: pretty much dest and I stuck together from the beginning  
-Alien-: I see  
Pomm: pub was probably the best squad though because we knew we had so much talent around us  
-Alien-: so how come there has been so many squads? why don't u just stick to one?  
Pomm: because of the lack of members in UniBall you easily get bored  
-Alien-: ahhh kk  
Pomm: so joining new squads often is the only solution to creating more competition  
Pomm: also I would like to point out  
Pomm: I am not really an a\*\*hole  
Pomm: I just enjoy bringing out the most in people  
Pomm: I figure if I keep running my mouth  
Pomm: people will be motivated to whoop my ass  
-Alien-: smart psychological mind game there ;)  
-Alien-: well anything else you would like to include?  
-Alien-: got plenty here  
Pomm: nah  
-Alien-: kk, cheers Pomm :)  
Pomm: peeeace

## 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:

"Scorers - people that get the ball and score against the opposing team"



Happy Birthday UniBallers!



Happy Birthday to UniBallers celebrating their birthday this month:

LunarLite	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	18 years old
mop	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	19 years old
gillesp	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	21 years old
pennerup	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	17 years old
varsity	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	22 years old
fez	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	23 years old
Method	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	22 years old

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

