

The UniBall Weekly

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UniBall Lessons

Over the past couple of weeks I have been introducing a 3 level lesson system that I will be implementing into UniBall for new and old players. If you missed one or all of the articles here is a recap of what each lesson will offer.

Level One

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

Level Two

Offense:

- More Advanced team play
- Dribbling
- Trick shots on Smaller Maps
- How to fake out the goalie
- Wall Passes

Defense:

- Small Map Zone Defense
- Blocking Trick Shots
- 2 v 1 defense on Small Maps

Level Three

Offense:

- Basic and Advanced team play
- Passing Lanes and the best times to pass
- Setting up plays
- The most efficient way to score against a zone defense

- Self passing to include different trick shots.

Defense:

- Large map zone defense
- Man to man
- Preventing goals on a zone defense
- Defending on the face off.

Lessons will be held on Saturday evenings at 7 pm EST. If you are interested in signing up for a lesson send a message to someone on the UBHelp team, or join UBHelp and let us know. As of right now the instructors are going to be zoron, Maria, alien, Wawa and Corvette. Of course Wawa and Corvette are going to be working together to teach level 3 lessons. And the smaller maps will be taught by myself and alien. Maria is going to teach the basics of defense and take the new players to help get them introduced to the game!

With the influx of new players that the advertising deal could bring, we are going to need some help on levels 1 and 2. If you are interested in helping with lessons let zoron know and it will be considered by the team.

UniBall Sponsorship and Advertising Campaign

If you have not noticed yet, UniBall has received a nice advertising deal thanks to resti's work. From what has been posted, the admins want to use the money that they have received to do some advertising for the game to help attract new players. If you are interested in helping out with this deal visit: <http://www.uniball-central.net/forums/viewtopic.php?f=40&t=12314> and let surreal know you are willing to do so!

Thanks to resti and your company for the deal!

MnM VIP

As many of you know, UGN, UniBall's longest running league, is taking a break. In light of this, there have been discussions about MnM's future in terms of deciding what maps to play on. There were a few ideas being discussed such as having permanent hockey or keeping to the current system (which is changing it up every other month). After much debate, WetWookie has come up with this idea. There is a new channel where you can play non-hockey maps. The map is decided by the squad winner during a regular MnM season. To get into this channel, all you have to do is type !invite in the MnM channel and you will be invited to MnMVIP. Here is where you can play a non-hockey map. Games played in this channel count towards the regular leader board and you can play at any time. Maps can be changed at any time by the current squad winners. If you are the squad winner, you can type !maps to see the preapproved list of maps and to choose the map of your choice, just type !map # (# being the corresponding number to that map, provided you are the squad winner).

So, don't waste any time! Get into MnMVIP! All other MnM commands work in that channel as well. For those of you who were wondering, squad winners still will receive their icons for winning their month. The MnM channel will be solely for hockey; each season lasting one month.

Many thanks to WetWookie for creating another channel so that the other UniBall maps can be played by those who enjoy them.

UniBall Central Stats

For those of you who don't check the updates regularly on UBC, surreal has just introduced the UBC stats site! If you want to know where you fall in at check it out here:

<http://www.uniball-central.net/stats/>

Your Favorite Players of 2009

Do you have that favorite team you like playing with? That team that you can dominate any game with? Well we want to hear about it!! Send your favorite team and a time you remember dominating a game to the UniBall newsletter team and we will post it in the next week's edition of the newsletter!

A Blast From the Past

If you ever went back and looked at some of the first posts on the forums it can bring back some old memories of things that have happened over the years. If there is something that you remember, such as a game, story, or memory on BR chat we want to hear about it. We are going to be hosting a blast from the past section on the newsletter where users can post there stories of things they remember happening back in the day. Now these stories do not have to be things from back in the early 2000's they can be from last week or even month. If you have that story that you think everyone has forgotten let us know!

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An in Depth Look at a Video Game Community

For those of you who have not had time to read this article about our community, it is a good one. It explains everything from the beginning of uniball, to the game itself, to the community organization!

<http://www.wikinomics.com/blog/index.php/2009/01/13/uniball-an-in-depth-look-at-a-video-game-community/>

Please take 5 minutes out of your day to check it out!

Traffic's Interview

Interviewed by zoron

When did you start playing uniball and what brought you to the game?
I started playing uniball in 2000 and i heard of this game through ARC

The arc clan that came to ub!
n0rt 4 Lyfe

What is your line up of squads that you have been in? Some of your more favorite ones?
oh man, I have lost count! but I've been in many of my own squads that I created and disbanded. i use to be in MPT for a bit back in the day, S-U, One, and CG

Currently you are in DD, do you plan on staying with them for awhile?
I have been with DD since December, it's already been 5 months, time just flies and yes I do plan on staying in this squad, it has great members and they are a very friendly environment.

Everyone has their favorite players, what is your all time favorite line up? A dream team so to speak
Ironman, 3D, Cow that team would be unstoppable

The team to include yourself?
Ha! me, outkast, iron man

How old are you currently? Any marriage plans? That seems to be the thing.
I am 22 years old, turning 23 in June. got no wifey yet, but I plan on being married at some point in my life :p

Do you plan on staying around UB for awhile?
yea, I like UB for some reason, it's pretty addicting, but I'm busy during summer, so might be a little inactive

What are some of your favorite things uniball offers, IE Leagues, Support, Newsletter? I mean currently ladder isn't so popular, but that is still one of my favorite things, wish it was like back in the day.
I like the MNM league, it's a good league to keep people playing this game. uniball has been a little quiet lately, not many active squads. I like the newsletters that you and Maria and your staff work on and take time out for, it's very enjoyable

What are some things you would like to see happen with the future of uniball? Something's that you feel uniball needs?
I would like to see more leagues, UBO (Drakling's league), UFL (riley riley's league) have been very successful and very fun, wish they would run their leagues every other month or so. I would like to see more squads pickup ok players and get them to be better, like S-U/MPT/CH is doing, that way we have more competition and no squads are stacked :p

What do you think makes a team complete?
I feel teamwork makes a team complete, you have to be on the same page and you have to be willing to take risks, but teamwork is a must

Hopefully this advertising campaign brings new players, Uniball could use some new players.
yes we surely could, players like fiend, maverick, nukem, adman, azzurri use to be ok players, now their actually pretty damn good and i wouldn't want to underestimate them

Is there anything you would like to see put in the newsletter from week to week?

I think the newsletters are fine as it is, very enjoyable to read and interesting sometimes to know things about players, I like the birthdays and all of that, I think it's all good. especially the quotes, that is the funniest part!

What are your current thoughts on the UB Staff and the East server discussions that are constantly brought up on the forums?

I like the UB Staff, although I think some admins and ladder admins don't do much, just have a A or Ladder by their name. Midwest server is defiantly fine, we have always talked about being fair, the server is in middle of USA, so it's fair for WEST/EAST people to meet half way. East server is not a bad idea only because it would be more fun to play vs. EU players and they would ping less on EAST which would bring more competition and more squad ladders

What is one thing that you remember happening from back in the day? Can be something funny, a game or a memory on BR Chat?

memory of Schindler, he was one of my good online friends and cool guy in real life, he was killed 2 years ago in MAY, I still miss him till this day, he was a very good and loyal friend R.I.P Schindler aKa Rampage.

Anything else you would like to add?

I would like to say thanks to all the people who make this game enjoyable by providing us Leagues to play in, thanks to surreal/wetwookie/drakling/riley, thanks to the good admins who keeps this game respected. thanks to you and Maria and your staff for doing the newsletters and taking your time out for this game and thanks for the interview, was great talking to you

Alright man, thanks for your time!



You Got Quote'd!



The geographical differences on BR can make for some interesting conversation. Such is the case for a UK'er talking with 2 US players.

baa: im still stuck in NY time

baa: which makes it

baa: 12:44

visa: only 9 44 here

baa: n

baa: LOL

baa: wat about in mw

azzurri: visa where are you from again

visa: phoenix

azzurri: oh yea

visa: where in mw

baa: time az?

azzurri: 12 45

azzurri: nj

visa: time az?

visa: oh
visa: azz
baa: ...
visa: i thought you meant arizona
baa: LOL
visa: I was like.. i just said idiot
baa: well whats the time in arizona
visa: i just said idiot
baa: u said time in phoenix
baa: unless thats in az
visa: lol
azzurri: lol
baa: where r u azz
visa: [21:44] <azzurri> nj
azzurri: lol
azzurri: new jersey
baa: nice job new jersey

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:

"If no one is doing d**k and/or one person is doing everything because people on that team is inexperienced, then you are not a team!"



Happy Birthday UniBallers!



Happy Birthday to UniBallers celebrating their birthday this month:

punkkid

April 19th

21 years old

zoron

April 27th

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!

