

# The UniBall Weekly

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## UCL Match Report

UCL officially kicked off on February 4<sup>th</sup> and though it took nearly a full day to get the games started, they surely weren't disappointing. This match report is for the UK game between MPT vs. Flow. Flow had a shaky start to season, falling to One and DD; meanwhile this was MPT's first UCL match. The players fielded were (noob), Sos and new1234 for Flow and Nukem, pha and Exzamp for MPT. The game was pretty even from the start. Both teams looking for their first win in UCL might have added a little more pressure for them. Flow's ball movement was decent though their nerves showed as passes were missed along with opportunities. Meanwhile, MPT (who seemed to be the favorites for the game) also showed signs of nerves with many missed shots on goal that were not taken. As time was winding down to about 5 minutes to go, the game was tied at 6-6 and it was surely going down to the wire. Flow held MPT off on defense and scored 2 goals while approaching the 3 minute mark. MPT came knocking on Flow's goal, bringing them within one with the score of 8-7. As time kept ticking off, Flow scored again, making the score 9-7 and this surely seemed to be the end of MPT as there was under a minute left to go in the game. Finally, the last goal was scored by Sos while time expired, ending the game with a victory for Flow! A well fought and well played match! If you would like to see the demo of this game, visit <http://ucl.juxtaposing.com/gamestats.php?id=3>

## About Squads in UniBall

Written By: Bryant

In UniBall, there is a great amount of controversy about squads. The game runs around its teams and the presence of them in the community.

My point of view is very evident and expressive. I classify squads as a career and a specific objective. Teams are chosen according to confidence, loyalty, friendship and chemistry in playing with teammates. The most important thing that a team can show is attitude and an offensive/defensive presence, plus always looking to improve, instead of thinking things like "I'm good enough, barely make mistakes", just an example, there's always new things that you could improve. It is great to see new players come to UniBall, the new teams that they make and the new competition they bring.

The attitude of a player is something that will always exist in the game. Sometimes, the attitudes that are expressed in the community are not always positive ones, which I have noticed, is mostly from the older players. I think the "continuity" idea for players, which is keeping the squad going, is completely useless. When it comes to squads, the effort and work put in on behalf of the team, resulting in the inevitable "squad hopping," from one team to another, would not be achieved without attitude.

The challenge, fun, empathy, respect, loyalty and attitude that a player creates with their teammates is seen in the most important aspects of this game. You will also notice from the teams the competition that the team creates.

I am just looking to give some simple advice to every player in the community. First of all, have the most fun that you can. Next, get together with the 'friends' that you made, while playing this game. Finally, make UniBall a serious but funny game. This will help you out as a player. With this the game, you will find easier to play.

The future of UniBall is in our hands. The problems that a team creates and the capacity of their reaction, facing the adversities, are a great way of keeping a team together.



## UniBall Arcade



Everyone loves playing flash games. You keep playing the same game, trying to beat your high score! What if you could compete against other UB'ers in these same flash games on one website? Well, thanks to TheDevil, now you can! All you have to do is visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/ubarcade> and sign up! You'll see how you did against other UniBallers that have played those same games! Please provide a valid email address when signing up, as it needs to be confirmed and then just play! Give the confirmation email some time if you don't receive it right away and also check your spam folder. If you still haven't received it, then whisper TheDevil and he will validate you. /Join UBArcade on BR to talk about your favorite games and strategies with other UniBallers! Also, if you are looking for a certain flash game but don't see it on the site, just ask TheDevil and he can add it for you! Enjoy!

## UniBall Says, "Good Bye" to One of its Top Players

All players have their own story. They start playing, get booted from a bunch of games by older members, start to get good, think they are a top contenders, start booting new players and then either depart from the game or continue playing and watch the newer players come up to their level.

As for this player, back in October of 2004 newbie Globe decided he was going to come test out the game. Over the years this player could have very well mastered the offence of this game. If you have been lucky enough to play on his team then you have seen 1st hand on how Globe could control the team's offence. I am in fact sure Globe has made players quit this game. I have seen him bring games back from 0-8 and win them. Although this player had possibly mastered offence, he is leaving a little bit too soon. Globe on the other hand, didn't get to read Ironman's Defense tips soon enough, because when it came to defense, Globe should have just thrown in the towel!

All kidding aside, I would like to wish Globe farewell and good luck with his life's endeavors. I know I have enjoyed the games I have played with Globe. Hopefully he will come back in the future and see if he can keep back up with the new talent that is in the community.

Now, I have given you all of this worthless information and you are like zoron, JUST TELL ME WHY HE IS LEAVING!!!!

Well, that is the best part. I would like to congratulate Globe on becoming a father. His son or daughter is due in August and he is busy getting ready. I would like to wish him good luck and plan on not sleeping once the baby is born.

If you would like to take a look at the picture of the ultra sound it can be viewed here:

<http://s731.photobucket.com/albums/ww311/globe1989/?action=view&current=Picture004.jpg>

Once again, good luck and take care, Globe!

## The Ultimate 99

I would like to thank you all for your feedback. After going over the results I have decided that there will be 2 games held on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 1) The first one will go at 5pm EST / 10pm GMT / 2pm PST
- 2) The second one will go at 10pm EST / 3am GMT / 7 pm PST

The idea is to bring as much of the community together as we can in one big game! Who knows maybe it will go until 10 pm EST!

Let's see if we can hold a record for most in a game! See you all there.

## Envision a World Where UniBall is Designed to Please...

Wait a minute! What do you mean envision? I mean that perhaps our competitive nature has covered our eyes to the fact that still remains present; UniBall is a game! Just a few days ago I was in a game where people were telling a new player to leave. To me it is a disgraceful attitude to have to new players; they are the future of UniBall. Players, when making a game please show your intentions clear. For instance if you want a pro game then name the game "3v3 Pros Only". It is obvious if it is a "squad vs." but a simple "3v3" does not suffice.

## The Devil's Server Interview

Interviewer: -Alien-

1) The server, where about is it based?

TheDevil: Huddersfield, Northern England, near Manchester/Leeds. It recently moved from London. This does mean it is slightly further away from mainland Europe but only by 200 miles so it should not make any real difference to connection.

2) Sometimes there are issues with lag, are you to blame if it is definitely the server or is it just your host? By which I mean if it is not client side, is the server doing something else because of you, or is it just your host messing up? For instance is your hosting another game that we do not know about?

TheDevil: Well, it could be a number of things, the box does host a couple of websites, nothing more and these are not high traffic websites so they should not play a part. The more likely reason for lag if it is not the users ISP at fault would be a problem on one of the servers on the route to my server. Theoretically it only takes one bad server to push up your ping, by doing a tracert is it possible to see what server is at fault. If a lot of users are passing through a 'bad' server it is possible for me to request a different route to be taken, avoiding that server. I will not risk re-routing if only a couple of people have a problem though and most problems resolve themselves within 24 - 48 hours. That being said lhost (The server host) could be having problems, if this is the case everyone would be suffering and I would be able to fix it.

3) When the server goes down, what takes 'so long' to restart it?

TheDevil: When the server goes down it depends \_why\_ it went down as to how long it will take to restart. If the box has died it may be a while (Hard-drive failure etc...), if however the UniBall Master-Server has failed it may be because I'm at work and have not had chance to restart it. I could setup an automatic restart but it goes down so little nowadays I cannot see the need.

4) Do you think the server will ever die or do you have any dates set to destroy it?

TheDevil: I have no plans to cease hosting the UK server, so long as the admins want me to keep hosting that is. I do however have an understanding with LCHost in hosting the server, that is why as a good will gesture I ask for donations every 12 months or so. LCHost will not last forever, but even in the credit crunch they seem to be doing okay, so.... nothing to report yet.

We must remember that TD does his best hosting us Euros a server. Let's not appoint any blame on him and be thankful for what he has given us.



## The Admin Run Down

There is not much going on in the admin world right now. surreal is continuing to plug away at the new UBC. If you would like an inside view of the project, please feel free to send a donation to: [paypal@visagehosting.com](mailto:paypal@visagehosting.com).



## You Got Quote'd!



The UniBall Weekly Newsletter has added a humor (or humour) section containing funny quotes or events that have occurred on BR or in UB. Here's this week's funny quote:

zt: never substimate the other team



## About BloodRed

Oh, hello UniBall... welcome to the coolest Bio ever! My name is BloodRed; the 2nd of the BR's to join the game (after ByteRyder, before Burning Rage). The name came from my high school years when I was an angry, emo kid 24/7 (/wrists and TUHDUH Blood was Red!). That's not at all true, I stole my name from SkyBlueSoldier and thought I was clever (apparently BurningRage made his before mine by like a week). I originally found the game on MPOGD and I thought it sucked because I had no idea what was going on. I played and got pretty good at a game called Microsoft Ants under the names Gimp and AisforAnts. A few years after my 1st few minutes of UB, some anters (including itch, Ducky, o-Z, Xilarating, and a bunch of others) said they were trying out this cool sports game and so I gave it another try and fell in love with it.

I started on a bunch of randonewb names and eventually I became a miniball pro within a few years. I remember Beee and I being pretty big competition to each other back then (Beee sucks). While learning/playing mini, I saw this guy named icup and thought he was pretty good... so I decided to try and play like him. That's where I originally got the grav/bump thing. I began to practice that and eventually played miniball without ever bouncing. At this point it started to get big and other people didn't think I was as crazy as they did before. People like Globe would ask me how I'm doing it, and I'd try to explain... mostly I just said to practice.

After actually trying to play against icup in some random mini he joined, I realized I could actually compete in hockey, and so I began to try and get some hockey games. I tried to play a lot with icup,

Bandit, and ew's at the time because they all did (or tried) to do the grav stuff I loved. About this time is when I made the name BloodRed when I joined a squad headed by SkyBlueSoldier, which happened to stick I guess. I was in a bunch of random squads for short times including Kiu and DDR (which weren't really pure-euro squads at the time) and I eventually got pretty good. Outkast asked me to join S-U, who were a pretty top squad at the time. After almost a year with them, Bandit and Jamez asked if I would join their little fun squad called hnc (DUN DUN DUN)... I obviously joined. We have a pretty big reputation of completely screwing around... which isn't really true anymore. If you see us screwing around now or any previous time, it's Jabus' fault! Bandit, mop, and I are probably one of the current top lineups when we all play decently.

Okay so that's my crazy long UB history, more about me I guess... I'm from and live in Houston, Texas. I recently got my bachelor's in Computer Science from a small school down here called Lamar University. I played soccer and even tried out for the American U- national team wayyyyyy back. I had a full scholarship to University of Connecticut to play, but before I went I shattered my left arm, and because they didn't think I'd be in shape by the time I got there, they took away my scholarship. I play all sorts of online games; some favorites are UB, Ants, and the Football Manager series. Lastly, I absolutely love computer security and will talk for hours to anyone who cares about it. /2600 for my little security channel. I guess that's about it. This seems like a really long bio... so please don't actually read it, thanks... LOVE YOU ALL!! Oh and my real name is Matt (though hnc calls me Peter which is a funny story in itself)

## Interview With Monk

Interviewer: -Alien-

-Alien-: So Monk, tell me a bit about how you found UniBall

Monk: well Icewind is my friend in real life, and we were talking on msn one boring winter evening and he told me to play this game if I was that bored!

Monk: 3 years ago\*!

-Alien-: just a bit ago then, you are said to be the player that became one of the best in just under a year? Care to enlighten us all how you managed that?

Monk: playing a looooooot :o

Monk: and dueling

-Alien-: which map?

Monk: skill is a very important part of UB

Monk: on shades mostly, but I can beat anyone on any map :P

-Alien-: lol ^^

-Alien-: except me :P

-Alien-: did Icewind help you?

Monk: meh I think he did a tiny bit....

Monk: I joined keu and all of kiu back then would play with me and help me get better

Monk: I got a lot of help along the way from loads of players

-Alien-: just introduced you then... Babalybeck is said to of played a lot with you along with some other vets

-Alien-: yeah, as you just stated

Monk: babalybeck, believe it or not, has never really helped me get better

-Alien-: really?

Monk: we play together a lot and have great chemistry, and sure we talk to each other about how we play and stuff but no I've never got help from him

-Alien-: who was your main inspirational player? The player you wanted to be when you first started?

Monk: hmmm when I first started...I used to think Rey was good :o

Monk: but seriously, I used to love watching pomm and just, especially when they dueled

-Alien-: LOL, gonna scratch that out the interview lol

Monk: lol

-Alien-: joke obviously: P

-Alien-: yeah Pomm and Just are great players, you think you could beat them on MW?

-Alien-: well Pomm mainly

Monk: I think you should rephrase the question to "have you"

Monk: to which the answer is yes, he still can't beat me there

Monk: or at least, the game is close ;p

-Alien-: ^^, nice

-Alien-: so, besides UniBall, what else do you do?

-Alien-: and any personal info you'd care to share?

Monk: hmmm well I'm currently unemployed and on my gap year (I work as a tour guide usually and will be getting that job back soon)

Monk: I surf

Monk: I'm going to uni next year to study civil engineering...

-Alien-: sounds good man

Monk: and I'm going to travel the world rather than Europe this year!

-Alien-: looking forward to it?

Monk: definitely, although for me it means no ub

-Alien-: nice :D

Monk: which is a sacrifice I think I can make..

-Alien-: yeah :P

-Alien-: you'll be back lol

-Alien-: your username m-p is designed on your real name if I am not mistaken?

-Alien-: your\*

Monk: yeah matt-pollard

-Alien-: it's a cool name ;), so what about the country you are currently in, any UniBallers near you?

-Alien-: besides IW

Monk: Cornwall

Monk: and no not that I know of..

Monk: although I have met some UniBallers further afield, piloto writer l-b and chipang\_4 in Lisbon lol

-Alien-: yeah, we UniBallers are pretty scattered lol

-Alien-: what they like?

Monk: very funny, I was drunk though so don't remember much

Monk: we weren't doing anything illegal of course either..

-Alien-: lol :P

-Alien-: obviously :)

-Alien-: your secrets safe with me

Monk :P lol

-Alien-: is there anything you would like to include in the interview that I have not created a question for?

Monk: noxweb sucks.

-Alien-: lol

Monk: and zorro does not have 2nd best d on the UK server

Monk: he reallllly doesn't

-Alien-: lol :P

-Alien-: well I think that should be enough to cover the interview, cheers M-P :)

Monk: cheers alien!

-Alien-: no other Euro wants to do one lol

-Alien-: it's like what? :D

Monk: lol

-Alien-: so to Cheers Alien

-Alien-: that ok with u?

-Alien-: anything u want removed?

Monk: nah

Monk: one thing I want added though  
 Monk: wanna ask me a question of why I have such a bad reputation? ;p  
 Monk: only reason I wanted to do this really, wanted to get my voice out there  
 -Alien-: sure man  
 -Alien-: I'll add it  
 -Alien-: why you have such a bad reputation?  
 Monk: well believe it or not I was actually once an r3 ref and a UGN ref  
 Monk: surreal and I used to get on really well  
 Monk: but when I first started playing I guess you could say I was a lot more...err dense than I am now, quite immature (although I still am :p)  
 -Alien-: haha, not such a bad thing, least you're not boring  
 -Alien-: unlike me :)  
 Monk: and although my intentions were always 100% good, certain people (mentioning no names cough Maria) did not like me  
 Monk: or respect me  
 Monk: which lead to me standing down as a ref  
 Monk: I fought long and hard against the big cliques of the game  
 Monk: and took after pomm in acting like a d\*\*\* to get games played/piss people off  
 Monk: I just didn't like how Americans dominated UB with their low pings and loved the fact people couldn't beat me 1v1 (most of the time)  
 -Alien-: I see...  
 Monk: so I rebelled against the hierarchy (spelling?) of ub  
 Monk: and I think it's turned out good =]  
 -Alien-: spelling is good :)  
 Monk: UB is now multiserver'd, we have a great and thriving euro community  
 Monk: and everyone still hates me  
 Monk: =]  
 -Alien-: haha :P, maybe this will open their eyes  
 Monk: doubt it!  
 -Alien-: oh well! :D  
 -Alien-: anything else?  
 Monk: nah that's it  
 Monk: cheeeeeeeers

If you want to submit your bio, email [UniBallhelp@gmail.com](mailto:UniBallhelp@gmail.com).



Happy Birthday UniBallers!



Happy Birthday to UniBallers celebrating their birthday this month:

skybluesoldier	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	23 years old
Maverick	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	23 years old
Destiny	February 17 <sup>th</sup>	23 years old
piloto	February 24 <sup>th</sup>	22 years old
digito	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	24 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!

