



WFDF WUCC 2018

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TOURNAMENT STARTS WITH A BANG

As athletes from across the world filed into the Atrium Stadium at Mason High School, Cincinnati, a shimmering haze hung lightly above the turf field that would hold the opening ceremony, performances and show game for the WFDF 2018 World Ultimate Club Championships.

The excitement built palpably ahead of the big opening, with the world's best clubs creating a rainbow of different jerseys across the bleachers.

Players greeted old friends and rivals, whilst debutantes buzzed as they finally reached the opening of the event that has largely defined their lives for the last year, if not longer.

The first Ultimate players to take to the field were not there to play. Colombia's Revolution led a flash mob of fellow players who joined in their now viral warmup dance, before the more traditional locally flavoured procession of performances – a live band, some youth gymnasts and, of course, three parachutists who gracefully descended to the field.

They brought with them a streaming 50ft stars and stripes, a genuine sense of awe, and - helpfully - the game disc.

With the waiting out of the way, GRUT and Wild Card served up a stunning match to kick off the tournament. The Dutch were underdogs despite being seeded higher, but they're also one of the worst kept secrets in Ultimate. Wild Card looked almost cruel as they completed their end of game comeback. It was an emotional and epic game for both teams, and it undoubtedly got the tournament off to a thundering start - let's just hope things stay this exciting.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

ADAM LOTHIAN, #4 BLACK SHEEP (MIXED)

Who are you most looking forward to playing?

I think Slow White, we have them in our first game.

What's the best play you've ever made?

I got a 50-meter chase-down block against Team Canada at WUGC in Japan in 2012. It was a shoulder-high layout and it was on camera too.

What celebration would you do if you score?

I'd jump into the stands and applaud myself.



GAMES OF THE DAY

Today is the first day of games so here's a few that might be exciting:

MEN'S DIVISION

[Clapham \(GBR\) vs CUSB \(ITA\)](#) - field 17, 3pm

These teams met in the European and Windmill finals. Big game for both.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

[Revolution \(COL\) vs Atletico \(FIN\)](#) - field 28, 3pm

The Colombians are a trendy pick, while Atletico are reigning European champions.

MIXED DIVISION

[Hässliche Erdferkel \(GER\) vs IKU \(JPN\)](#) - field 16, 5pm

Two top quality teams with contrasting styles.



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