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## **UPA Club Ultimate Championships Underway in Sarasota**

SARASOTA, Fla. – The 2006 Ultimate Players Association (UPA) Club Ultimate Championships got underway Thursday at the Sarasota Polo Club in Sarasota, Fla. The tournament features 16 teams in each Open, Women's, and Mixed, as well as 12 teams in the Masters Division, all coveting the most prestigious title in the sport of Ultimate.

The first day featured pool play for all teams. In the Open division, pool A, defending champions Furious George (Vancouver, BC) cruised through the first day, easily winning their pool with a perfect record. Their northwest rival, and 2005 runner-up, Sockeye (Seattle, Wash.) also had little trouble as they too ran the table during the first day of competition. Both Revolver (San Francisco, Calif.) and Johnny Bravo (Boulder, Colo.) broke seed to win their respective pools. Johnny Bravo did so by remaining undefeated.

As with the Open division, there were no major upsets in the Women's division on the first day. In fact, only two seeding upsets happened the entire day. Defending champions Riot (Seattle, Wash.) aren't the top seed this year, but played like it on their way to a perfect record and a win in pool B. Top seeded Fury also looked unstoppable as they showed why they earned the No.1 seed, easily going undefeated to win pool A. Backhoe (Raleigh, N.C.) and Brute Squad (Boston, Mass.) joined the ranks of the undefeated winning pool C and pool D, respectively.

Unlike the Open and Women's divisions, there were upsets aplenty in the Mixed division. Pool C ended in a three-way tie for first between Hooray (State College, Pa.), Tandem (Somerville, Mass.) and Horse\$how (Portland, Ore.). The only team not in the mix was the pools top seed Bad Larry (Denver, Colo.) who went winless on the first day. Defending champion Brass Monkey (San Francisco, Calif.) easily won pool A and actually looked improved over last years championship squad. Mischief (Sunnyvale, Calif.) won pool B but needed a scrappy performance in their game against Amp (Philadelphia, Pa.) in the last game of the day to win, 16-15. Slow White (Boston, Mass.) last year's surprise team continued their winning ways by breaking seed to take pool D.

The Master's division won't crown any pool winners until Friday, but defending champs Old and in the Way (Boulder, Colo.) appears to be on track to take pool A and then make another run at the title. Big Sky (Boise, Idaho) and Surly (Minneapolis, Minn.) are the only other teams in pool A with at least two wins. Pool B is much more of a traffic jam as no team has set itself apart in the manner that Old and in the Way did in pool A. Last year's runner-up Above and Beyond (New York, N.Y.) is in the driver's seat after defeating Throwback (Seattle, Wash.) to up their record to 2-1 on the day. Throwback also boasts a 2-1 record along with Chico's Bail Bonds (Cincinnati, Ohio).

The 2006 UPA Club Ultimate Championships continue on Friday when teams are reseeded and play two more rounds of pool play. Bracket play begins on Saturday with the finals scheduled to be played Sunday. There is no charge for spectators to view the action.

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