

Jestival

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Team – Me, Dave, Hwo, James, Joe, Mark, Simon T, Bob, Ian, Jack, Ed G, Pete, Kier, Dan, Katie

We picked up and lost various people over the course of the weekend.

Saturday – Seeded 6th

Banbury – 15-0

We arrived at 8.45 (yes 15 min EARLY) for our first game. This was Banbury's first ever tournament and although they had some experience, we just had more. It was a nice game to feel our way into the tournament. We had some sloppy play at points but were never in danger and closed out the game with about 15 min to spare.

Jesters – 15-0

We stepped up our play for this game. Jesters were missing 75% of their first team however they have some very good players waiting in the wings. As with the first game we mixed up our zones – arrow head and wide – both were confusing them and shutting them down every time.

Imperial – 13 – 1

Our Zone worked wonders again. They swung the disc all day long but rarely made it past the half way mark. Every time they turned we were clinical for the score. We went in to the half 8-0 up, meaning we had scored 38 unanswered points. The Dave said let's not have them score ... first point after the half we were on Offense, a rarity. However they turned, we slapped on our zone, stall count 9, speculative huck – 8-1.

Evolution – 13 – 4

The team of little kids. However they could run all day. Instead of trying to keep up we slapped on our zone, got the D's and then our slick offense notched up the scores. One of them shouted "they're slicing us open". They scored through some good hucks but we were never in much danger. One thing to mention is they were incredibly well spirited, there little guys calling their own fouls on us big guys. I believe this is the game were the funniest sentence of the weekend happened. We were playing the game were you try not to smile from the comments of other people. Try not to laugh at this – Emile Heskey for the Golden Boot!

Purple Cobras (Jesters old Boys) – 9-6

This was for top spot in our pool and a lie in Sunday morning. This was the jesters team that finished 7th at nationals and included players such as Super Joe, the Lean and Greg McKenzie. A hard fought game and some excellent play by us. They had a few bad drops and we capitalised to end the day unbeaten and seeded 2nd.

Party – watched the England match, the little said about this the better. Then set about drinking. The party wasn't great due to the number of teams in attendance at the tourney. Me and Jack dressed up as Vikings, as the theme was world cup and we were Denmark. Then someone brought out the Poker Dice after which the following happened – Simon T tried (and failed) to do the worm, Jack felt ill after licking the window for a minute and Kier sexually violated a Kangaroo. It's worth mentioning that Joe tried to keep up drinking with the big boys and Ed Greens sofa paid the price.

Sunday

Quarter Final – Evolution – 15 – 3

Same as the day before, zone – turn – score. Joe was still feeling ill. Pete threw a no look scoober score. Well spirited but relatively easy.

Semi Final – Bears – 5 – 10

The first half we never really got into our rhythm. Bears were clinical on O, had loads of subs compared to our 2 at that point. They generally looked fitter and faster than us at all areas of the pitch and we went into the half 8-1 down. A rallying call was needed, a stirring speech by Dan motivated us to pick up our game and show bears what we could do. It worked as we got three turns and three scores. However we had left ourselves with too much of a mountain to climb and bears went on to win the game and the Tournament.

3 vs 4 – JR – 13 - 14

My favourite game of the weekend, two quality teams who both wanted the win badly. Lay out D's were flying in, slick O from both teams. We went 9 – 6 down but pulled it back to 12 -10 to us when the hooter went. Two point cap. Their D was strong and any tiny mistake by us was capitalised upon. It went down to universe point where they got a good turn and a fantastic lay out to score. I spoke to them afterwards and they said we had run the ragged and that this type of games is what makes us love this sport.

MVP – Simon T, Mr Speedy Gonzalez, huge layouts and tireless effort all weekend.

Overall 4th at Jestival, a really good effort from all members of the team. A lot of teams complimented our zones, mentioning they found them incredibly hard to play against. Remember this was with virtually no wind. Thanks Hwo for writing the in depth analysis. There are a lot of good points to take away and some things to work on for next weekend. As my first time as captain I was proud of the team this weekend and making it a very enjoyable tournament. Thanks to people like Dan and Hwo for their input and support. Let's carry it on and improve next weekend.

Ben Lewis