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On a perfect Wednesday night at Buckingham, Browne, and Nichols field, Cambridge grabbed a 4-0 lead and held on for a 15-11 win over Boston for the right to compete in the Ultimate Showcase Mixed Division championship. Boston will play Slow White this Friday night to determine the other finalist. Spectators from Belmont High School were amazed by how different elite level play is from their games. 90+ yard pulls, numerous accurate and useful upside-down throws, layout blocks and diving catches for scores made for exciting play.

Early in the game, Williams College star Tyler Auer point blocked a throw, grabbed the turnover and hucked to Peri Kurshan for the goal. Following a quick Boston turnover, Ben Faust sent a vertically thrown disc to Jeff Graham for the 4-0 lead. Trying to swing the momentum, Boston's Tim Cobbett hucked to Shmi Narayan. The disc was partially blocked by Faust, but snagged by Narayan's quick hands for the goal. Belmont High School coach Brian Buck connected on back-to-back crowd pleasing hucks, seemingly throwing to no one, only to have teammate Paul Batten race out of the offensive formation to catch up to the sailing disc for a goal. Buck then found Kurshan for a 6-1 Cambridge lead. Boston's Anna Hare started a rally with a huck to a diving Elliott Gould. Tracy Woo launched a 30 yard strike to Owen Westbrook who followed with a 40 yard finish to Jess Blanton, a rare Williams to Amherst alumni connection. A Cambridge drop brought Boston back to 6-4 before a two-pass full field score from Kurshan to Graham to Auer. Cambridge looked ready to take half as a forehand flick from Faust seemed destined for Kurshan, but a shoulder-high layout block by Blanton brought the fans to their feet. Unfortunately, a quick Boston turnover led to an 8-4 Cambridge halftime lead.

In the second half, David "Salsa" Turell completed three hucks for Boston goals, but Graham's defense and Faust's offense carried Cambridge to the win. Auer had the 2nd best play of the game with a one-handed layout grab to boost Cambridge to a 13-7 lead.

The kids in attendance were pleased to receive free frisbees and fascinated by the game. Tony Colonnese, a parent of a young player, loved the spirit of the self-refereed teams. Another fan noted that Athletic Directors must appreciate the low-costs of having ultimate teams.

In keeping with Ultimate Frisbee's core concept of "Spirit of the Game," the behavior of the players was very professional and sportsmanlike, setting a positive example for the young fans. Detailed information is at TheUltimateShowcase.com.

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