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HEADLINE:

Somerville wins Game 2 of Ultimate Showcase Series

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On a cold and windy night at Teddy Ebersol field in front of a 50+ fans, Somerville held on to take a closely contested 15-13 win over Cambridge. Young stars Owen Westbrook and Steve Sullivan led the way with solid handling, plus several goals caught and thrown. Noel Madison Ketting-Smith, Mike Miller, and Mike Zalisk provided big contributions on offense. Somerville built its lead with tough defense against the short passing game. They dared Cambridge to throw deep in the tough conditions and were rewarded as the wind caused turnovers. In one exciting sequence, Alex De Frondeville and Josh Mullen each blocked a Cambridge pass just as it left the thrower's hand. However, Mike Miller returned the favor while defending the goal line and Somerville marched down the field to take the half at 8-6.

Early in the first half, Dan Forseter stepped in front of a Somerville pass in the Cambridge end zone to catch a Callahan goal. Later trailing 14-10, Cambridge rallied behind a game-saving block by Jim Parinella, who won six National and three World Ultimate titles with local legendary men's team "[Death or Glory](#)" (aka: "DoG"). Teddy Browar-Jarus, Paul Batten, and Josh Mullen kept the offense moving, catching and throwing goals. However, after getting the turnover at 14-13, the wind carried a Cambridge huck out-of-bounds. Miller capitalized, hitting Dan Patisteas on a crowd-pleasing 40 yard crossfield blady hammer for the win.

Most of the fans were recreational league players. One remarked, "They play just like me, except they aren't short, they aren't slow, and they are much more athletic." They enjoyed the high-level game and were heard to say, "That was fantastic.", "They move the disc really fast.", "I'll be back next week.", and "Those VC Ultimate jerseys are really cool."

Keeping with ultimate frisbee's core concept of "Spirit of the Game", the behavior of the players was very professional and sportsmanlike even when the game was on the line. At 14-13, it was unclear whether Ketting-Smith had got a foot inbounds on his spectacular layout grab along the sideline of the endzone for the win. After some discussion players decided to return the disc to the thrower, setting a positive example for the fans. Cambridge got the disc back when the next pass was dropped.

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