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Somerville upsets Boston in Game 3 of Ultimate Showcase Series

Somerville, MA

On a calm night at Bello field at Tufts University in front of a 100+ fans, Somerville opened up an 8-3 halftime lead and later upset defending champion Boston 15-11. Tufts alumni Mike Zalisk and Seth Mann connected on several long throws (hucks) for goals. Zalisk had an impressive layout grab on a huck from Chris Farina. Noel Madison Ketting-Smith, Steve Sullivan, and Owen Westbrook provided big contributions on offense. Somerville built its lead as Boston overthrew its receivers early.

Early in the first half, Boston's Ben Friedenson delighted the crowd with a 50+ yard toss to Josh McCarthy. Ariel Santos ran down a Somerville huck to get the block and Jasper Hoitsma stopped a pass just after it left a thrower's hand for a point stuff. However, Somerville's offense was clicking, rarely turning over the disc. To start the second half, Boston's Dan Cogan-Drew, co-author of the new Ultimate Fitness DVD, dove to force a turn as Boston closed to 8-4. Sam Rosenthal connected with Hunt Allcott on a long bomb. Shortly afterwards, Cogan-Drew provided one of the best catches of the night making a left-handed stab for a 50 yard gain bringing the score to 9-6. However, Boston failed to score a few times on offense and Somerville converted quickly. Somerville took a 14-9 advantage after a Sean Laing point stuff which reverberated into the stands. Hoitsma countered with another point stuff as Boston closed to 14-11 before Brian Anderson found a diving Watson Salley for the win.

With the fast-paced play, the average point took 55 seconds and the game finished in 1 hour and 15 minutes. Somerville improved to 2-0 and qualified for the July 1st championship. Boston will play Cambridge on Wednesday June 27th to determine who gets a rematch with Somerville.

The fans, including young contingents from Philips Andover and Bedford enjoyed the cleanly played game and were heard to say, "That was enjoyable.", "That was really enjoyable", and "That was fun and enjoyable."

One young fan noted how much she enjoyed watching ultimate because the players were so classy and sportsmanlike. She estimated that 150 kids now play club and intramural ultimate at Philips Andover. The popularity of the sport is growing rapidly.

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