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Boston 15 Slow White 10

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In front of a swarm of local wide-eyed kids gaping at the long high-arcing throws on display at Charlestown High School field, Boston upset defending USS champ and World Bronze Medalist Slow White 15-10 to advance to the 2008 USS Mixed Finals. Several new fans were amazed seeing a sport in which men and women compete together at such a high level. Jeanmarie O'Neil, upon discovering ultimate for the first time, said it reminded her of when lacrosse arrived in Charlestown several years ago and soon everyone was playing it. As a local youth worker, she was impressed that ultimate was a non-contact sport with minimal equipment costs.

Led by Micah Flynn, Elliott Gould, and Tim Cobbett, Boston's tough defense kept the pressure on Slow White's usually reliable short-passing game. Speedsters Ryan Todd, Adam Sigelman, and Jess Blanton left the Slow White defense, looking, well, um, slow.

After falling behind 2-0 to the Boston mid-range passing game, Slow White tied the game with a 55 yard huck from Mike Miller to Chris Farina and another strike from Steve Sullivan. However, a Cobbett point stuff and catch of an attempted throw by Miller led to a 3-2 Boston lead. From there, Boston jumped to an 8-4 halftime lead. Highlights included a hammer from Todd and a stylish inside/out crossfield backhand from Sigelman, both to great grabs from Flynn for goals.

Down 11-6, the defending champs made a big run as Mike Rozinsky connected with Matt Greytak on a 50 yard huck and 30 yard hammer for scores, the latter after a big Adrienne Altobelli block. After Miller found Farina on a 55 yard huck to bring it to 11-9, he launched another strike brought down by Greytak over a crowd of three Boston defenders. Slow White was stopped there as great goal-line team defense and a high stall block by Flynn regained momentum for Boston, leading to a goal to Gould. Following a few Slow White turnovers, Boston closed out the game.

The local kids enjoyed winning free discs and hoped to attend next week's game. Belmont HS player Ben Dearden, dreaming of playing in the USS, noted, "I've got a lot of work."

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.

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