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HEADLINE:

Cambridge upsets Somerville to advance to USS Championships

Cambridge, MA

Rain and thunderstorms threatened the start of the Cambridge vs. Somerville matchup, but the skies parted and a rainbow emerged. Cambridge, facing elimination, and needing at least a 15-11 win to advance to the finals on point-differential, barely emerged too. Playing with physical abandon, six different Cambridge players delighted the crowd with spectacular layout plays. Ryan Scribner, Eric "Redshirt" Stevens, Paul Batten, Dan Forseter, Lincoln-Sudbury's Peter Rogers, and Ben Faust's heroics received comments of "That was wicked awesome", "Classy cool", and "Riveting" from the small crowd. Nine year-old Logan, seeing top-level ultimate for the first time wanted to know how to get a team started at his school. His parents were psyched to find out that BUDA provides free youth clinics for schools.

Trailing 9-6, Somerville's Owen Westbrook started out the horizontal show with a fully extended right handed sideline grab of a 40 yard flick from Brian Buck. Westbrook planted his left hand inbounds while making the catch as his right hand came down out-of-bounds with the disc, a legal catch since first point of contact is what matters. Shortly thereafter, Stevens got big air to swat away a toss to a surprised Somerville captain Mike Miller, leading to a 10-8 advantage. Cambridge continued the run with Faust diving and catching a disc around Westbrook, and Forseter making a diving save on an errant throw. Both needed a brief injury timeout to continue. Seven-time US National titleists and three-time World champs Alex de Frondeville and Jim Parinella connected on midfield hucks to young receivers pushing Cambridge to a 14-9 lead. Somerville's defense, behind a Tim Warden-Hertz point stuff and tough marking by Miller, briefly rallied forcing a couple errant Cambridge throws to get within 14-11.

Having previously lost to Boston 15-11 and with Somerville's victory over Boston by 15-10, Cambridge couldn't afford to give up another point, as the standings before the game were Somerville (1-0) +5, Boston (1-1) -1, Cambridge (0-1) -4. Faced with elimination, Cambridge calmly marched down the field and scored, leaving all three teams with 1-1 records and point differential as Somerville +1, Cambridge 0, and Boston -1. Every point in every game mattered in the USS regular season. Somerville will host Cambridge in Sunday's USS Championship.

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.

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