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The Golden Snidget First Edition

By Teddy

Hot off the press, the first edition of The Golden Snidget has arrived! We are dedicated to serving the Online Quidditch League Community with weekly news on the scores, statistics and highlights from official OQL games.

Throughout the season we will focus on rising stars, as well as awarding an MVP for each week's games (votes tallied by TGS staff).

Not only will TGS be focusing on news related to Quidditch games, but also important news that affects the entire OQL Community, such as staff and regulation changes, opinions and interviews

of players, and special articles geared towards new players. I hope this will be an informative and anticipated weekly addition to the Online Quidditch Community.

A Welcome to All Rookies

By Jennifer

Nitwit! Blubber! Oddment! Tweak! As the new season gets underway, I hope that all of you rookie hopefuls are enjoying your first experience with OQL, as you learn how to play and alternately praised and forced to undergo grueling yet rewarding practices!

**"The beginning is the most important part of the work."
-Plato**

Most of all, I'd like to urge you to always remember that this is a game and that you should always attempt to have fun. Whether this means constantly practicing to become the best, enjoying yourself by socializing with other players, or something else, make sure that you are having fun! Don't ever let OQL become a chore or something to be dreaded.

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Week 1 Scores

Rocs 176 - 308 Ovens

Violins 300 - 84 Rocs

Season Standings

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Ovens	1	1	0	308
Violins	1	1	0	300
Rocs	2	0	2	260

Rocs Drop Two in Double Header

By Teddy

The first week of Spring League 2010 is underway. The Ragna Rocs (Captains: Grace and Jennifer) start off the season by dropping to 0-2 after their double header on Saturday, April 3rd against the Victorian Violins (Captains: Erik and Cristine) and the Easy-Bake Ovens (Captains: Brandon and Melanie).

The Violins orchestrated an amazing performance, finishing off the Rocs (300-84) in less than an hour (including timeouts). Violins took care of business, scoring 27 goals and 15 hits. Dao led the way for the Violins with a total of 11 goals, followed by Andrew and Cristine with 8 goals each. Not to be outdone, Erik and

William (Violin beaters) allowed only 2 hits while combining for a total of 15 hits (Erik-6, William-9), knocking out their opposing beaters (Chris and Kyler) once each. The real game changer however was the miraculous Violin's keeper, Jayson. Blocking 17/25 shots (68%), minimizing the Rocs to a mere 8 goals.

Marisa played a solid game in her keeping debut, blocking 5/19 shots (26%). Jason stepped in for Marisa halfway through, blocking 7/19 shots (37%).

Immediately following Saturday afternoon's game the Rocs gave a great performance against the Ovens but resulted in another loss (176-308).

The Rocs chased extremely well, out reaching the Ovens 35 to 28. Cristina led the way for the Rocs scoring 10 goals, followed by Grace-4, and Jennifer-3. The Rocs had more possessions off of reaches, but the Ovens were able to steal a combined total of 14 times, limiting the number of shots for the Rocs.

Brandon led the charge in chasing with a whopping 15 goals, closely followed by teammates Amy-11, and Melanie-1. Chris and Marisa struggled to find their rhythm, allowing Timothy and Ashley to dominate beating, combining for a total of 19 hits (Timothy-14, Ash-

ley-5).

The Ovens keeping struggled early on with Sujeevan blocking only 1/14 (7.14%) but the Rocs were not able to capitalize, only shooting a total of 18 times. Robyn later replaced Sujeevan, blocking 2/3 shots (66.67%).

The Rocs took two hard losses, but they played both games without their star chaser and 1st overall draft pick, (Jamie).

Looking ahead to next week's games, the Rocs hope to improve their record this Saturday, April 10th, at 5pm EST against the Violins. Sunday's game is a matchup of the Ovens and Violins at 5pm EST.

CONGRATULATIONS to the MVP of Week 1:

Jayson (Keeper, Violins) 68% SV

Honorable mentions:

Brandon (Chaser, Ovens) 15 Goals, 5 Steals
Timothy (Beater, Ovens) 14 Hits, 3 Allowed

A Veteran's View on 2 Bludger Beating

By Teddy



Erik, Captain of the Victorian Violins

What better way is there to view 2 Bludger beating than through the mind of Erik of the Victorian Violins, a veteran of 6 seasons.

"I think the concept should have been postponed until the next season after it had been played more because many players have not adapted to the 2 bludger beating", Erik said, "Team players that have not adapted to the 2 bludger beating are not chosen to play and the more advanced players are taking the ropes when it comes to beating, as we saw in the first two games."

2 Bludger beating has taken some criticism by many but there are definitely positives behind the concept.

Erik noted that "It [2 bludger beating] is definitely more challenging than before and requires beaters to be more rounded, rather than having a deflector and an offensive beater. The 2 bludger beating is resulting in many more hits than before and so far has proven that a team can not win without a strong beater team".

With 2 bludger beaters becoming more well rounded, perhaps beating will start to dominate even more in determining the outcome of games.

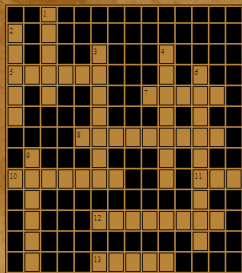
The concept of 2 bludger beating is still hard to grasp for

many, turning them away from the position all together. With beating becoming more complicated, it seems chasing is the more preferred position to learn for new members.

A Special thanks to Erik for his comments.

Crossword

Winner from this week's puzzle will be featured in next week's issue.
Submit all answers to Teddy



Across

5. Flesh Memory
7. State with most OQL'ers
8. John Tracey's broom
10. USA Quidditch
11. Bludgers?
12. Champions of WL '09
13. Booger

Down

1. Scriptaholic
2. Google Master
3. Windy City Server
4. Not this Season
6. Tea Party Refbot
9. Seeker Original Name

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