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Season End Of The World Is Near

Get Deary for Summer

By Erik

Goodbye Spring... Get deary for Summer! As the Spring League of 2010 comes to a close, the OQL staff are busy planning for Summer League! With many things to look forward to in the upcoming leagues, let us reflect upon the highlights of Spring League 2010.

Firstly, instead of just one captain per team, there were 2. This was a change for everyone, especially for the captains. Though there are many different opinions on whether the 2 captain system works as well as the 1 captain system, we have a good source telling us that the upcoming Summer League will be using the 1 captain system.

Seeking also changed this season, simply becoming non-existent. Games without seekers proved to be a first for many as more pressure was put on chasers to put up a greater number of points, and the keepers to block more

shots.

Don't forget about '2 Bludger Beating! Spring League also brought 2 bludger beating, which has proven to be a very fun, and realistic change. Spring League was a great success, but don't put the brooms away yet!

The Summer League is just around the corner, and with every summer brings back old friends, new tests, and a longer league. Furthermore, this upcoming season promises a few things such as more teams and players, seeking (with additions), a greater number of games, and tons of fun!

This Sunday, following the World Cup between Violins and Ovens, Rishi, the Head of OQL will announce dates and information about Summer League as well new and exciting additions for all OQL fans and players. Be there.. or make your friends paste logs!

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Scientists, Hard at Work

By Teddy, Paul, and Jonathan

The #Arcade Scientists are back in their laboratory and are pleased to announce a new game under-development! Alongside, KOTH, Duel, Uno, Draw, and several others, the creators of HarryBotter will be introducing a new game sometime soon.

The Scientists have decided they will be giving weekly hints as to what type of game they are creating. So without further delay, presenting the #Arcade New Game Guessing Game!

Hint #1: Aroooooo

Week 5 Scores

Season Standings

Rocs 186 - 300 Ovens	Team	GP	W	L	PTS
	Easy-BakeOvens	6	5	1	1672
Ovens 308 - 246 Violins	Victorian Violins	6	4	2	1650
	Ragna Rocs	6	0	6	670

Rocky Rocs Knocked Out

By Teddy

Like Rocky Balboa in the second Rocky film where he takes on Clubber Lang, the Ragna Rocs gave it their all in their final game of the season against The Easy-BakeOvens but came up short.

Starting out strong, the Roc's chasing team, led by captain Grace, included Isabelle, a fresh new rookie to OQL, and Mary in their first full game this season. Grace scored a season high of 15 goals and 7 steals. Mary and Isabelle combined for a total of 3 goals (2 and 1 respectively).

The Roc's keeper and Captain, Jennifer, tried her best to keep the dominant Oven chasers at bay. She had a great performance, blocking 40.7% of shots, providing the

defence to gain some momentum in the game.

The Roc's beaters (Chris and Taylor), featured Taylor's first full game performance of the season. Taylor had 2 spectacular hits during the course of the game while Chris had 1. They did their best to keep the incredible beating duo of Melanie and Brandon (Oven's beaters) from knocking out their team mates aside, but allowed 30 hits. Still, the damage could have been much worse.

The Oven's also involved a new face to the OQL game with their keeper Keegan. Keegan played a solid performance in his first full game as a keeper blocking 1/19 shots for a 5% SV.

The Oven's chasers continued doing what they know best, scoring. Amy and Timothy were the lone chasers for the Ovens, but managed to rack up some serious points. Timothy led the charge, scoring 16 times alongside his partner Amy who scored 10. They combined for 8 steals throughout the game.

The Oven's chasers dominated their opponents as usual, combining for a total of 30 hits. Brandon and Melanie (Captains of Ovens) had a field day. Hitting left and right, this way and that, they had their opposing beaters confounded for most of the game gaining 60 points for their team in the long run.

Despite the Ragna Rocs valiant efforts to pull off the win, there would be no Rocky comeback. The Oven's provided the final knockout punch to the Roc's season after defeating them 186-300. But when all is said and done, the enthusiasm, energy, and determination on the Ragna Rocs team has been more than enough to call their season a success.

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Sunday's Carnival Game

By Teddy

Prior to the start of Sunday's game, it was understood that this would be a preview to the cup game for the following week featuring the Ovens and Violins.

The lineups, however, did not seem to follow that notion. The Ovens and Violins both played interesting line-ups which ended up resulting in a game that can only be described as a a carnival.

On one end of the carnival there were the keepers. Jayson started and finished as the Violins keeper, and as usual was consistent throughout the game resulting in a 69% SV, one of his best of the season.

The Ovens however started out with Amy who posted an impressive 11/16 (68%) but was later replaced by Timothy who was on his game blocking 14/20 (70%). After some time, Sujeevan replaced Timothy who joined Amy and Jonathan as chaser. Sujeevan ended the game blocking 10/19 (53%).

Near the bozo bucks corner of the carnival, the chasers were rotating positions as well, where the starting lead chasers for the Ovens were Jonathan and Ashley. They were later joined by Amy and Timothy. Jonathan tallied up 9 goals, while Amy had 13 and Timothy had 3.

The Violins played some new faces this game, with Aleks and Kjell combining for 3 goals and 5 steals. Andrew, Cristine, and the Violins lead chaser William combined for a total of 19 goals (2, 4, 13 respectively).

The most fun part about this game had to be the beating portion.

The Ovens started out with Brandon and Timothy beating but were dominated quickly by Erik and William. With Brandon out, the Ovens decided to stick to their near perfect deflector, Ashley, to allow Timothy to chase.

After Brandon's return, Erik was soon knocked out, forcing Violins to do a similar move, replacing William with Andrew.

With the beating teams locked, Brandon and Ashley combined for a total of 28 hits while Andrew and Erik combined for 16, along with William's 7 hits and Timothy's hit.

However this game would not be a carnival without some wacky plays. There was a season high of 5 fouls in this game, with 4 fouls involving beaters hitting at their opposing keeper while they had a valid approach. 2 of the foul shots resulted in a goal. The final foul consisted of an illegal substitution, where the Ovens chaser Timothy had switched to keeper after already receiving 4 hits as a chaser. As we know, being hit 4 times locks the position that you are playing (beating is locked after one hit).

The Violins took a quick lead over over the Ovens early on, but the Ovens came from behind to out score the Violins 308-246. The most notable hit of the game was Brandon's hit on the Violins Keeper, Jayson,

which left open goal posts, eventually sealing the game for the Ovens.

Next week's game features the all-exciting All-Star game on Saturday at 5pm EST featuring the Wizard Pets Vs. the Ministry of Magic. Teams are:

Ministry of Magic:

Amy as Scrimgeour
William as Umbridge
Christine as Runcorn
Sujeevan as Thicknesse
Ashley as Cattermole
Andrew as Fudge

Wizarding Pets:



Brandon as MrsNorris
Grace as Trevor
Dao as Hedwig
Jayson as Pigwidgeon
Timmy as Crookshanks
Erik as Scabbers

Reserves:

Chasers: Jamie, Jennifer, Erik, Mary
Beaters: Chris, Taylor
Keepers: Marisa, Jason

A final reminder that the all important Quidditch Cup featuring The Victorian Violins and The Easy Bake Ovens will take place this Sunday at 6pm EST.

PLAYER RANKINGS

This week	Last week	Name	Team	Personal Comments
1 —	1	Brandon	Ovens	The entire season he's proven to be a top chaser, beater, and keeper with 67.3% SV, 11.3 gpg, and proved he can also beat last game with 18 hits.
2 —	2	William	Violins	Ending the season with the most consistent chasing stats, 13.3 gpg, 8.7 steals per game and also a very distinguished beater.
3 —	3	Jayson	Violins	Through thick and thin he's been the back bone behind Violins' success, improving his keeping skills even through the last week blocking 69%
4 —	4	Amy	Ovens	Two final beastly performances for the beauty Amy improving to 13.26 gpg acknowledging her as a chasing queen and a stellar keeping performance blocking
5 —	5	Erik	Violins	Chasing he's been superb at 13.3 gpg, but as a beater he's been striking KO's racking up a total of 44 hits this season
6  1	7	Timothy	Ovens	Shined in his last two starts, scoring 19 total goals, and keeping for 70% in his last outing as well as beating, one of the most versatile players out there.
7  1	6	Ashley	Ovens	Continuing to beat like a pro her deflecting skills have been un-matched this season, allowing only 4.25 hits in her first 5 games, but struggled in her last outing.

Most Steals
Amy, 56
William, 34
Grace, 16

Most Goals
William, 67
Amy, 66
Brandon, 34

Highest AVG % SV
minimum of 2 games
Brandon, 67.3%
Jayson, 65%
Marisa, 47%

Most Hits
Erik, 44
Andrew, 35
Brandon, 34

Note: Ranked by members of TGS staff and do not effect the results of the awards at the end of the season.

Interview With a Rookie

By Grace

<@Neptune> Hello Isabelle! Do you want to briefly introduce yourself?

<@tesseract> I am a thirteen-year-old girl living in Hong Kong. I started reading Harry Potter when I was six and have loved the series ever since - it's always been my dream to play quidditch and now I can, of a sort.

<@Neptune> Do you find that being in a drastically different time zone puts you at a huge disadvantage?

<@tesseract> Being in a different time zone does not change too much - I consider myself to have normal sleeping habits while it seems like most everyone else have strange ones - often people on here are awake at 3 or 4 in the morning, their time. It doesn't really matter, then, that I'm in a different timezone since OQLers are always here anyway.

<@Neptune> So Isabelle, how did you come across oql?

<@tesseract> Well, I first came across the MuggleNet chat while browsing the MuggleNet website then I decided to play some trivia in the #trivia room. As it so happens, there happened to be several OQLers also playing at the time. Some of them commented on my typing speed and asked if I was interested in playing quidditch online. It seemed like a fun and interesting idea to me, so I agreed.

<@Neptune> So after that, how many position did you learn? And which is your favourite?

<@tesseract> I started with what was considered to be the easiest position to learn - beating, since at the time there was only one bludger. I learned all of the commands, and after that moved on to chasing.

<@Neptune> You have played your first game, how does it felt like?

<@tesseract> A real game is much more busy than just a practice 1v1 or 2v2 game. I really enjoy the ambience of the game - everyone plays to the best of their efforts and I know that everybody always has fun, no matter what the outcome is.

<@Neptune> Do you plan on continuing playing?

<@tesseract> Of course! I would not want to give up OQL after only one season! Now that I have been a player for almost a full season, I feel that I have gained experience and knowledge which can be used next season. future

<@Neptune> Do you have a particular someone who inspired you to become better?

<@tesseract> I couldn't say...a lot of people have helped me and guided me towards being a better player throughout my rookie season. I am truly grateful to everybody who has ever helped me or supported me, with thanks in particular to the two captains of the Rocs - Grace and Jennifer.

<@Neptune> Thank you very much, anything else you want to say?

<@tesseract> You're very welcome. Thank you, to everyone, for always being there and being supportive of new rookies who want to join. I'm very grateful to all the people who recognized me as a potential player and recruited me to join OQL. I am truly glad I started playing OQL, it's been a wonderful experience. Thank you again.

Ask Jeevs: Quidditch Cup

By Sujeevan

So after the last weekend's games, both the Victorian Viols (Erik & Chrissy) and the Easy-Bake Ovens (Brandon & Melanie) clinched their respectful spots in the cup game, eliminating the Ragna Rocs (Jennifer & Grace) from contention. So far, the two teams have split the season series (1-1), with the Viols coming out victorious. Thus, we present to you; the break down of the upcoming cup game, and what to keep an eye on.

Keeping

Expected to start: Sujeevan (Ovens), Jayson (Viols)

After a rough start, Sujeevan has found his way averaging 70% in his last two games. However, not only Jayson has been arguably the best and most consistent keeper; he's the reigning World Cup MVP.

Edge: Viols

Chasing

Expected to start: Brandon/Amy/Melanie (Ovens),

Erik/William/Christine (Viols)

These two line ups have not yet faced off in a game yet, although last weeks game gave a pretty good outlook to what to expect. The tandem of Erik and William chasing has yet to be defeated, their record dating back to summer league '08, but Brandon has never looked more invincible and Amy has stepped her game to a new level.

Edge: Even

Beating

Expected to start: Timothy/Ashley (Ovens), Andrew/Dao (Viols)

Andrew and Dao were able to solve Ashley in their last game, but look for Timothy to tilt the scales in favour of the Ovens.

Edge: Ovens

Key to Winning

Ovens

Solve Jayson

Jayson has been a colossal problem for opposing teams, averaging 65.52% and the Ovens are no exception. They'll need to find ways to score on him fast and often - or they'll be falling behind quickly.

Viols

Keep the quaffle away from Brandon

With no disrespect to the rest of the Ovens roster, Brandon is by far the most dominant player on their team. The Viols will need to need to ensure that they keep the quaffle away from him in order to secure a win, because when he has it, his true chasing abilities really shine.

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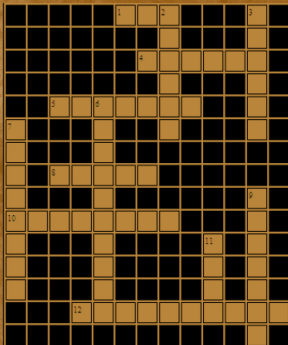
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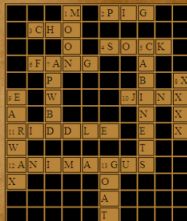
Down

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- Time
- Red Smoked Ball
- 9 3/4
- Non Magic
- Hermione Crusade

Across

- Alphabet Sequence
- Angry Mother
- Starboard Key
- Bulgarian Mascot
- Task one Aid
- Fireplace travel

Last Week's Solution



Congratulations to

Erik

the first one to solve last week's crossword!