

## **Indoor Nationals 2006 Report: The Mainlanders Do the Double Again!**

The NZU Indoor Championships 2006 has been and gone for another year. 230 competitors spread across 26 teams made for a hectic weekend of Indoor Ultimate in Palmerston North.

### **Social Grade**

17 teams contested two pools in the social grade with the top two teams in each going through to the playoffs. The Fraggles from Christchurch and defending champions Gentle Stream from Nelson both blitzed their respective pools, reaching the playoffs undefeated. There was intense competition, however, for second placing in pool play. In pool A, despite losing to Palmy team MUD Lahar and drawing with the Palmy IPC team Mescolanza, Vic Uni under the able leadership of Martin Wilson qualified second on points differential. In pool B, last year's runners up Not Even MUD Ow! drew its definitive pool game which allowed IPC's The Biggest Loser (TBL) to qualify second. In the semi-finals the speed and agility of the Nelson high school students and Quinton Gately saw them dispose of TBL 21-11. Similarly, the Fraggles taught the Vic students a lesson 15-8 to set up an all South Island final.

The young fullas from Nelson got off to a quick start building a 5-1 lead early in the game. Not to be outdone, CHCH came back with a run of points to take the lead. Nelson then scored tying the game up at 10 all at fulltime. CHCH received the pull but Nelson's defensive pressure forced the turnover. The young fullas then hit the pass to the zone for a golden point victory; final score 11-10 Nelson.

### **Social Grade Results**

1. Gentle Stream (Nelson) 2. Fraggles (CHCH) 3. Vic University (WGTM) 4. IPC1 (PN) 5. Not Even MUDeow! (PN) 6. Mescolanza (PN) 7. Lahar (PN) 8. Virus (WGTM) 9. Kapow 10. The Crew (Red) (Wgtn) 11. MmmBOP (Roto/ Tga) 12. Mud Hut (PN) 13. Smoking Dragons (PN) 14. TNT (Roto) 15. Bit Rusty (Wgtn) 16. Dislocated (Hawkes Bay) 17 The Crew (Black) (Wgtn)

Team Spirit: Smoking Dragons

#### **MVP**

Male: Drew Dennehy (Nelson)

Female: Liz (Virus)

### **A Grade**

This year's A grade was indication of a shift in Indoor Ultimate. Champions for the past 2 years, Dunedin, disbanded leaving the door wide open for the 2006 title. Local teams Princess Brides and Oceans both went through pool play undefeated (drawing with each other in their pool game). Credo from CHCH came in third, but the biggest surprise was the team that qualified 4<sup>th</sup> – Hoceans from IPC in Palmy. This team was made up of new students from Japan and Hooky – the token white guy from

Australia. Usual top guns SPY and Psycho Kitten from Wellington were slow starters; by the time they hit their straps in the tourney, it was too late.

The game of the tournament was the Oceans / Credo semi-final. Japanese pace and fitness against the experience and control of the Christchurch playmakers. Credo got out to the early lead and the teams traded points throughout with Credo up by 1 with 10 minutes to go. An injury break slowed down Ocean's momentum but with 5 seconds to go, a floater was put into the zone to on one. Player of the tournament Soki Sato flew in, planted his foot in the zone and stretched to catch the disc. When he hit the floor, the disc spilled – handing Credo the victory 16-15 in an awesomely spirited game. In the other semi, Princess Brides took out Hoceans 12-9.

In the final, Credo took the lead early and the local team, overawed by the occasion, were never really able to get into the game. In the end, Credo spoilt the hometown party by comfortably taking the title 13-9. The well deserved victory saw the A grade trophy travel south again.

### **A Grade Results**

1. Credo (CHCH)
2. Princess Brides (PN)
3. Oceans (PN)
4. Hoceans (PN)
5. Spy (Wgtn)
6. Vic Wildcats (Wgtn)
7. Psycho Kitten (Wgtn)
8. Ship of Fools (Wgtn)
9. Sex Panthers (Auck).

Team Spirit: Oceans

MVP:

Male: Soki Sato (Oceans)

Female: