

Tom's Daily

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A WARM WELCOME

Welcome again to the 21st edition of Tom's Tourney. It has been just a bit more than a year since TT12. Yes, but that means that it will be a bit less than a year until TT14! Let's not run ahead of ourselves, though.

We, the organising committee, the staff, the volunteers, the Freezzzbeezzz wish you the best of luck during this edition of our tournament, and we will give our best to make this yet another unforgettable experience.

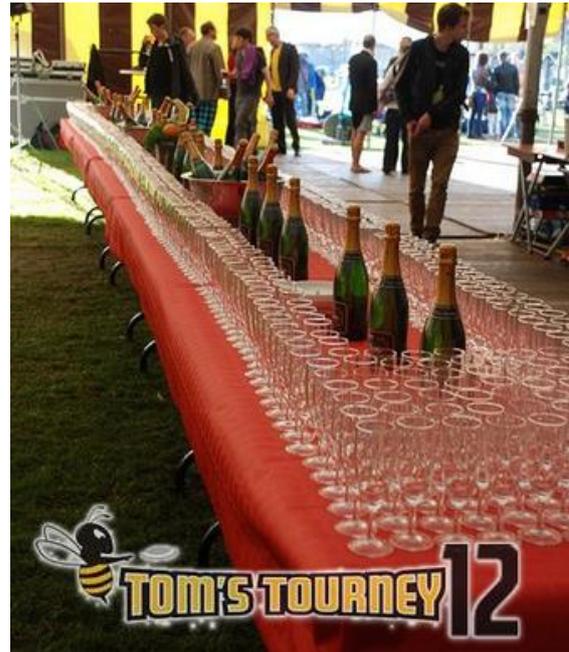
This year's edition holds many surprises and traditional -or yet to become traditional- events. A quick walkthrough:

Thursday: Tonight is the traditional 'stuff yourself with too much barbecue'-night. From 6.30h PM onwards, you can get your dinner outside the big tent. (May we kindly ask you to clean up empty plates and cutlery in the boxes outside afterwards.)

At 9 PM, we will present you our traditional act of the evening. It certainly promises to be very entertaining with the acrobatic and funny duo Hoetchachov. After that, the bar will be open until you're thinking: 'I should go to bed, or I will crash at the party tomorrow.' We advise you not to crash on the party, for everyone's sake.

Friday: Some of you might remember the little party that we threw, last year. Others might not have been there, or others were there but don't remember it due to varying causes. Anyway, since we all enjoyed it so much, we wanted to make this a recurring event, with a little

change to the concept, though. Don't worry, there will be bubbles for free! Each team received a voucher for two bottles of cava. Extra bottles can be bought at the bar for very wallet-friendly prices! Don't miss out on this, tomorrow!



At 9.30h PM, the bar closes, and the party starts at the usual location. More info and the itinerary will follow in tomorrow's edition of this gazette.

Saturday is finals day. Unfortunately, this year, Tom's Tourney coincides with the procession of the holy blood (popular with the elderly who need proper seating). This means that there were no grand stands available for us. This year, grass, chairs and sofas will have to do. The city of Bruges had enough trash bins, though, so you can still use them – for what they are meant to.

So far for introducing you in a nutshell what will be going on the coming days. Make sure you get to see the most of it, and don't hesitate to tell us your thoughts at the gazette desk!

TEAMS AT TOM'S

We've reached full capacity again, this year, although we made some small changes: We did not receive enough bids for a 16-teams ladies division, so we brought it back to 12 teams, giving us 4 spare places for another division. Since Open1 division received a very high number of bids, and a lot of bids from teams with high ambitions, the **Open1 division** has been enlarged to 24 teams, being: Cambo Cakes, Cobra Kai, Cotarica Grandes, CUSB La Fotta, Dog Eat Disc, Flying Angels Bern, France U23, Freespeed, Freezzz Beezzz, Friselis, Frizzly Bears, Frühsport 02, FUJ, Gentle Open, German U23 Open National Team, Hardfish, Iznogood, Jetset, Mooncatchers, Ragnarok, Solebang, Tchac 44, Uprising and FWD>>.

We're expecting lots of fireworks in this division. Will Freespeed defend their title, or is Cobra Kai back for nothing less? How about FAB's first TT appearance, will it be a golden shot? And let's not forget Ragnarok, people... Even beside these four powerhouses, there's a cartload of other teams waiting to take their chance on a TT title.

Open2 division will use the usual format with 16 teams, being: Ars Ludendi, Barbastreji, Blue Arse Flies, Breizh United, Caracals, Diabolic Heaven, Disc Devils Twente, Feldrenner, Frisbeurs, Helgtre, Mwnci See, Reading Ultimate, Revolution'Air, Slijpschijven, Sun, and Zero 51. Both finalists from last year are back, can they reach the game for gold again? Or will there be other teams standing in the way?

Last but not least, there's the **Ladies division!** Boobyjet, CUSB Women, Gentleladies, Girls of Sun, Mainzelmädchen, Nice Bristols, TILT,

Troubles, U23 Women Germany, TBA, Ultimate AG and Yaka. Some first appearances here as well. We're really excited to see how this division will turn out on Saturday. Two pools of six is the new starting format.

WHERE TO WATCH?

No doubt there will be quality ultimate on the whole tournament grounds, though we're happy to point out some games that will be so suspenseful, that you'll crush the **Brugse Zot** in your hand, or quickly down it and get another one when a time-out is taken. This is a non-exhaustive list, of course.

16h. F9: Gentle Open vs La Fotta 01
17h. F3: Germany U23 vs Friselis 01
17h. F7: Breizh United vs Feldrenner 02
18h. F5: TILT vs Nice Bristols LA

GET THE GAZETTE VIRAL!

Tom's Daily has full support of our favourite ulti-zine: **Get Horizontal**. If anyone can keep you updated on frisbee-facts, it's them! Big up!



NOT THE RAIN AGAIN...

Our favourite weather forecaster, Frank, assured us a sunny day tomorrow! It might feel like the Costa Del Sol if you're from up north, but please, don't exchange your cleats for sand socks or dive into the city moat, for your own good!

We won't keep you any longer, now. Enjoy the day, and read me again tomorrow!