



ULTI WORLD

2016 USA ULTIMATE

COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPLETE GUIDE

We're here, the final weekend of the 2016 season. And oh, what a season it's been.

A season of dominant performances from powerhouses like Oregon Fugue and Massachusetts. There have been injuries, some season-ending and some fake. We've seen rain at Stanford and wind at Centex. We have a new term in ultimate - "pulling a Trent Dillon."

This weekend you'll get to watch newcomers like Utah Zion Curtain and veterans like Stanford Superfly. Rivals will clash, upsets will reign, and we'll see a lot of rainbow on the fields.

Welcome to the 2016 USA Ultimate College Championships. The best weekend of the year.

Team Ultiworld

WOMEN'S

POOL A

- (1) Oregon
- (8) Colorado
- (12) California
- (13) Virginia
- (17) Colorado College

POOL B

- (2) UBC
- (7) UCLA
- (11) Pittsburgh
- (14) Chaos
- (18) Dartmouth

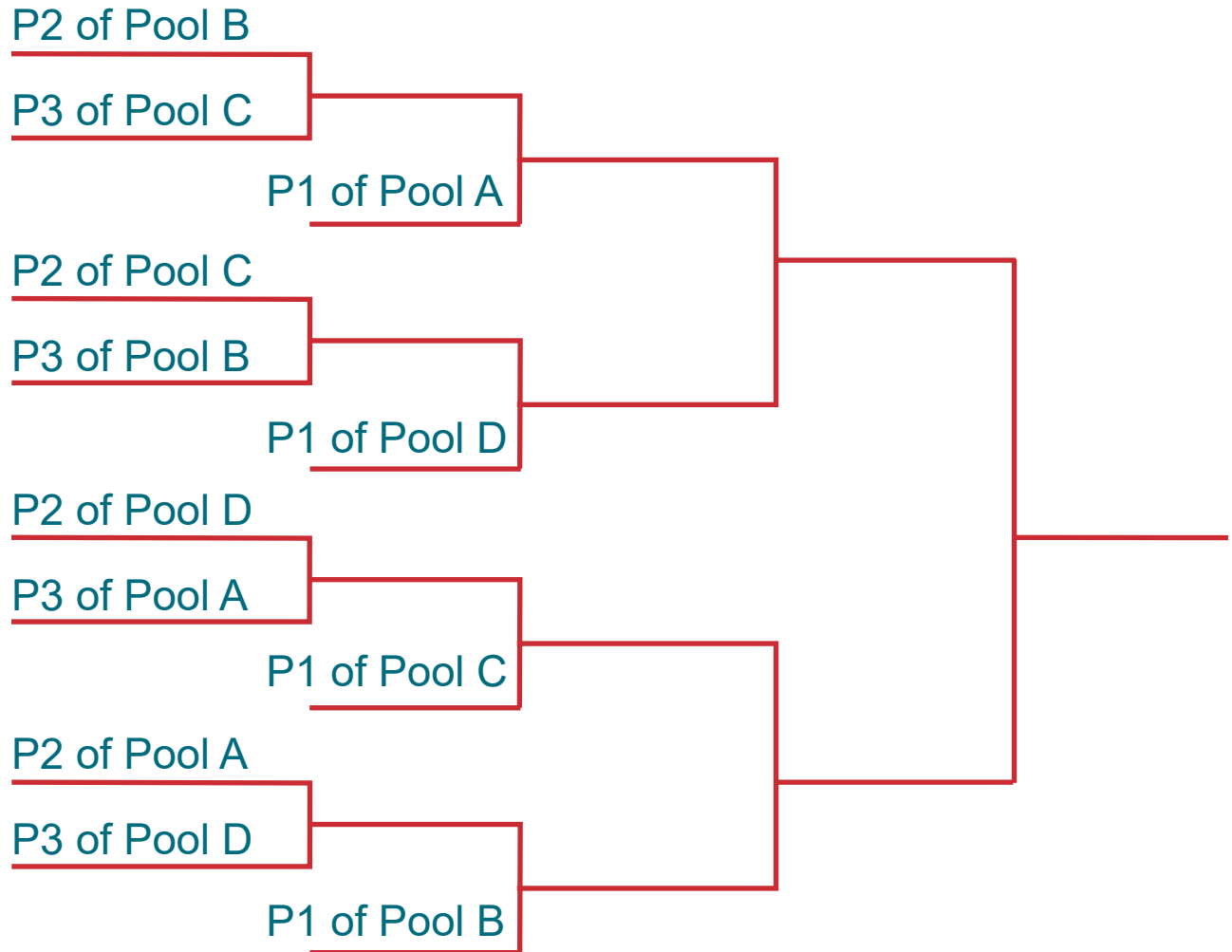
POOL C

- (3) Stanford
- (6) Washington
- (10) Michigan
- (15) Ohio State
- (19) USC

POOL D

- (4) Central Florida
- (5) Whitman
- (9) Texas
- (16) Wisconsin
- (20) Ottawa

THE BRACKET



STREAMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 27

10:30 AM | California Pie Queens v. Virginia Hydra (Women's Pool Play)

12:30 PM | UBC Thunderbirds v. UCLA BLU (Women's Pool Play)

2:30 PM | Wisconsin Hodags v. UNC Wilmington Seamen (Men's Pool Play)

4:30 PM | Pittsburgh En Sabah Nur v. Minnesota Grey Duck (Men's Pool Play)

SATURDAY, MAY 28

10:30 AM | Oregon Ego v. Colorado Mamabird (Men's Pool Play)

12:30 PM | Whitman Lady Sweets v. Texas Melee (Women's Pool Play)

5:00 PM | Prequarter (TBD)

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:30 AM | Quarterfinal (TBD)

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1. OREGON FUGUE (37-4)

[@OREGONFUGUE](#)

STORY

While legendary coach Lou Burruss has retired, his legacy lives on in this season's Oregon team. After a shakier than usual start, they have had yet another dominant season of wins, lead by victory laps from 5th years Bethany Kaylor and Jesse Shofner. Fugue's vast array of explosive weaponry is healthier than any other point in the season, allowing them to better execute their frenetic gameplan. Oregon is gunning for their third national title in 4 years, and they're the heavy favorite.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Bethany Kaylor (#11)

Jesse Shofner (#4)

Olivia Bartruff (#9)

Alex Ode (#7)

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READ MORE:

[The Old and the New: Oregon Fugue Returns Their Stars, Lose Their Coach](#)

[Jesse Shofner's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - National Champions

2014 - 2nd Place

2013 - National Champions

2012 - 2nd Place

2011 - 2rd Place

2010 - National Champions

2. UBC THUNDERBIRDS

(22-5)

[@UBCWOMENSULTI](#)

STORY

Captain and star Mira Donaldson is in her final year and the team's initial class of awesome rookies has grown up. They've consistently been one of the best women's teams all season, though they have a tendency to keep games dangerously close. British Columbia is exceptionally deep and fundamentally sound. With a flowing pipeline of juniors talent, UBC is looking to break in and potentially establish a new dynasty.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Mira Donaldson (#19)

Kate Scarth (#8)

Ellen Au-Yeung (#21)

Victoria McCann (#47)

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READ MORE:

[NW Challenge - Tournament Recap 2016](#)

[Stanford Invite: Tournament Recap 2016](#)

[Mira Donaldson's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - Tied for 3rd

2014 - Tied for 5th

2013 - Tied for 5th

2012 - 11th

2011 - 19th



3. STANFORD SUPERFLY

[@SUPERFLYULTI](#)

(32-6)

STORY

A remarkably consistent regular season led right into a second straight Southwest Regional title for the Superfly women. Minus two star players from last year, Stanford has all the hallmarks of a contender after coming up just short in the National Championship game in 2015. They are disciplined, dynamic, and have a robust core that is capable of improving on that finish.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Monisha White (#14)

Anne Rempel (#15)

Courtney Gegg (#23)

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READ MORE:

[NW Challenge - Tournament Recap 2016](#)

[Stanford Invite: Tournament Recap 2016](#)

[Anne Rempel's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 2nd Place

2014 - 13th

2013 - 13th

2012 - 13th

2011 - 3rd

2010 - 13th

12 National Championships since
1995

4. UCF SIRENS (37-6)

[@UCFWULTIMATE](#)

STORY

This is a tiny team of ballers with an unconventional style they've stuck to for the past few seasons, for better or worse. They still have one of the trickiest zones in the country, and their handling starpower comes from Shayna Brock and Eli Williams. With their own signature strategy and small rotation, Central Florida has been successful unapologetically playing the game their own way.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Shayna Brock (#8)

Janina Freystaetter (#11)

Eli Williams (#66)

Alexa Wood (#6)

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READ MORE:

[Finishing What We Started: How Central Florida Built One of the Country's Top Teams](#)

[Centex Recap](#)

[Shayna Brock's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 13th

2014 - 3rd

5. WHITMAN SWEETS

[@WWHITMAN_SWEETS](#)

(25-7)

STORY

Steadily climbing in Nationals finishes over the past few seasons, Whitman is now laden with experienced high-level talent and depth. They are in the midst of the best year in team history, winning multiple tournaments, including the Stanford Invite, and along the way beating national powerhouses and Northwest rivals. Whitman has cooled off in the back end of the year, but the Sweets are poised to advance past quarterfinals for the first time.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Claire Revere (#28)

Ari Lozano (#7)

Nina Finley (#4)

Margo Heffron (#33)

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READ MORE:

[Ari Lozano's Callahan Video](#)

[Whitman Claims First #1 Ranking With Win Over UCF in Stanford Final](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2014 - 17th

2013 - 13th



6. WASHINGTON ELEMENT

(19-16)

[@UWELEMENT](#)

STORY

Element has lived up to the pedigree of their incredible program, but have had trouble cracking through to the elite tier in 2016. They are 1-13 against teams seeded above them at Nationals. But they are full of buy-in and belief, grind tirelessly on defense, and attack with pace and aggressiveness in their signature small-ball offense. These veterans are no strangers to the school of hard knocks or of success on the national stage.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Nora Landri (#11)

Sarah Edwards (#22)

Grace Noah (#20)

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READ MORE:

[Nora Landri's Callahan Video](#)

[What It Feels Like: How Washington Turned Its Season Around](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 13th

2014 - 3rd

2013 - 5th

2012 - National Champions

7. UCLA BLO

(26-10)

[@BLOLTMATE](#)

STORY

After a blazing 13-1 start, including wins over Stanford and Oregon, UCLA looked like one of the teams to beat. While they cooled off later in the season, the capability of their star duo of Han Chen and Kristen Pojunis to take over a game makes them a potent threat. But it could be their depth - Melissa Kan, Maria Kazantsev, Alyssa Worsham, Camille Wilson, etc. - that pushes them deep into Nationals, especially after a disappointing 2015 showing where they failed to make the elimination bracket.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kristen Pojunis (#4)

Han Chen (#25)

Camille Wilson (#18)

Melissa Kan (#10)

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READ MORE:

[Kristen Pojunis' Callahan Video](#)

[GIF: UCLA's Han Chen Bombs A Full-Field Backhand To A Laying Out Kristen Pojunis](#)

[Stanford Overcomes Rival UCLA In Prez Day Rematch](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 13th

2014 - 9th

2012 - 12th

BLO

8. COLORADO KALI

(20-11)

[@KALIULTIMATE](#)

STORY

A solid season has not been enough to break Colorado through to the upper echelon of title contenders, over the past few years. They've hung around the top all season, but never broken through. Kali has a balanced attack that has the versatility to handle various types of matchups, and are loud, loose, and endlessly positive. With skill players and athletes along the roster, they've had a strong year and are an upset away from a deep run...or huge disappointment.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kirstin Johnson (#9)

Nhi Nguyen (#4)

Jean Russell (#8)

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NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2014 - 13th

READ MORE:

[Colorado Coach Eats A Worm After Team Gets 5 Layout Ds](#)

[The Top 10 Freshman Classes In The College Women's Division](#)



9. TEXAS MELEE

(21-9)

[@TXMELEE](#)

STORY

After barely making Nationals last year, Texas is back in a big way. They won Centex on their home turf for the first time ever, and they're bringing big defense and bigger throws from Shiru Liu to Raleigh, NC. Melee plays fast and fiery, and many think they are underseeded coming into the weekend. With great throwers, capable targets, and intense defense, Texas knows they can break seed.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Shiru Liu (#89)

Andrea Esparza (#5)

Domenica Sutherland (#3)

Julia Schmaltz (#13)

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READ MORE:

[Andrea Esparza's Callahan Video](#)

[Texas Refuses To Fold In Gritty Centex Victory](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 9th

2013 - 17th

2012 - 5th



10. MICHIGAN FLYWHEEL

(32-6)

[@UMICHTFLYWHEEL](#)

STORY

Flywheel is deep and skilled, and has been very consistent this season. They have one of the nation's best records and have been successful at nearly every turn this season. Their high powered backfield has been aided by the development of a stable of strong cutters and backfield support. Michigan is playing with a more defined identity than in seasons past. If they can slow down the game to their liking, Michigan could be a tournament surprise.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Hannah Henkin (#37)

Tracey Lo (#11)

Grace Denney (#44)

Leah Bar-On Simmons (#28)

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READ MORE:

[Hannah Henkin's Callahan Video](#)

[Centex 2016: Tournament Recap \(Women's\)](#)

[Texas Refuses To Fold In Gritty Centex Victory](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2014 - 5th

2012 - 3rd

2011 - 2nd

11. PITTSBURGH DANGER

(24-7)

[@DANGERULTIMATE](#)

STORY

After years of coming close, including three losses in the final, Pittsburgh finally won Ohio Valley Regionals. But this year's Danger team has had their sights set on grander goals after the strongest regular season the team has had in years. Led by one of the division's best trios, Pitt's stars may power their offense, but the team wins by being scrappy and hungry. Few teams are as scary with their back against the wall and teams that don't put Pitt away may find that out the hard way.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Carolyn Normile (#36)

Vaughan Skinker (#0)

Linda Morse (#11)

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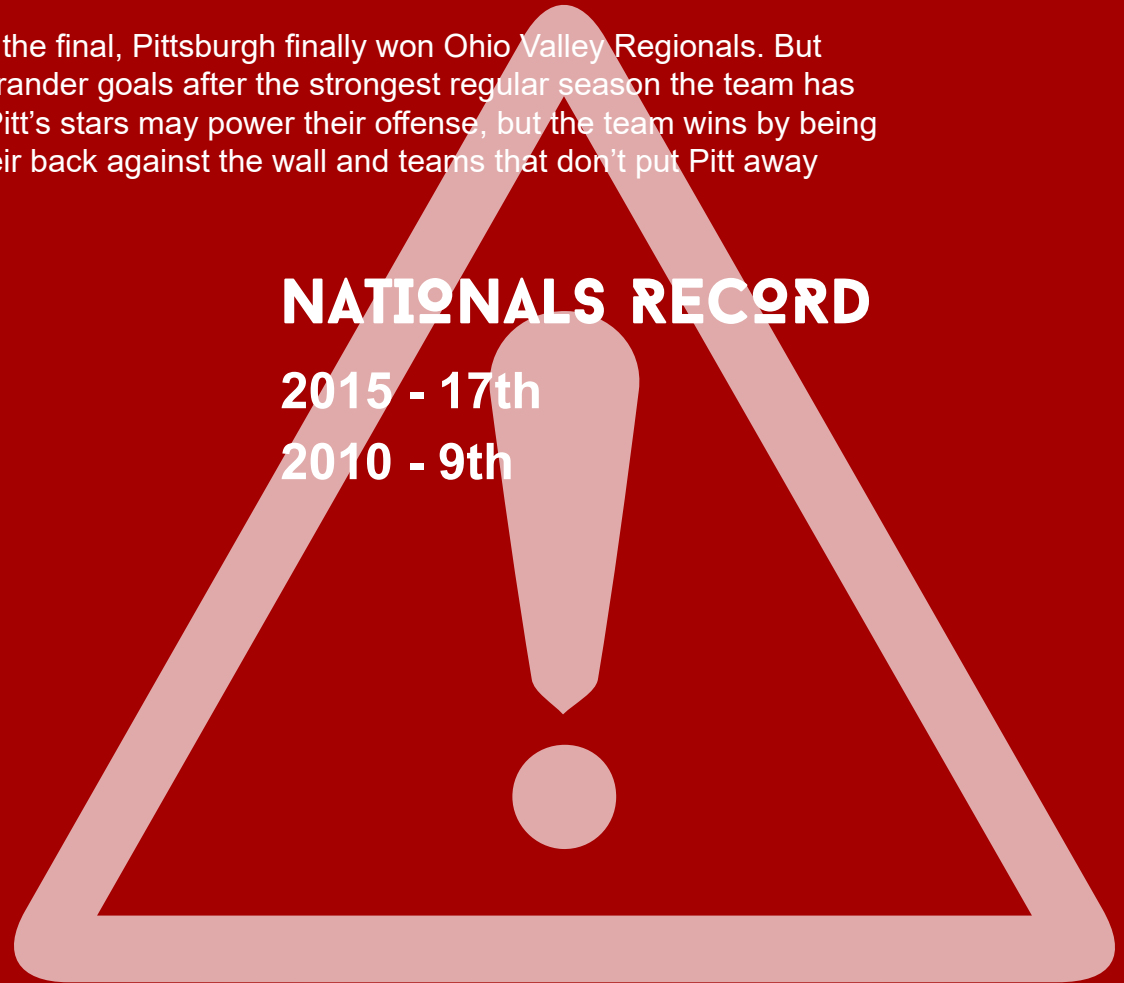
[Vaughan Skinker's Callahan Video](#)

[Danger in Ohio Valley: Pittsburgh's Other Powerhouse](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 17th

2010 - 9th



12. CALIFORNIA PIE QUEENS

(27-11)

[@PIEQUEENS](#)

STORY

A three year hiatus from Nationals makes this year a big one for the Pie Queens. Talented and athletic, Cal has played very close with some of the best teams in the division and represents a significant upset threat, especially when Player of the Year candidate Marisa Rafter is on. But they've failed to play well consistently and haven't fared exceptionally against the field and their volatility is one of the storylines to watch in Pool A.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Marisa Rafter (#2)

Lexi Hasan (#21)

Alison Griffith (#15)

Jackelyne Nguyen (#24)

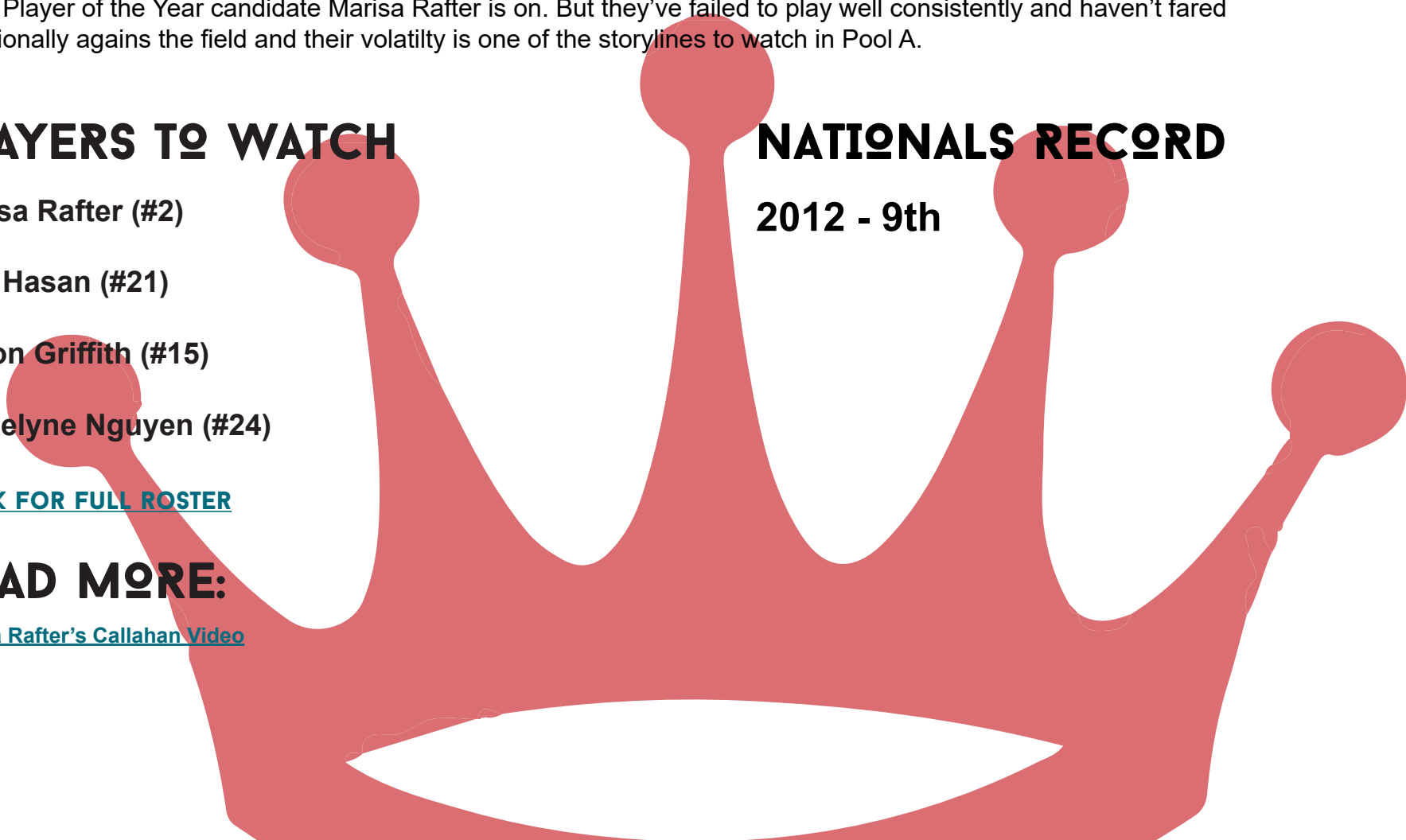
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READ MORE:

[Marisa Rafter's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2012 - 9th



13. VIRGINIA HYDRA (24-7)

[@HYDRANFRIENDS](#)

STORY

Three years in a row Virginia has reached the quarterfinals only to see their season conclude Sunday morning. Now, without 2015 Ultiworld Player of the Year Alika Johnston, they'll set out to do it again. After a rocky regular season, Hydra is peaking just in time to make their run behind a deep, intelligent, disciplined roster. Extending their quarterfinals streak would be very impressive after what they've gone through, but busting through that glass ceiling would be downright shocking.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Janie Mockrish (#7)

Keila Strick (#44)

Tess Warner (#52)

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READ MORE:

[Queen City Tune-Up 2016: Tournament Recap](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2014 - 5th

2013 - 5th

2012 - 17th

2011 - 13th



14. CHAOS

[@WUCHAOS](#)

(14-15)

STORY

Returning to Nationals, this group of students all hail from Western Washington University, but are playing unaffiliated with the school at the tournament due to restrictions caused by North Carolina's HB2. There have been a lots of demands on their time & attention - including a massive fundraising effort to be able to afford the trip - and shifting the focus to their play could be challenging. But the lighthearted and loose team has the talent to make their opponents team them seriously, especially if they can make the game ugly.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Abbie Abramovich (#44)

Maddie Gilbert (#17)

Tiffany Phan (#5)

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READ MORE:

[WWU Team Drops School Affiliation For Nationals Due To HB2 Travel Ban](#)

[Northwest Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Women's\)](#)

[Abbie Abramovich's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2014 - 17th

15. OHIO STATE FEVER

[@FEVERULTIMATE](#)

(22-15)

STORY

It says a lot about the program Fever has built that a “down year” still means a trip to Nationals. Built around strong fundamentals and some top shelf talent, Fever is never a team to take lightly, even when their results haven’t been up to snuff. They have a lot to prove after failing to win the Ohio Valley title for the first time, but legendary coach DeAnna Ball is sure to have them focused, and will leverage the team’s experience to drive them forward.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sadie Jezierski (#11)

Stephanie Miller (#5)

Katie Backus (#12)

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READ MORE:

[Katie Backus' Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 17th

2014 - National Champions

2013 - 9th

2012 - 5th

2011 - 17th

16. WISCONSIN BELLA DONNA (26-8)

[@BDULTIMATE](#)

STORY

After several years of developing a deep program, Bella Donna returns to nationals for the first time since 2013. They bring a very athletic team to Raleigh and are not afraid to ask their young roster to make key plays for them. Wisconsin's team first mentality is also one of their greatest strengths.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Anna Hrovat-Staedter (#14)

Lorraine Guerin (#4)

Anneke Vermaak (#21)

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READ MORE:

[North Central Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Women's\)](#)

[Kansas Rallies Against Wisconsin In Midwest Throwdown Final](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2013 - 9th

2012 - 15th

2010 - 3rd

17. COLORADO COLLEGE

[@STRATAULTIMATE](#)

(22-12)

STORY

Colorado College returns to nationals after a surprise trip in 2014. Then, they were lead by Lisi Lohre, who made most of the team's big plays happen. This year, they have a much bigger bench and that same fun-loving Strata attitude. They know they're an underdog, and they prefer it that way.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Chloe Rowse (#6)

Robin Fassett-Carman (#5)

Frances Gellert (#7)

Patricia Weicht (#17)

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READ MORE:

[Chloe Rowse's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2014 - 9th

2011 - 5th



18. DARTMOUTH PRINCESS LAYOUT (16-8)

[@PRINCESSLAYOUT](#)

STORY

Crowned a title contender in the preseason, injuries and absences led to a very tough regular season. After their region landed just a single bid - in part due to their weak showing - Dartmouth had a monumental task in just getting back to Nationals, and had inspired a lot of doubters. With their talented roster closer to full strength, Princess Layout eked out a New England Regional Championship and rekindled the reputation of a talented squad. With elite handlers and the country's most talked about rookie returning to the field, Dartmouth makes for the tournament's trendiest upset pick.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Angela Zhu (#8)

Julianna Werffeli (#55)

Jaclyn Verzuh (#22)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2009 - 13th

2007 - 15th

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READ MORE:

[Queen City Tune-Up 2016: Tournament Recap \(Women's\)](#)

[Remember the Name Jaclyn Verzuh](#)

19. USC HELLIONS OF TROY

(16-15)

[@USCHELLIONS](#)

STORY

Their home region proved to be one of the country's deepest, and a mixed bag of a regular season showed USC's potential. Entering Southwest Regionals as the 6th seed, the Hellions snagged the third of four bids, including three straight one point victories. They must love playing down to the wire, going 8-6 this season in games decided by 2 or less. That means this handler-driven group is not a team you want to let hang around; just because they are happy to be there doesn't mean you should be.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Linda Venema (#12)

Connie Chan (#27)

Julia Johnson (#10)

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READ MORE:

[Presidents' Day Invite 2016: Tournament Recap \(Women's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2010 - 5th

2009 - 19th

HELLIONS

OF TROY



20. OTTAWA LADY GEE-GEEES (17-2)

[@LADYGGULTIMATE](#)

STORY

Don't underestimate the Metro East Champion. Despite only playing one regular season tournament, Ottawa has one of the best programs in Canada and has a history of strong Nationals showings. With a pair of sisters at the helm and an air of mystery, the Lady Gee Gees have nothing to lose and everything to gain by even scoring a single upset. The question will be if they have seen enough strong competition during their brief season to prepare them for what awaits them in Raleigh.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Isabelle Bedard (#44)

Camille Bedard (#72)

NATIONALS RECORD

2013 - 13th

2012 - 19th

2011 - 13th

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READ MORE:

[Metro East Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Women's\)](#)

MEN
MEN'S

POOL A

(1) Massachusetts

(8) Georgia

(12) Texas A&M

(13) Washington

(17) Cal Poly-SLO

POOL B

(2) Oregon

(7) North Carolina

(11) Colorado

(14) FSU

(18) Case Western

POOL C

(3) UNC-W

(6) Wisconsin

(10) Harvard

(15) Michigan

(19) Connecticut

POOL D

(4) Minnesota

(5) Pittsburgh

(9) Carleton

(16) Auburn

(20) Utah

THE BRACKET

P2 of Pool B

P3 of Pool C

P1 of Pool A

P2 of Pool C

P3 of Pool B

P1 of Pool D

P2 of Pool D

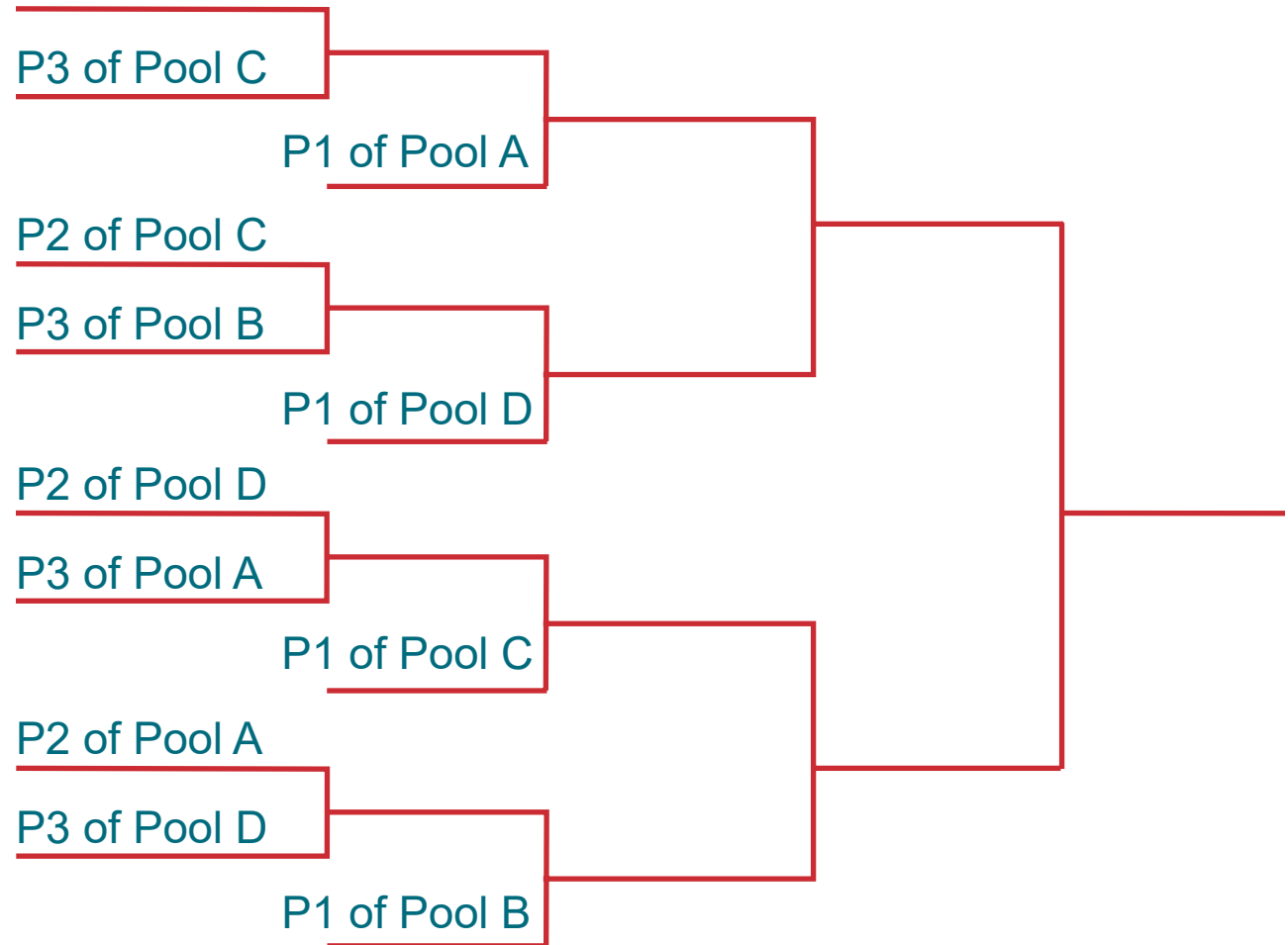
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P1 of Pool C

P2 of Pool A

P3 of Pool D

P1 of Pool B



1. UMass ZODISC

[@UMASSULTIMATE](#)

(25-2)

STORY

Jeff Babbitt and company are back and better than ever. Last year's fearsome defense has only gotten better and everyone is healthy. Toss Rookie of the Year candidate Tanner Johnson into the mix on offense, and the #1 overall seed is an easy favorite to win it all. Incredibly talented is sort of an understatement.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Jeff Babbitt (#87)

Tanner Johnson (#15)

Ben Sadok (#3)

Conor Kline (#11)

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[UMass Blows By Minnesota For Easterns Title](#)

[UNC Wilmington Wins Instant Classic DGP Thriller Over UMass In QCTU Final](#)

[Jeff Babbitt's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2014 - 13th

2. OREGON EGO

(41-1)

[@EGOTIME](#)

STORY

Pull up a camp chair and your favorite beverage to watch some of the best chemistry in the division. Ego's offense is equal parts huge hucks from Clark or Rees to Matthews, and excellent resetting using the full width of the field. Understanding the pull plays are easy, but keeping up isn't. Look for great defense from rookie Xander Cuizon Tice, excellent handler coverage from captain Chris Strub, and bidding blocks from veteran Will Watkins.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Adam Rees (#24)

Colton Clark (#26)

Chris Strub (#70)

Connor Matthews (#55)

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READ MORE:

[President's Day 2016: Tournament Preview \(Men's\)](#)

[Stanford Invite 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

[Dissecting Oregon's Deep Ho Stack \(2015\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 2nd

2014 - 3rd

2013 - 3rd

2012 - 3rd

2011 - 5th

3. UNC-W SEAMEN

(28-5)

[@SEAMENULTIMATE](#)

STORY

Despite their best efforts, the Seamen walked right back into their “badboys of ultimate” reputation this year with some high profile mistakes. The punch this team packs on both sides of the disc is fearsome, with player of the year candidate in Jack Williams, one of the best pure throwers in the division in Xavier Maxstadt, and a defensive monster in Charlie Lian. Wilmington continues to keep it fast in loose when they score, and will have plenty of defensive looks to shut down opponents.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Xavier Maxstadt (#80)

Jack Williams (#11)

Austin McGrayne (#33)

Charlie Lian (#11)

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READ MORE:

[GIF: UNCW's Xavier Maxstadt Tells Teammate To Fake Injury](#)

[The Buzzsaw: How Far Can UNC Wilmington Go?](#)

[UNC Wilmington: 2016 Highlights](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 9th

2014 - 3rd

2013 - 5th

2010 - 5th

4. MINNESOTA GREY DUCK

(33-4)

[@1DUCK1LOVE](#)

STORY

What a year for Grey Duck. A powerful and potent offense put Minnesota at the top of the division early this year, and stellar play has kept them in control of their destiny all season long. Look out for their signature side stack offense, where Ben Jagt and Ryan Osgar have set up shop. Other than stumbling at regionals, this team has put in the work in 2016 --they're poised for a deep run.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Ben Jagt (#4)

Ryan Osgar (#1)

Sam Bumsted (#41)

Shoham Shah (#71)

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READ MORE:

[Is Minnesota For Real? 2016 Team Preview](#)

[UMass Blows By Minnesota For Easterns Title](#)

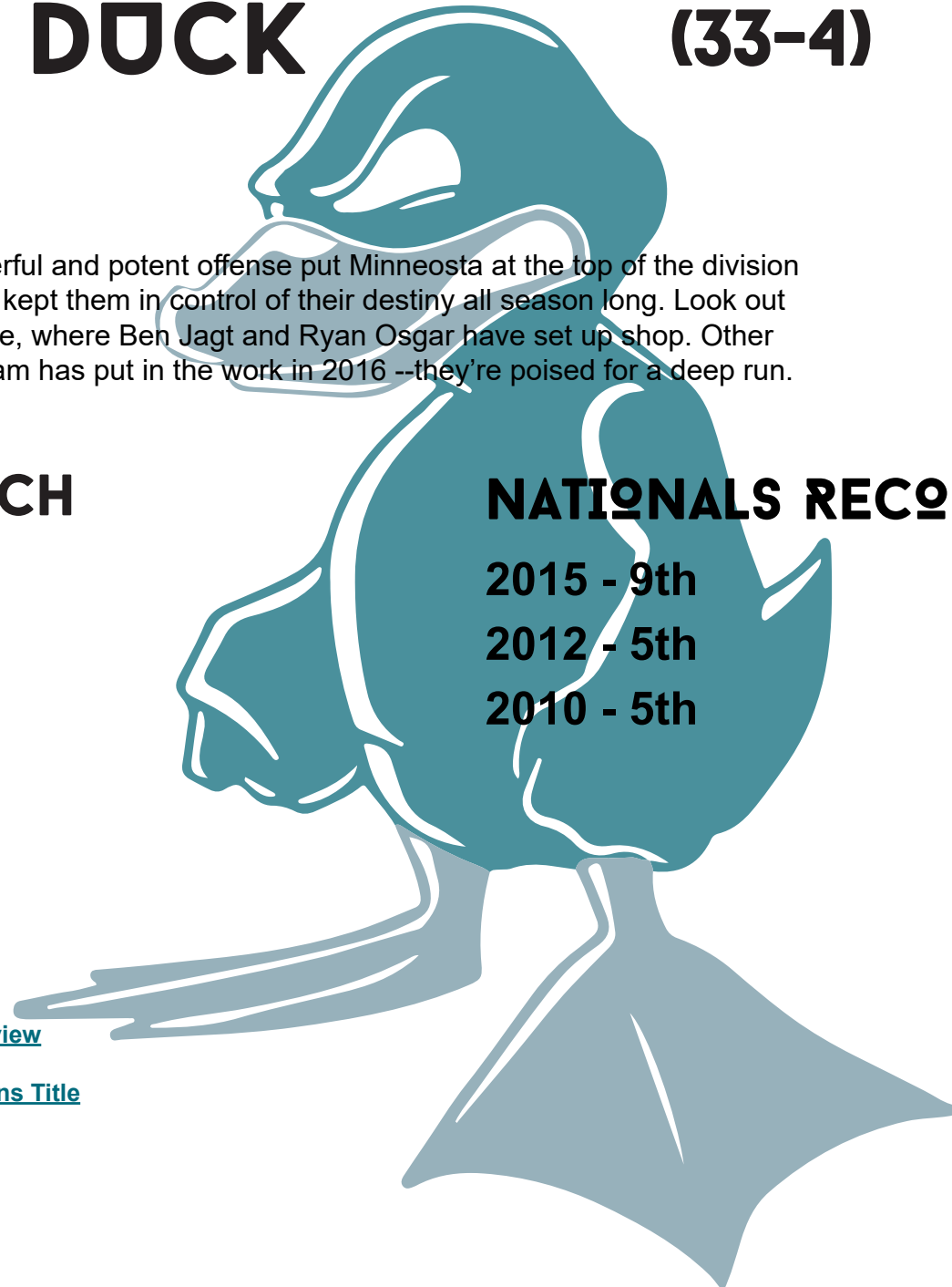
[Ryan Osgar's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 9th

2012 - 5th

2010 - 5th



5. PITTSBURGH EN SABAH NUR

(28-7)

[@PITTULTIMATE](#)

STORY

This is it for Max Thorne, Trent Dillon, Pat Earles, and Christian Pitts. Alongside numerous other stars now-graduated, these players have defined a dynasty since the regional redraw. For the first time in what seems like forever, they're not a 1-seed in their pool and that might just be great for En Sabah Nur. This team has talent all over the field and the experience to make a deep run. Maybe their ever-so-slightly lower ranking will give Pitt a chance to play the underdog, and make on final title run before turning over the keys to new stars.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Max Thorne (#10)

Trent Dillon (#16)

Pat Earles (#3)

Christian Pitts (#22)

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READ MORE:

[The Biggest, Baddest Throwers In College Ultimate](#)

[Easterns 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2014 - 5th

2013 - National Champion

2012 - National Champion

2011 - 5th

2010 - 3rd

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6. WISCONSIN HODAGS

[@HODAGLOVE](#)

(29-5)

STORY

In 2016, the Hodags returned to the top of the division on the back of a splashy title run at the Stanford Invite. Wisconsin hasn't lacked defense in recent years, but as the programs around them have continued to improve, they struggled to field a high caliber offense. This season, they've found it. Top notch performances from Aaron Speiss, Ross Barker, and Sterling Knoche have ignited the downfield play of the Hodags, --all favorite flick-side targets of big cutter Craig Cox. Wisconsin is back, and they're fun to watch.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Aaron Speiss (#22)

Ross Barker (#25)

Craig Cox (#84)

Sterling Knoche (#11)

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READ MORE:

[North Central Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

[Stanford Invite 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 13th

2014 - 5th

2013 - 9th

2012 - 2nd

2011 - 2nd

2010 - 11th

7. UNC DARKSIDE

[@UNC_DARKSIDE](#)

(18-6)

STORY

Whoever thought it would be hard to adjust to Darkside without Jon Nethercutt and Ben Snell may have had to reconsider. Aaron Warshauer has held down the fort in terms of height, while speed demons JD Hastings, Nathan Kwon, and Vikram Sethuraman have continued light up the field. UNC famously hid a bunch of defensive looks until regionals last year, so expect the leadership to roll out some more confounding tricks this weekend.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Aaron Warshauer (#0)

JD Hastings (#3)

Vikram Sethuraman (#15)

Nathan Kwon (#5)

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READ MORE:

[For UNC, Defending The Title A Small* Task](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - National Champions

2014 - 2nd

2013 - 5th

2012 - 13th



8. GEORGIA JOJAH

(24-5)

[@JOJAHULTIMATE](#)

STORY

Jojah rode great speed and a high powered offense to a Southeast regional title just weeks ago and Parker Bray was a big part of that success. Now he's out with a major knee injury that he suffered in an AUDL game, leaving extra helpings of pressure for fellow stars Sam Little and Nathan Haskell. The last time Bray went down, Georgia lost their backfield composure. Hopefully they've had time to prepare, and we'll be treated to a full helping of Georgia's fun offense and stout defense.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sam Little (#9)

Nathan Haskell (#88)

Sheryar Ali (#21)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 9th

2013 - 17th

2010 - 14th

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READ MORE:

[GIF: Georgia's Sam Little Point Blocks UMass' Jeff Babbitt, Runs It Down For A Callahan](#)

[Easterns 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

9. CARLETON CUT

[@CUTRULES](#)

(21-12)

STORY

CUT returns to the national stage after a rare absence in 2015. One of the storied programs in the game, Carleton brings some of the best raw talent in the division to Raleigh. There were doubts about whether or not this team to weave it all together this season, but they earned their keep with muddy North Central title. Justin Lim, Sol Yanuck, Alex Olson are one of the best backfields in attendance.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Justin Lim (#14)

Alex Olson (#6)

Natan Lee Engel (#30)

Sol Yanuck (#2)

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READ MORE:

[2016 NC Regional Final Highlights: Carleton vs. Wisconsin](#)

[North Central Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2014 - 9th

2013 - 3rd

2012 - 3rd

2011 - National Champions

2010 - 2nd

10. HARVARD RED LINE

[@HARVARDREDLINE](#)

(23-7)

STORY

Stubbs. Vanderburg. This duo has been front and center all season and with good reason. They do it all for Red Line. Veteran stalwarts Alexander Hem and Dave Reshef are there to help, and the whole team has worked into excellent shape to put together a solid season. Harvard can reset and swing all day on offense, but they'll need big games all weekend long from their stars to push deeper into the bracket.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

John Stubbs (#14)

Mark Vandenberg (#23)

Alexander Hem (#22)

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READ MORE:

[2016 NE Regional Final: UMass v. Harvard](#)

[Easterns 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2014 - 5th

2012 - 3rd

2011 - 2nd

11. COLORADO MAMABIRD

(22-7)

[@CUMAMABIRD](#)

STORY

Give it up for the boys from Boulder. The team was completely riddled with injuries to start the season, leaving Mark Rauls to carry the load. But Mamabird is nothing if not disciplined and committed to their system. Though the names have changed a bit, leaders on both the O and D-lines continue to throw deadly around breaks in Colorado's vertical stack offense. They built into a sneaky South Central title this, and their fitness and pedigree make them a very tough out.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Mark Rauls (#0)

Pawal Janas (#8)

Wes Chow (#21)

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[Presidents' Day Invite 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 5th

2014 - 1st

2013 - 9th

2012 - 9th

2011 - 3rd

2010 - 13th



12. TEXAS A&M DOZEN

(19-8)

[@DOZENULTIMATE](#)

STORY

Dozen return to nationals with their wizard Dalton Smith running the show. The whole team deserves credit for staying focused and keeping their floor this high all season. Big time cutters Ben Lewish and Carter Hollo get the job done downfield. A&M is here for a reason and they'll play like it.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Dalton Smith (#13)

Ben Lewis (#7)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 9th

2014 - 17th

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READ MORE:

[Bennett's Departure Leaves Texas A&M In Dalton Smith's Hands: 2016 Team Preview](#)

[Dalton Smith's Callahan Video](#)

13. WASHINGTON SUNDODGERS

[@SUNDODGERS](#)

(34-9)

STORY

The Sundodgers caught a lot of preseason buzz, and slowly slipped out of the elite team conversation as injuries and youthful mishaps accounted for some unfortunate losses this season. Still Khalif El-Salaam can do just about anything for his team, and he'll no doubt be raring to go. It's up to the rest of the roster to perform well, so Salaam doesn't try to take over every game, as he is wont to do at times. Look for Steven Benaloh and Tomás Delgado to keep the disc moving, and for Cooper Schumacher to score --a lot.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Khalif El-Salaam (#3)

Steven Benaloh (#14)

Tomas Delgado (#12)

Cooper Schumacher (#16)

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READ MORE:

[Northwest Challenge 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

[Khalif El-Salaam's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2013 - 13th

2012 - 13th

2011 - 11th

14. FLORIDA STATE DUF (20-12)

[@DUFTRAINROLL](#)

STORY

A year after their deepest run in program history, FSU has put together an impressive rebuild season after the loss of program pillars Chris LaRocque and Andrew Roney, as well as a number of other key veterans. Although not likely to match their heights from a year ago, the team is filled with players who have a wealth of Nationals experience, which could potentially lead to an upset or two in Raleigh

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Connor Holcombe (#24)

Bobby Patterson (#2)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 3rd

2014 - 13th

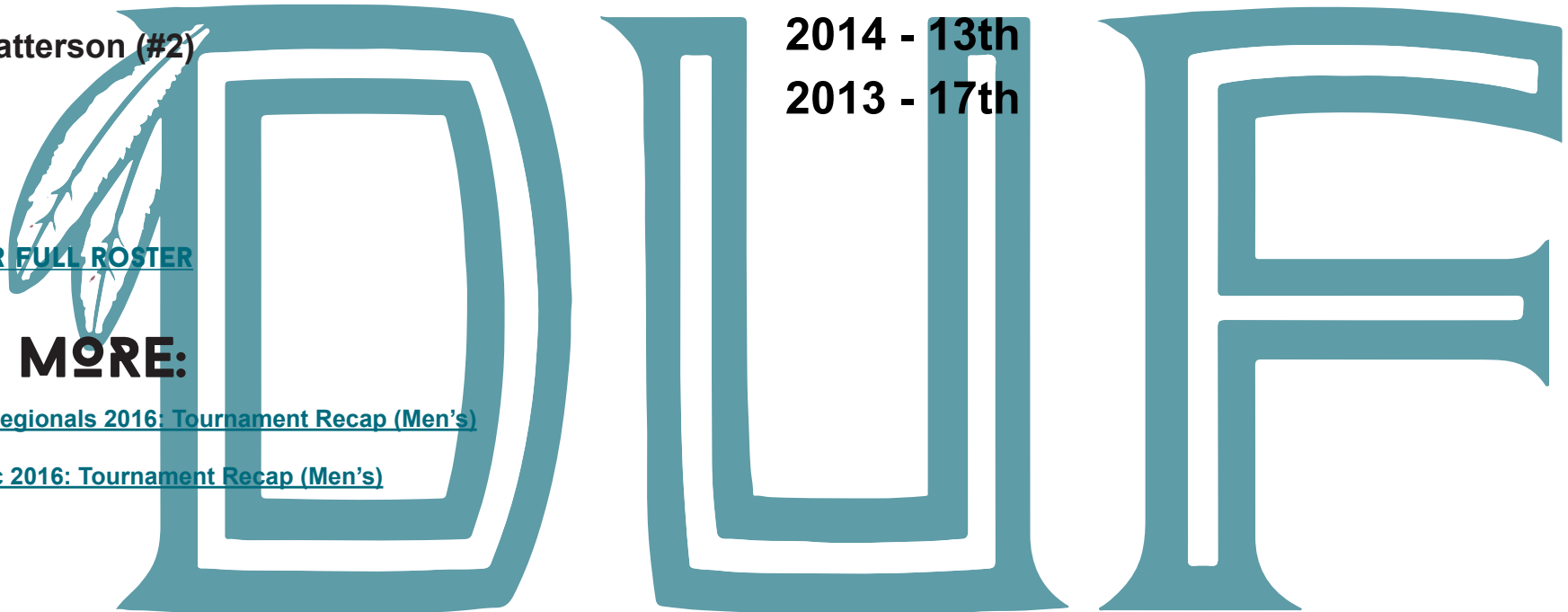
2013 - 17th

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[Southeast Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

[Tally Classic 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)



15. MICHIGAN MAGNUM

(21-7)

[@MAGNUMULTIMATE](#)

STORY

magnUM ruled the Great Lakes at regionals this year, but take that for what it's worth. Michigan did put together a solid title run at Easterns Qualifier this season, but this team hasn't had the kind of elite-level results that define the record of a bracket-worthy team.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sam Greenwood (#15)

Noah Backer (#5)

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READ MORE:

[Sam Greenwood's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2014 - 5th

2012 - 15th

2010 - 5th

16. AUBURN AETOS

(32-17)

[@AUBURNULTIMATE](#)

STORY

After playing in their first nationals in 2015, Auburn returns, having earned their own way. Handlers Ryan Landry and Evan Boecking are among the best in the Southeast. The top end of their D-line is spoiled by athletes like Blake Galloway and Martin Newman. Put it all together and you have a potent combination of consistency and energy. Auburn will never give up on a game. Get ready for unwavering spirit from Aetos.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Ryan Landry (#83)

Blake Galloway (#3)

Eric Sjostrom (#5)

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[Southeast Regionals 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

[GIF: Auburn's Ryan Landry Stuffs Xavier Maxstadt's Forehand](#)

[Tally Classic 2016: Tournament Recap \(Men's\)](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - 13th



17. CAL POLY-SLO SLOCORE

[@CORE_ULTIMATE](#)

(25-13)

STORY

Let the top teams have their “good ultimate is boring ultimate” philosophy. Slocore has made hay this season with the definition of a bench mob. This team is good for high-flying bids, big throws, and plenty of feisty defense. This is their first trip to nationals, and they’ve got the firepower to upset any team that underestimates them.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Joel Anton (#82)

Chris Cogswell (#14)

Nate Pettyjohn (#19)

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[Cal Poly SLO Caps Long Season with First Southwest Regional Title](#)

[Chris Cogswell’s Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

2015 - First appearance

SLOCORE

18. CASE WESTERN FIGHTING GOBIES (31-9)

[@FIGHTINGGOBIES](#)

STORY

Case Western arrives with the Ohio Valley title belt -- the first time any team other than Pittsburgh can make that claim since the regional redraw. Lehigh did Case a favor in taking out the dynastic En Sabah Nur just a few weeks back, but the Fighting Gobies earned every point. With that said, Joe Marmenstein will have his hands full -- College Championships makes for a much bumpier road than the OV.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Joe Marmenstein (#3)

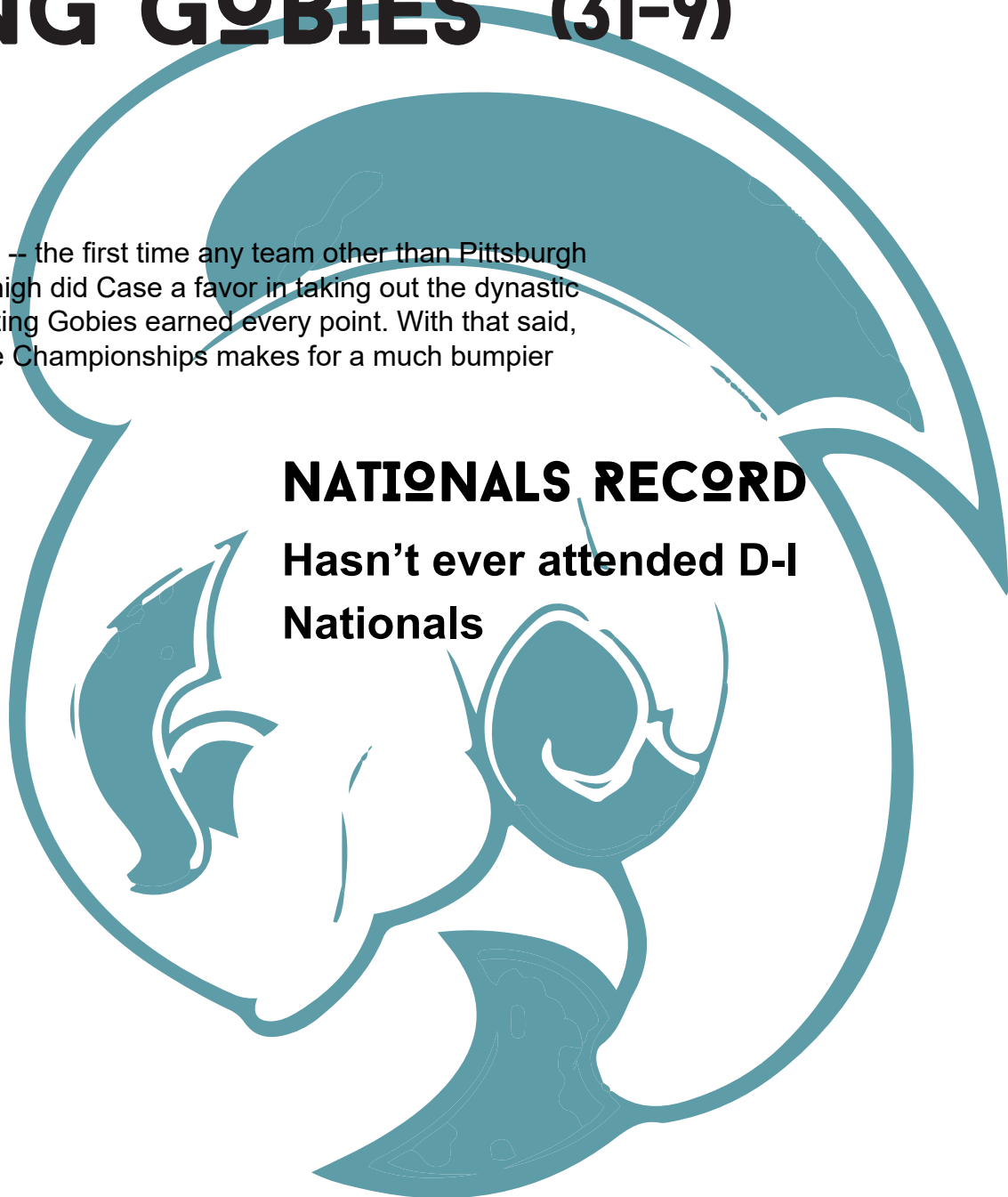
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[Dani Runzo's Callahan Video](#)

NATIONALS RECORD

Hasn't ever attended D-I Nationals



19. UCONN GRIND

[@UCONNGRIND](#)

(24-8)

STORY

Raise your hand if you're ready for UConn Grind to start shaking off the mediocrity of the Metro East. The second to last seed at the tournament isn't exactly prestigious, but this team has worked hard to make it here, and a nationals appearance is the kind of experience necessary to start building a new regional powerhouse. Maybe that's jumping the gun, but they need something to play for this weekend.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

John Wodatch (#31)

Mike Rice (#3)

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NATIONALS RECORD

Never has attended D-I Nationals

20. UTAH ZION CURTAIN

(19-6)

[@ZCU_ULTIMATE](#)

STORY

Give it up for the team that was seeded 9th in the Northwest for making it to the show. ZCU has a set of big cutters to keep things interesting downfield and has been prepping mentally for this chance all year, even if no one expected them to have it.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Hunter Levis (#11)

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[Photo Of The Day: That Nationals Feeling](#)

[Hunter Levis' Callahan Video](#)



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