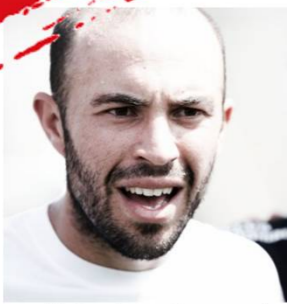


PLAYER PROFILE

Sherif Ibrahim (#21 NZ Open)



Sherif Ibrahim first picked up a disc and started playing Ultimate in March of 2003. Hailing from Auckland, Sherif, or Shoe as he is known by friends, plays for NZ

national champions, Magon (Monkey Dragon). He represented New Zealand with Magon in Prague in 2010 and is also an active member of the NZ ultimate board. A key handler on the offensive line, Shoe specialises in low breaks and devastating backhand hucks. A vegan and animal lover, Shoe enjoys beach ultimate, drinking cask wine in hot tubs and obscure references to Anime. This week he will be helping drive the NZ Open's offensive line and raising spirits on the sideline for as long as his voice persists. Typically however, Shoe runs out of voice after the first game, if not before.



THE SAKAI TIMES



Saturday dawned with thunderstorms threatened, but we ended up with just a brief torrential downpour before the skies cleared in time for the opening ceremony and feature games. After being warned at the captains meeting not to steal golf carts, or play to more than 17 points under any circumstances, everyone except the Japan and New Zealand open teams made their way to the main field stands to watch the brief opening ceremony. The Sakai Sparrow Dance Federation and the Japanese Takio Drummers "Miyako" entertained us, and a few words from organisers and dignitaries led us to the first feature game between the Open teams from Japan and New Zealand. Japan was a clear favourite to win, but the vocal crowd was very happy to see the Kiwis score early on. There were glimpses of some excellent play on both teams but the Japanese really played very precisely and pulled away from the New Zealanders, leading 9-4 at half. Although the Kiwis tightened up a bit in the second half end eliminated some errors, there was no stopping the Japanese team and they comfortably took the game 17-9. The second game on the beautifully prepared main field was a woman's division game between Japan and Australia. Again Japan were expected to win and they pulled out a 9-4 lead to take half with a game full of control and precision. While Australia came out strong after the break and scored a couple of unanswered points to get to 9-6, that was as close as they got and Japan just pulled away again to take the game 17-10. (continued)



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The final game on day 1 was played under lights on the main fields, and by this time the wind had dropped as well as the temperature -this might have helped the Finns a little in their mixed game against the Canadian team, but Canada had this one in the bag from the first point. A huck from Artturi Koronen to a diving Jussi Kituso in the zone brought the Finns their only first half point. Although both sides turned over more often than expected, the Canadians seemed to take more quick advantage of turns near the zone and scored many of their points with a single pass from a turnover. They couldn't close out the second half scoreless though, and the Finns grabbed a second goal before going down 17-2 in just 60 minutes. Mirroring the mixed result, the other result from day one was the Finnish and Canadian Open game. The Canadians easily took this 17-6, with a commanding second half performance letting the Finns score just once. Tomorrow sees the main tournament kick off with full use of the fields and even the weather seems to be co-operating with the thunderstorms not due to appear again until mid-week.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

ULTIMATE

Open				
Time	Field			
8:30	S1	AUS	-	FRA
8:30	S24	RSA	-	SIN
8:30	S25	COL	-	FIN
8:30	S26	USA	-	ITA
10:30	S24	JPN	-	AUT
10:30	S25	CAN	-	MEX
10:30	S26	SWE	-	NED
12:30	S24	USA	-	RSA
12:30	S26	GBR	-	NZL
14:30	S26	GER	-	ITA
16:30	S23	SWE	-	FRA
16:30	S24	MEX	-	PHI
16:30	S26	AUT	-	HKG

Women's				
Time	Field			
8:30	S21	CAN	-	MEX
8:30	S22	NZL	-	GBR
8:30	S23	GER	-	COL
10:30	S21	AUS	-	SIN
10:30	S22	JPN	-	FIN
12:30	S22	USA	-	COL
14:30	S1	GBR	-	FIN
14:30	S21	GER	-	MEX
14:30	S22	NZL	-	SIN
16:30	S1	USA	-	CAN

Mixed				
Time	Field			
10:30	S1	CAN	-	COL
10:30	S23	USA	-	PHI
12:30	S1	JPN	-	RUS
12:30	S21	AUS	-	GER
12:30	S23	NED	-	RSA
14:30	S23	GBR	-	COL
16:30	S21	CAN	-	CHN
16:30	S22	AUS	-	FIN
16:30	S25	FRA	-	HKG

Open Masters				
Time	Field			
12:30	S25	CAN	-	NZL
14:30	S24	USA	-	AUS
14:30	S25	GBR	-	GER
18:30	S1	JPN	-	FRA

International Friendship Event 10:00-15:00 @Athletes Village

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We will hold a mini Disc Dodge tournament in which elementary school kids from Sakai city are welcome to participate and play with WUGC participating players!! No registration necessary. Let's have fun together!

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BEST PERSPECTIVE

Satoru Sameshima (#17, JPN) lays out in front of Karl Moore (#12, NZ) and forces a turnover during the opening game.



YESTERDAY'S SCORES

ULTIMATE

Open

JPN 17-9 NZL
CAN 17-6 FIN

Women's

JPN 17-10 AUS

Mixed

CAN 17-2 FIN

