

# PLAYER PROFILE

Tom Rogacki (#42 AUS OpenMasters)

Ask Australian Wombat Tom (Gak) Rogacki the date of his wife's birthday and he'll probably get it wrong but ask him anything about Ultimate Frisbee and you're probably going to have to pull up a chair, grab a cold one and settle down for the long winded answer. Tom is to Australian Ultimate what Shaquille O'Neil was to basketball or Zoolander is to male models (So hot right now). Gak started playing Ultimate in the mid 90s, his domination of chasing plastic began when he was still at high school and since then he's chalked up at least three World bronze medals, one World Games silver and four Australian open championships for his club side Chilly. Sadly Worlds gold has eluded Tom - however, his wife Anna won one for the Rogacki trophy cabinet. In fact the 6'4 Gak has become such an institution in Australian ultimate that he's got a New Zealand franchise called Kiwi Shane. Tailing behind Tom at almost every tournament is his trusty sidekick and fellow Wombat Steve Campbell. His wife told us at the Sakai Times that she has become the spare wheel. Tom is an awesome athlete - he's big in the air, has some amazing throws but it's his read on the field that sets him up as one of Australia's greatest ultimate Frisbee players nay World Frisbee players. In fact if we were to pick a dream team of ultimate Frisbee, Tom Rogacki would be in it.

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# THE SAKAI TIMES



## Event report - Throwing Disc with Kids

International Friendship Event held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. 50 WUGC players from AUS, NED, MEX, GER and JPN joined and played Disc-Dodge tournament with 60 elemental school kids in Sakai city. Thanks for joining the event!



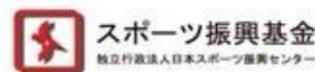
Brilliant sunshine with just a few clouds meant conditions today were perfect for Ultimate and with all the grass fields full it really started to feel like a World Championship tournament. There were quite a few games today and a couple of surprises. First up the NZ women had their first game and it was against Great Britain - a game they knew would be hard but knew if everything clicked they would have a good chance. Both sides played well and the game came down to a golden point in timecap which GB finally managed to take. The kiwis were disappointed with the result but pleased with the performance and I'm sure GB are pleased and relieved. Before today, I don't think any Australian team had beaten a US team at a worlds tournament and today saw Australia finally triumph. The Open Masters team from down under beat the USA 16-13 with legendary Tom 'Gak' Rogacki leading the scoring with 5 goals and 2 assists. By the end of the thoroughly entertaining game there was a large audience watching and I think it was a popular result with the fans. I don't think you'll get the smile off the Aussie faces until much later this week.

Back in the Women's division there was a top of the table clash between USA and Canada on the main field (S1) this afternoon and the large crowd was treated to one of the best women's games I have ever seen. The standard of play was excellent and both teams were happy to play an impressive long game at times. It was always going to be close and the US started well and kept the lead until just into the second half when Canada finally pulled ahead 11-10. This was the start of a great push by the Canadian women and they mercilessly pressed home point after point with the US only managing one more goal on the way to a Canadian victory 16-12 in timecap. Not a great day for the US teams.

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### Today's Voice

Hi, I was wondering if you could say hi to my Dad Chris Burwell playing for Australia in the Open Masters team. Could you please wish him lots of luck from his awesome daughter Antonia. Could you please also say hi to my best friend Jenny Beard playing for Australia in Women masters team. And wish luck to all the Australian teams playing, - From Antonia burwell-Rodriguez- 'GO Australia' your the best, you can beat All the Rest:)



The final game of the day was a masters clash between Japan and France. Many people expected Japan to run away with this but after three points it was a massively fired up French team ahead 2-1. Unfortunately for the spectators this didn't carry on and Japan went on a huge 9 goal streak to really break the spirit of the French team before comfortably winning 17-7.

Tomorrow the artificial turf fields come into play as well with Ultimate taking over the soccer fields for the next few days. The first Women Masters and Guts games start on Tuesday, and there are a lot of pool play games. On Monday, games to watch include Canada vs Australia in the Women's, Australia vs GB in the mixed and USA vs Japan in the Open Masters.



**Today's Event --- "World Record Challenge" Let's try "GUTS" !! 16:00-18:00 @F4 Field**

Try your hand at setting an official world record for the fastest "Guts throw and catch" as clocked by a radar gun!!

**Fastest Guts Throw**  
A test of disc throwing speed under the same format as a Guts game. The throw must be considered "in" for the throw to be a record. World record : 135 km/h ( 84 mile/h) by Robbie Bratten(USA)

**Fastest Guts Catch**  
A test of performing a clean catch of high-speed disc thrown under the same format as a Guts game. The throw must be considered "in" for the catch to be a record.

Supported by JFDA Guts Committee

## YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Open	Women's	Mixed
AUS 17 - 8 FRA	CAN 17 - 1 MEX	CAN 17 - 3 COL
RSA 17 - 10 SIN	NZL 15 - 16 GBR	USA 17 - 9 PHI
COL 11 - 17 FIN	GER 14 - 17 COL	JPN 16 - 11 RUS
USA 17 - 2 ITA	AUS 17 - 5 SIN	AUS 17 - 10 GER
JPN 17 - 9 AUT	JPN 17 - 5 FIN	NED 17 - 7 RSA
CAN 17 - 2 MEX	USA 17 - 9 COL	GBR 16 - 7 COL
SWE 17 - 14 NED	GBR 17 - 8 FIN	CAN 17 - 4 CHN
USA 17 - 1 RSA	GER 17 - 2 MEX	AUS 17 - 1 FIN
GBR 17 - 12 NZL	NZL 17 - 5 SIN	FRA 17 - 6 HKG
GER 17 - 7 ITA	USA 12 - 16 CAN	
SWE 17 - 12 FRA		
MEX 12 - 17 PHI		
AUT 17 - 5 HKG		

### Notice to Team/Players

Regarding to the Usage of the field, TOC kindly wants to ask you as follows.

- Natural Grass Field is not for WARMING UP and COOLING DOWN.
- Players are not allowed to enter inside the Natural Grass Field 20 minutes before the games begin.
- Warm-up & Cooling down fields are available on [S14] and [Athlete Village]. Please use these field if you are playing on Natural grass field.
- Please DO NOT DUMP your trash wherever in/out of the field. Get your garbage bag at General Reception and bring it back to your hotel.

Updated information will be updated on our website ([www.wugc2012.org](http://www.wugc2012.org)) and SNS.

For Wi-Fi Access,  
SSID:ULTIMATE\_GUTS2012  
Password: wugc2012  
Wi-Fi is available on [Athletes Village][Central Village][Main Stadium]. Please cooperate to keep our fields in good shape and not destroy it. We maintain our fields every day for you to use it in best condition. Thank you for your understanding! BTW, DON'T STEAL OUR FLAGS!!

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### ULTIMATE

Open			
Time	Field		
9:00	S1	USA	- GER
9:00	S26	SWE	- AUS
9:00	S6	JPN	- HKG
11:30	S1	CAN	- COL
11:30	S25	FIN	- PHI
11:30	S26	ITA	- SIN
11:30	S7	GBR	- AUT
14:00	S6	AUS	- NED
14:00	S7	NZL	- HKG
16:30	S1	JPN	- GBR
16:30	S25	CAN	- PHI
16:30	S26	USA	- SIN
16:30	S8	GER	- RSA
16:30	S9	COL	- MEX

Women's			
Time	Field		
9:00	S8	USA	- GBR
9:00	S9	JPN	- COL
9:00	S10	AUS	- MEX
9:00	S11	GER	- SIN
9:00	S12	CAN	- FIN

Women's			
Time	Field		
13:00	S8	JPN	- NZL
14:00	S24	COL	- FIN
14:00	S26	CAN	- AUS
14:00	S9	GBR	- SIN
14:00	S10	USA	- GER
17:00	S7	NZL	- MEX

Mixed			
Time	Field		
9:00	S21	JPN	- NED
9:00	S22	USA	- RSA
9:00	S23	RUS	- FRA
9:00	S24	HKG	- PHI
11:30	S10	CAN	- GER
11:30	S11	GBR	- CHN
11:30	S12	COL	- FIN
14:00	S1	JPN	- FRA
14:00	S21	HKG	- RSA
14:00	S22	NED	- PHI
14:00	S23	USA	- RUS
16:30	S10	AUS	- GBR
16:30	S11	GER	- FIN
16:30	S12	COL	- CHN

Open Masters			
Time	Field		
11:30	S21	GBR	- FRA
11:30	S22	USA	- JPN
11:30	S23	CAN	- GER
11:30	S24	NZL	- AUS
16:30	S21	JPN	- GER
16:30	S22	AUS	- GBR
16:30	S23	USA	- NZL
16:30	S24	CAN	- FRA

## BEST PERSPECTIVE

#13 player of the Canadian Open Masters team screams as he barely misses the disc while Fraser Stanton (#66) from New Zealand crashes to the ground.

