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On a windy afternoon at Dilboy Stadium in front of one hundred and fifty enthusiastic fans, Boston took the last four points to stun Cambridge, capturing the Ultimate Showcase Series (USS) Mixed Championship with a 15-14 win. Trailing 14-11 after Cambridge's Jim Parinella hauled in a break-mark Jeff Graham backhand huck amidst three defenders, and playing a slow paced offense, Boston was forced to speed up their game to avoid losing at the time cap. Tim Cobbett, Ryan Todd, Rana Suh, and Jess Blanton hit the afterburners and five minutes later, they and their teammates were proudly displaying the Giant Saucer Tosser trophies from sponsor Discovering the World.

Blanton kept Boston in the game early, outplaying defenders to haul in long scores. Cobbett and Todd reciprocated on 50+ yard scoring strikes. It was Todd's defense which saved the game as he disrupted two potential throws into the end zone by Boston including the big turnover at 14-all. From there, Boston patiently worked the disc upwind before finding Suh for the title.

The crowd was impressed at how well the teams blended elite female players from US National semifinalists Brute Squad and Lady Godiva and the elite men from seven-time US National Champion "Death or Glory" aka "DoG" and younger incarnation Boston Ultimate. Cambridge also featured Mixed Club superstars Marshall Goff, Salsa, and Ellie Graeden, Goff connected on three 50+ yard strikes to Graeden. As Cambridge built their lead, Lady Godiva captain Maureen McCamley and Brute Squad captain Peri Kurshan demonstrated poise and skills in the windy conditions connecting with closely guarded teammates. Ryan Scribner brought the crowd to their feet, flying out of nowhere for a layout block.

It was the first mixed USS title for Boston. Cambridge was unable to convert their second consecutive finals appearance, also falling in the 2007 finals to Slow White, a Mixed Club team who won the US National silver medal in 2006 and 2007 and World bronze medal in 2007.

Keeping with Ultimate Frisbee's core concept of "Spirit of the Game," the behavior of the players was very professional and sportsmanlike, setting a positive example for the young fans. Thanks goes out to sponsors Discovering the World, Discraft, and VC Ultimate for donations, discounts, and production of the elite player jerseys.

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