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Quote of the
month:

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***-Coach Felton in
reference to the
Men's LAX
program***

"Laxcat fever strikes again"

Arizona men's lacrosse players have charisma, but as of late, they have been missing their biggest character of all.

For the past eight years Mickey-Miles Felton has been away from the very program he fought so hard to create back in 1976. This season, Felton returns to Arizona as head coach and his team could not be any more ecstatic upon his arrival.

"We're really excited to get Mickey back and just bring back some of the tradition of the team," Arizona captain Alex Beauchamp said.

"There's been nothing but positive things from alumni, and everyone is just really excited."

Felton has always been considered the mastermind behind Arizona lacrosse, and his absence has left a large void in the morale of the program.

"Last year was kind of a mess with the coaching situation, and a lot of players were quitting," sophomore Matt Duke-Rosati said. "Mickey started our program, he knows what to do, and bringing him back brings a lot of stability not only this year but for years to come. He just brings back that stability feature that we were missing for a while."

More than stability even, Felton is hoping to simply bring back the love of the game.

"To tell you the truth, it got to the point where I didn't know if I wanted to send any of the high school kids to this program, and that really disturbed me," said Felton, who coached at Catalina Foothills High School last year. "I'm coming back actually because I have been very unhappy about the way things have been progressing the last few years."

Felton has always outwardly expressed that among his many recognitions, his personal pride has always been rooted in knowing that alumni from his program go on to coach at all levels of lacrosse, keeping the sport alive. He knows if they are doing that, then they must have had great experiences during their Arizona careers.

"It's not as much about winning and losing as it is 'Laxcat Fever,'" Felton continued.

"I just feel that the fever hasn't permeated through the program any longer, and guys haven't been happy playing any longer."

One thing Felton was extremely disheartened about was the fact that he felt the Arizona program, as of late, had been used as a steppingstone for past coaches.

"Consequently, everything gets blown out of proportion for them and winning and losing then becomes the only thing," Felton said. "It's not the end of the world with me, winning or losing."

When winning was the sole goal, Felton felt like the players could not relax and play the game they love. Felton hopes to bring a well-rounded environment to the team with less focus on records and more attention on growth and relationships.

With only two practices under his belt since his return, Felton knows beyond a doubt that this is where he belongs.

"We're all very happy here, it's a mutual admiration society," he said. "My personality is a little off the wall, I'm not your typical coach and I don't want to be. I just want to do things the way I believe they should be done."

Plainly put, the "right way" according to Felton is loving the game and the team.

"I just want to give something back to the program again, the guys deserve more." Felton said. "Laxcat fever, brother. Catch it! But beware, be very aware, there is no known cure."

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The Arizona Daily Wildcat

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Nov. 5th

Keep on smashing...badminton!

Arizona Badminton Club is not new to campus. However, this semester, thanks to a revamped website and renewed recruitment efforts, the club is experiencing a record volume of new players! As a club, they strive to foster the interest in the sport of badminton, meaning no one is turned away. Armed with a racket, a shuttle, a sense of curiosity, and perhaps little bit of humor, anyone would be ready to start playing.

With that being said, the club also has many quality players as well as coaches. There are regular clinics to bring everyone up to speed on skill levels. Since 2005, they have been the proud hosts of the semi-annual UA Open (or SmashCats Tournament to some).

This semester, the club fall tournament takes on a special meaning as we christen it the Aileen Primero Memorial Tournament, after a member alumna who has very sadly passed away in a traffic accident at her worksite. All proceeds will be donated to an endowment fund, which will be used for a scholarship in her name. The event, open to all students and community members, will take place in the UA Recreation Center South Gym on September 26th. Information on this, as well as all other club-related functions, can be found at our website: <http://uazbadminton.110mb.com>.

Roughly three weeks later, the team will to compete in yet another event, the Arizona Badminton Club's Fall SmashBash, scheduled for mid-October in Phoenix. This event is one of the largest badminton competitions in the state of Arizona-- the club has had a showing for many years running, and hopefully will continue to make a presence felt in the years to come.

So whether you're a birdie pro or still giggle at the term "shuttlecock," head to the Rec Center on Monday or Friday nights and give badminton a try. You may find the game harder to put down than it is to pick up.



(Smashing in action--Arizona Badminton--picture right)

American Tae Kwon Do anyone?

The University of Arizona American Taekwondo Association (UofA ATA) Club is a sports club that practices at the Student Rec Center on campus. We practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30pm-9:30pm, and Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm for purple belt and under and from 8:30pm- 9:30pm for blue belt and above.

Our curriculum consists of: forms, one-steps/sparring, weapons, Extreme Martial Arts (XMA), ground fighting and much, much more. Not to mention the physical workout that we receive from all of the above, we also gain leadership skills, such as: honesty, integrity, having confidence and a great attitude, just to name a few.

As a club, we compete in several tournaments each season, and we go to Las Vegas for Spring Nationals. This past year we took a total of 43 medals in various tournaments, and 2 members took 5 State Champion titles. On September 19, 2009, the club competed in its first tournament of the season, right here in Tucson at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC). Five members competed and they took a total of 9 medals (4 - 1st places, 3 - 2nd places, and 2 - 3rd places). The next tournament is in Phoenix on November 7th, 2009.



(ATA in action--top right photo, Simon Domsky's final move in his XMA form--bottom right photo.)

Make a tax-deductible donation for your favorite sport club

Sport club athletes are an amazing bunch of students! They are so dedicated to the sport they play that they spend six plus hours practicing per week, they pay a significant amount of money out of pocket to play that sport, they spend more free time working at fundraisers to help their team earn money for travel, equipment, etc. Most of our sport clubs are competitive at the national level. For example, men's and women's soccer traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama to compete in their national championships, our women placed 2nd by the way. These are just some of the major trips teams have to plan and pay for. Most of their conference affiliations require them to travel to places like California, Colorado and Utah to just give a few examples.

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Men's Club Baseball hopes to continue success

In only their second year of existence, Arizona Club Baseball tallied 44 total victories to only 14 losses. After losing their first game in nationals, the Wildcats worked their way through the loser's bracket and eventually reached the National Championship game where they faced a very tough Colorado State team that eventually managed to beat the 'Cats 3-1.

Though the Wildcats lose several starters and contributors, Arizona returns a strong core of returning players that will continue the clubs quest for their first national title. In fact, the Wildcats are returning 3 players selected as All-Americans (Chris Tonner, SP, 2nd Team All-American) (Jimmy Westling RP, Andrew Wall OF, 3rd Team All-American) and 7 players selected to the All-Region teams. (Chris Tonner SP, Jimmy Westling RP, Wes Kipley DH, Andrew Wall OF, Matt Marquez 3B, 1st Team All-Region) (Brandon Thielk SP, Rittner Hufford C, 2nd Team All-Region)

Currently, the Wildcats are holding fall tryouts and seem to have very talented players coming into this already dominant baseball program. In fact, Head Coach, Shane Folsom stated that "the talent of players that are trying out this year exceeds the talent level of years past. Arizona Club Baseball should remain a powerful team in the NCBA (National Club Baseball Association)." The Wildcats have unfinished business when the season begins in January. The Wildcats will be in seeking their first national title in their third full season. - Jimmy Westling



(Top right: The team secures a victory against Sam Houston State for the second win in the tournament.
Bottom right: Former Centerfielder Zack DiMaggio swings at a ball in the 2009 NCBA World Series).

October Event Schedule:

Club	Day	Date	Time	Location	vs.
Men's Rugby	Sat	10-Oct	10am	Rincon	Scrimmage
W Ult	Sat	10-Oct	12-7pm	Rincon	Various
M Soccer	Fri	16-Oct	7:30pm	Rincon	ASU
Men's Rugby	Sat	17-Oct	8:00am	Rincon	Scrimmage
Men's Lax	Sat	17-Oct	11a-2pm	Rincon	Family weekend
M Soccer	Sat	17-Oct	12:00pm	Rincon	TBA
M Soccer	Sat	17-Oct	6:00pm	Rincon	TBA
M Soccer	Sun	18-Oct	9am	Rincon	TBA
W Ult	Sat	31-Oct	8am-8pm	Rincon	Tournament
W Ult	Sun	1-Nov	8am-1pm	Rincon	Tournament

*Check out our
website at:
Campusrec.arizona.edu/sports*



Men's Club Soccer hopes to build upon early success

The 2009 soccer season is in full swing! The Arizona Men's Club Soccer team is 8 matches into a run at a National Championship, so far compiling a record of 4 wins, 3 losses, and 1 draw. Wins and a draw came in league play, against NAU, New Mexico Tech and UTEP. The team defeated NAU 6-0 in Flagstaff to kick start our season. Then in the same weekend, took down NM Tech twice. The team was able to try out different players at different positions, in order to get the best team possible. After a forfeit from NAU, the soccer team was better able to concentrate solely on UTEP, who they drew 0-0. Winning these matches away from home is vital to winning the league, as the overall winner gets an automatic invitation to Nationals in November.

Losses came in the annual San Diego State Invitational Tournament, against Weber State, Southern Cal and Cal-Berkley. This tournament was a very good test for the team, as in past years the eventual national champions have regularly played in the tournament. After a spiritless opening loss to Weber St, the team regrouped and thoroughly dominated most of the play for the rest of the tournament, despite losing two more times. It was one of those crazy weekends in sports: so much went for the dominating team (UA), except for the scoring. Overall, much team growth and experience came out of the adversity experienced in the tournament. The club took two teams to the tournament in order to get everyone involved and see some serious competition against the same teams that will stand in-front of a national title.

Next the team will turn its attention to in-state rival, ASU. ASU is the top competition in the region and every match against them is an all-out battle to the final whistle. Victories in these rivalry games is critical for seeding in the region tournament. This year it is more important as it will again be important to establish in-state dominance as the team travels to ASU this coming weekend. The team is prepared to hold down the strong efforts of the Sun Devils as they will be looking to avenge 5-2, 1-0, and 3-0 losses to Arizona last season.

Things are heating up for the Arizona Men's Club Soccer team. The next home games are the weekend of October 16-18. Game times are 10/16 at 7:30 p.m. vs. ASU and 10/18 at 9:00 a.m. vs. NMSU. The team will need all the fan support as they can get for these exciting regional matches. Games are played at Rincon Vista Complex, at 15th and Plummer Ave.

Please visit the team's website: www.arizonamenssoccer.com for more information.