

**THE BIRTH AND EARLY YEARS OF
“WEST COAST ULTIMATE”
1974-1976 | 1977-1979 | 1980-1982**

as of 11/13/11

As part of my www.ultimatehistory.com website, I am compiling detailed information about the very early years of Ultimate on the West Coast including California, Oregon and Washington teams and players (both Open and Women’s). Also included are lists of California tournaments. I am working with Tom ‘TK’ Kennedy, and we would appreciate all the help we can get. Please review the information in the next few pages and let us know if you can update or correct anything.

*And yes we would love any **team photos** you have of West Coast teams during this timeframe.*

ERA	YEARS	TEAMS		TOURNEYS
Birth	1974-1976	Northern California Clingons Flying Disc Artists UFOs Oregon Dark Star	Southern California SB Disc Connection Foothill Free Flyers Washington	Wham-O WFDC
Early Development	1977-1979	Northern California Arnold Rangers Berkeley Humboldt Buds Chabot Clingons Flying Disc Artists The Jam ('79) Orange Sunshine Stanford UFOS UC Davis Dogs Chico Airheads Oregon Dark Star Funhogs Low Flying Ducks Slugs	Southern California Condors Foothill Free Flyers Hot Sox La Mirada Wizaards Mudsharks Pacific Coast Floaters SDSU The Ultimate Dogs UCSD Washington Windjammers	Western Regionals Cal States NCUFL Humboldt Harvest Solstice
Maturing	1980-1982	Northern California Arnold Rangers Berkeley Flying Circus Humboldt Buds Chabot Disc Magicians The Jam ('80) KAOS Stanford UC Davis Dogs Chico Airheads The Source Oregon Dark Star Funhogs Low Flying Ducks Slugs Nuts	Southern California Condors Flo Hot Sox La Mirada Wizaards Midland Muff Mudsharks SDSU The Ultimate Dogs UCSD Orange Skymonsters Washington Windjammers	Western Regionals Cal States NCUFL Humboldt Harvest Solstice Santa Barbara Classic

WEST COAST TEAMS 1975 - 1976

Note: Ultimate 'Hall of Fame' *Open Player* Inductees shown in [blue](#).

TEAM	LOCATION	TEAM YEARS	NOTABLE PLAYERS 1975-1976
S.J. Clingons	San Jose, CA	1976 - ????	David Barkan , Bebe Wolf, Grant Evans, Joe Nardini, Greg Ward
S.B. Disc Connection (became Condors)	Santa Barbara, CA	1975 - 1976	Tom 'TK' Kennedy , Bart Merrill, Tom Shepherd, John Schmechel , Greg 'Greggo' Sharp
S.F. Flying Disc Artists	San Francisco, CA	1976 - ????	Tony Zweig, Peter Martin, et al
S.D. Free Flyers	San Diego, CA	1976 - ????	Kelly Leonard, John Kirkland, Cliff Marhoefer, Rick LeBeau, Hunter Scott, Ed Noble, Pete Hembrow, Dave Ragland, Chris Perry
L.A. Foothill *	Los Angeles, CA	1976 - ????	Dan 'Stork' Roddick , Al Bonopane, Irv Kalb
UFOS United Flyers of Sonoma	Sonoma, CA (Sonoma State)	1976 - 1979	Don Vaughn, Jonathan Wolfson, Evan David, Corey Basso, Billy Caplan

* In early 1976 a team called the LA Frisbee Club existed that played some Ultimate but focused more on Frisbee events. This team played the Condors in the spring 1976 at La Cañada HS (video exists of game). Foothill formed out of this team in the summer /fall of 1976.

Note: The biggest difference between the start of Ultimate in the Northeast vs the West was the dominance of college teams in the NE and the mix of club and college teams in the West.

[Link to Article by Tom 'TK' Kennedy:](#)

Birth of Santa Barbara and SoCal Ultimate and the UPA

<http://www.santabarbaraultimate.com/Pg/SBstart.html>

Definitions Used:

Team – Played in multiple tournaments most years during the selected time period.

(note: All-Star teams that only played once a year are not included.)

Notable Player - Usually played every game during the time period and had a significant impact on the outcome of most games.

Maximum of 12 notable players per time period.

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WEST COAST TEAMS 1977 - 1979

Note: Number of national championships won by team shown with *no. of asterisks*.

Note: Ultimate 'Hall of Fame' *Open Player* Inductees shown in [blue](#).

TEAM	LOCATION	TEAM YEARS	NOTABLE PLAYERS 1977-1979
Arnold Rangers	Arnold, CA	1978 - 1983	Rodney Babcock
Berkeley (aka Ents in '79)	Berkeley, CA	1977 - 1979	Don Wroblewski, Walter White, Frank Morrow, Steve Gottlieb, Alan Finkelstein, Damien Lambros, Neal Hoellwarth, Gary Fusco
Buds Humboldt State	Arcata, CA	1978 - present	Dave Claycomb, Kent Mayell, Chuck Dressel, Jon Nakae, George Dudley, Steve Hill
Chabot 101st Airborne	Livermore, CA	1979 - 1988	Pat Pohl, Ken Foote, Bob Throckmorton, Rob Strout, Ed Jessup, Brian Springer
Chico Airheads	Chico, CA	? - ?	Larry Imperiale, Jim Terhorst
Clingons	San Jose, CA	1976 - 1980	David Barkan , Bebe Wolf, Grant Evans, Joe Nardini, Finlay Waugh
Condors**	Santa Barbara, CA	1977 - present	Tom 'TK' Kennedy , Bart Merrill, Cliff Marhoefer, John Schmechel , Greg 'Greggo' Sharp, Kip Harmer, Paul Hooston, Bill Clark, Steve Fisher, Mike Mininni
Dark Star	Eugene, OR	1977 - 1988	Tim Moloney, Johnny Moloney, Tom Livernois, Henry Callahan, Joe Millon, Hans Petersen, Doug Voderberg
S.F. Flying Disc Artists	San Francisco, CA	1976 - 1979	Tony Zweig, Peter Martin, et al
Foothill	Los Angeles, CA	1977 - 1979	Irv Kalb , Dan 'Stork' Roddick , Al Bonopane, Charlie Duvall, Peter Eliof (sp?)
Free Flyers	San Diego, CA	1976 - 1979	Pete Hembrow, Ed Noble, Hunter Scott, Dave Ragland, Don Wallace, Dominick Grossi, Geoff Smith, Jimmy Gareri, Chris Perry, Rick LeBeau, Mark Dixon
Funhogs	Portland, OR	1978 - ????	Irwin Mulnick, Steve 'Yac' Ellis, Todd Stevens, Greg Fajer, Sam Cunliff
Hot Sox	Woodland Hills, CA	1977 - 1982	Ron Fiala, Gary Fiala, Matt Ferguson, Bruce Allison, Scott Allison, Irv Kalb , Keay Nakae, Steve Youngerman, Brian O'Donnell, Herb Von Winkleman
The Jam	SF South Bay, CA	1979 - 1981	David Barkan , Tommy Conlon, Matt Williamson, Mark Honerkamp, Mike Becker
La Mirada Ethereal Wizzards	La Mirada, CA	1977 - 1981	Dan Mangone, Henry Robinson, Cort Guthrie, Rod Kirkbride, Randy Aiu, John Robinson, Charlie Mott, Russ Rinner, Art Rodriguez, Sean Sheldon, Tony Ginario, Tom Hughes
Low Flying Ducks	Eugene, OR	1978 - 1980	Henry Callahan, Hans Peterson, Steve Mace, Jeff Lewis, 'Jowler' Bill Lindsey, Sean 'the Claw' ???
Mudsharks	Irvine, CA	1979 - 1983	Rich Lee, Dick Sandness, John Witt, Bob Woodruff, Drew Long, Dave & Nancy Smythe, Mark Williams, Glen Alona, Steve Gelsinger
Good Times (then Santa Cruz)	Santa Cruz, CA	1977 - 1979	Tom Schot, Chris Grenier, George Maple, Gene Lytle, Ken Westerfield, Rod ?, Peter W?, Bob ?, Peter ?
Pacific Coast Floaters	Venice, CA	1977 - 1978	Jan Sobel, John 'Z' Weyand, Gary Perlberg, Don Hoskins, Galen Preston, Jay Brady, Michael Casey, P.J. Callender, Jim 'Gus' Emerson
Slugs	Corvallis, OR	1978 - >1985	
Stanford Univ.	Palo Alto, CA	1978 - present	Finlay Waugh, Bob Sick, Shep Kinsman, Mike Grace, Tom 'Mouse' Tolles, Chip Burns, Tony Shearhan, Mike 'Grande' Biggar, Dave

			Robertson, Al Bol, Brad Paulfrey, Matt O'Connor
UFOS (coed) United Flyers of Sonoma	Sonoma, CA	1976 - 1979	Corey Basso, Evan David, John Wright, Mark Dixon, Michele Pezzoli, Don Vaughn
The Ultimate Dogs	Glendale, CA	1977 - 1982	Buddy Steele, Bob Gagliano, Neal Swaney, Ron Barbato, Richard Penniall, Art Munch
UC Davis Dogs	Davis, CA	1977 - present	Mark Claycomb,
UCSD	San Diego, CA	1979 - present	
Whizbo	SoCal, CA	~1978 - ????	Jan Sobel
Windjammers	Seattle, WA	<1979 - ????	Bill Nye

CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENTS 1977-1979

WESTERN REGIONALS 1977-1979

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CHAMPION/ RUNNER-UP	TEAMS
Apr. 1977	Western Regionals	UC Irvine	Condors/ Foothill	(? teams) Condors, Foothill, Hot Sox, Free Flyers, La Mirada, Pacific Coast Floaters?, Berkeley, Whizbo, San Jose Clingons
Apr. 1978	Western Regionals	Stanford	Condors/ Foothill	(16 teams) Condors, Foothill, Stanford, Northwind, Free Flyers, La Mirada, Hot Sox, Berkeley, Flying Disc Artists, Dark Star, Humboldt Buds, Windjammers
Apr. 1979	Western Regionals	UC Santa Barbara	Condors/ Berkeley Ents	(14 teams) Condors, Foothill (Midland), Clingons, Hot Sox, Berkeley Ents, Free Flyers, La Mirada, Stanford, UC Davis, Windjammers, Flying Disc Artists, Dark Star, Univ. of Mars, Boulder Chinooks, Humboldt Buds



CAL STATES 1977-1979

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CHAMPION/ RUNNER-UP	TEAMS
1977	Cal States	San Jose	Foothill / Condors	(? teams) Condors, Foothill, Berkeley, Clingons
1978	Cal States	San Jose?	??? / ???	(? teams) Condors, Foothill, Berkeley, Flying Disc Artists, Clingons, The Ultimate Dogs, Dark Star?, Humboldt Buds
Dec. 1979	Cal States	San Jose	Berkeley / Condors A	(? teams) Condors, Foothill, Clingons, Berkeley, Flying Disc Artists, The Ultimate Dogs, Dark Star, Humboldt Buds

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ULTIMATE FRISBEE LEAGUE (NCUFL) 1977-1979

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CHAMPION/ RUNNER-UP	TEAMS
1978	NCUFL	Berkeley, CA	Flying Disc Artists / Berkeley Ultimate	(? teams) Flying Disc Artists, Berkeley
1979	NCUFL	?	Flying Disc Artists / ???	(? teams) Flying Disc Artists, Clingons, Berkeley Ents

WEST COAST TEAMS 1980 - 1982

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TEAM	LOCATION	TEAM YEARS	NOTABLE PLAYERS 1980-1982
Arnold Rangers	Arnold, CA	1978 - ????	Rodney Babcock
Berkeley Flying Circus (from Berkeley)	Berkeley, CA	1980 - 1982	Danny Weiss , Mike McQuillen, Tony Zweig, Peter Martin, Rick Piras, Harvey Edwards , Roger Shepard, 'Jersey' Joe Hewitson, Jonathan Wolfson, Finlay Waugh, Joe Eto, Pete Farricker, Frank Morrow
Buds (Humboldt State U)	Arcata, CA	1978 - present	Dave Claycomb, Scott Conrad, Jim Doohan, Chuck Dressel, George Dudley, Steve Hill, Tom MacDonald (deceased), Kent Mayell, Jon Nakae, Dan Opalach
Chabot 101st Airborne	Livermore, CA	1979 - ????	Chris 'Rojo' Waters, Tom Haynes, Dave Hill, Kerry Karter
Condors*	Santa Barbara, CA	1977 - present	Tom 'TK' Kennedy , Bob Austin, Marty Crowe, Jeff Hirsch, Tom Lewis, Keay Nakae, Ted Roach, Doug Saulter, John Schmechel , Bart Merrill, Dan Schradermeier, Cliff Marhoefer, Johnny 'Sky' Olcott, Curtis Weeks, Jim Kruidenier
Dark Star	Eugene, OR	1976 - 1988	Tim Moloney, Johnny Moloney, Henry Callahan, Tom Livernois, 'Billy Mac' McAvoy
Disc Magicians	Santa Cruz, CA	1980 - ~1982	Gene Lytle, Mike Abbey, Ken ?, Steve & Chris Meyers
Flo	San Diego, CA	1979 - 1984	Don Vaughn, Tom Peil, Carmen 'Carmine' Scoppettuolo, Kevin 'Nooch' Prickett, Jimmy Gareri, Duane Trares, Jeff Lewis, Jason Schoenfeld, Tim Knoll, Rick Filly, Pete Schmalenburger, Don Wallace
Funhogs	Portland, OR	1978 - ????	Irwin Mulnick, Steve 'Yac' Ellis, Todd Stevens, Doug Voderberg, Greg Fajer, Sam Cunliff
The Jam	SF South Bay, CA	1979 - 1981	
KAOS	Santa Cruz, CA	1980 - ????	David Muñoz, Jim Miller, Dan Hassid, Peter Chase, Alan Friedman, Marty Herkenhoff, David Discher, Rick Hanford, Craig Drizin, Peter Artusio, Bob Montes, Mike Barreda
Mudsharks	Irvine, CA	1979 - 1983	Rich Lee, Steve Gelsing, John Witt, Fred Pisacane, Dave Smythe, Herb VonWinkelman, Bill Haines, Dave Hyslop, Tim Hyslop, Brian Herman, Tom Baylock, Jeff Landesman
Nuts	Portland/ Corvallis, OR	~1981 - ????	Al Higinbotham, Chris 'Wheels' Beckett, Irwin Mulnick, Greg Fajer, Steve 'Yac' Ellis, Tim Moloney
Orange Skymonsters	Orange Co., CA	1979 - 1983	Dave Kingsland, Mike Demont, Robert Lamount, Jim Keys, Steve Walker, Corey French, Dan Vitullo
Pitzer Braineaters	Los Angeles, CA	1979 - ????	Jeff Landesman
Slugs	Corvallis, OR	1978 - ????	
The Source	SF Bay Area, CA	1981 - 1982	Troy Werner, Mike Davis, Tom McDaniel, Paul Smythe, Bill Hansen, Bruce Blanton, Johnny Kimball, CJ Johnson
Spinoffs	San Diego, CA	1982 - 1986	<i>Did the team play any tournaments in 1982?</i>
Stanford Univ.	Palo Alto, CA	1978 - ????	Brian Fouty, Tom Funkhouser, Rick Geyer, Bob Sick, Brad Kell, Tony Sheeran, Scott Smallwood
UCSD	San Diego, CA	1979 - ????	Jim 'Daddy' Ingebritsen, John 'Bullet' Cione, Charlie Schmidt, Greg Pinz, Paul 'Cheetah' Nishida, Mark Burch, Paul Dunn, Jerry 'Grimos' Amos, Dean 'Bum' Lee, Shane Rohan

SDSU	San Diego, CA	1979 - present	Rick LeBeau, Allan Peterson, Cole Williamson, Dave Becker, Jim Walsh, Dave Gelber
UFOS	Sonoma, CA	1976 - ????	Corey Basso, Evan David, Don Dutton, Mark Williams
The Ultimate Dogs	Glendale, CA	1978 - ????	Buddy Steele, Bob Gagliano, Neal Swaney, Ron Barbato, Richard Penniall, Art Munch
Windjammers	Seattle, WA	<1979 - ????	Bill Nye

WOMEN'S WEST COAST TEAMS 1980-1982

TEAM	LOCATION	TEAM YEARS	WOMEN NOTABLE PLAYERS 1980-1982
Lady Condors***	Santa Barbara, CA	1981 - present	Michelle Pezzoli, Cynthia Burch, Laura Chesser, Sue Bingham, Sandy Ross
Lady Buds	Arcata, CA	<1982 - ???	
Dark Star	Eugene, OR	1981 - ????	Molly Maloney, Sue Hawkins
Synergy	NW	1981 - ????	
Berkeley Pleiades	Berkeley, CA	1982 - ????	
Yeti Women (orig. Air Traffic Controllers)	?	1984 - ????	

CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENTS 1980-1982

WESTERN REGIONALS 1980-1982

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CHAMPION/ RUNNER-UP	TEAMS
Nov. 1980	Western Regionals	UCSC	Condors / Dark Star	(? teams) Condors, Flo, Dark Star, Stanford, Flying Circus, SDSU
Nov. 1981	Western Regionals	UCSB	Condors / Flying Circus	(16 teams) Condors, Flo, Stanford, Berkeley Flying Circus, Humboldt Buds, Chabot, Tuscon, Mudsharks, SDSU, Dark Star, The Source
Nov. 1982	Western Regionals	Irvine, CA	Flying Circus/ Funhogs	(? teams) Condors, SDSU, Spinoffs

CAL STATES 1980-1982

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CHAMPION/ RUNNER-UP	TEAMS
Mar. 1981	Cal States	Irvine	??? / ???	(? teams) ???
1982	Cal States	?	??? / ???	(? teams) ???

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ULTIMATE FRISBEE LEAGUE (NCUFL) 1980-1982

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CHAMPION/ RUNNER-UP	TEAMS
1980	NCUFL	?	??? / ???	(? teams) ???
1981	NCUFL	?	??? / ???	(? teams) ???
1982	NCUFL	?	??? / ???	(? teams) ???

Tom 'TK' Kennedy has a few Ultimate DVDs from '78- '86 tournaments.

You can see the list and ordering info here:

www.ultimatehistory.com/booksvideosdvds/DVDs78-86.html

LIST OF ALL WEST COAST *OPEN* TEAMS 1975-1982 (by Region)

Open Team	City, State	Region	Year Started	Year Ended
Orange Skymonsters	Southern CA	LA Area	?	?
Foothill Institute of Frisbee Culture Midland Muff	Los Angeles, CA	LA Area	1976 1980	1979 1981
Hot Sox	Woodland Hills, CA	LA Area	~1977	1982
La Mirada Ethereal Wizzards	La Mirada, CA	LA Area	1977	1981
Pacific Coast Floaters	Venice, CA	LA Area	1977	1978
The Ultimate Dogs	Glendale, CA	LA Area	1977	1982
Whizbo	?, CA	LA Area	~1978	?
Mudsharks	Irvine, CA	LA Area	1979	1983
Orange Skymonsters	Orange Co., CA	LA Area	1979	1983
Pitzer Braineaters (college)	Los Angeles, CA	LA Area	1979	present
Polo Club (to Drivers '87)	Los Angeles, CA	LA Area	1982	1988
UFOS (United Flyers of Sonoma)	Sonoma, CA	Nor Cal	1976	1979
UC Davis Dogs	Davis, CA	Nor Cal	1977	present
Arnold Rangers	Arnold, CA	Nor Cal	1978	1983
Buds (Humboldt State U)	Arcata, CA	Nor Cal	1978	present
Chico Airheads	Chico, CA	Nor Cal	~1979	?
Free Flyers	San Diego, CA	San Diego	1976	1979
UCSD	San Diego, CA	San Diego	~1979	present
SDSU	San Diego, CA	San Diego	1979	present
Flo	San Diego, CA	San Diego	1979	1983
Spinoffs	San Diego, CA	San Diego	1982	1986
S.B. Disc Connection Condors	Santa Barbara, CA	Santa Barbara	1975 1977	1976 present
Clingons	San Jose, CA	SF Bay	1976	1980
Flying Disc Artists	San Francisco, CA	SF Bay	1976	1979
Orange Sunshine S.C. Ultimate KAOS (UCSC)	Santa Cruz, CA	SF Bay	1977 1980	1979 1987
Stanford Univ.	Palo Alto, CA	SF Bay	1978	present
Chabot 101 st Airborne	Livermore, CA	SF Bay	1979	1988
Berkeley (aka Ents in '79) Flying Circus	Berkeley, CA SF Bay Area, CA	SF Bay	1977 1980	1979 1986
The Jam	SF South Bay, CA	SF Bay	1979	1981
Disc Magicians	Santa Cruz, CA	SF Bay	1980	~1982
The Source	SF South Bay, CA	SF Bay	1981	1982
Dark Star	Eugene, OR	Oregon	1976	?
Funhogs	Portland, OR	Oregon	1978	>1982
Low Flying Ducks	Eugene, OR	Oregon	1978	1980
Oregon Donors	OR & NorCA	Oregon	?	?
Slugs	Corvallis, OR	Oregon	~1978	>1985
Nuts	Portland/Corvallis, OR	Oregon	~1981	>1986
Windjammers	Olympic, WA	Washington	<1979	?
ALL-STAR 'ONCE A YEAR' TEAMS:				
Univ. of Mars	Bay Area, CA	SF Bay	1979	1980?
LLOW	Bay Area, CA	SF Bay	~1982	~1992