

# The **BROOMBALL** Blitz

## ONLY ONE CAN REMAIN

The season is about half way through now, teams are getting into the flow of things and competition is getting fierce. As of Sunday, 30 teams are still undefeated as they lead the way towards the playoffs. This next week of broomball is going to be interesting, as a few of these teams are set to do battle and I'm sure the price of admission will be well worth the show. All games at this point hold playoff implications for the teams in the hunt, as only the top few from each conference make it to the 64 team playoff.

If there is just one game that you have time to watch this week though, it might be an East Wads Monday Night showdown:

### **Old Spice vs Titans- Monday Feb. 13th at 8:15pm**

This are two strong teams of many upperclassmen that both could be picked to take the East Wads Championship this year. Both teams come into this game dominating opponents averaging more than 12 goals a game. Defense for both of these teams also appears strong averaging less than 1 goal against per game, but the question may be whose defense can step up and stop the others juggernaut offense.

You could say this favors either team, but the Titans were challenged by another strong team in their conference, mr. james and the furry mamals, when Old Spice seems to not have been challenged much yet this season.

## ALL-STAR GAME

This week is what we've been waiting for this semester; the All-nighter starts Wednesday! Along with the food, snow-speakers and the All-nighter statues, Broomball also holds All-Star festivities. This year's Skills Competition will start at 5pm and the game will set off at 9pm. Registration is open, and Broomball will be taking the first 80 players registered as well as the first 16 goalies registered. To ensure that your player can participate in the competition, please register early!

The Skills Competition consists of 5 challenges designed to challenge players to a well rounded competition of broomball prowess. They include Ball Control, Speed, Accuracy Shot, Radar Shot, and a Shootout. The Shootout doubles as the goalie competition as they will all face 10 shots in the shootout and will also be testing on "goalie ball" tossing into placed targets on the ice.

The top 20 players and 4 goalies from the Skills Competition will be invited to come out for our All-Star game at 9pm that night! We usually draw large crowds to this game and the competition gets pretty competitive as many players tend to know each other. Last years game was a 3-2 thriller drawing crowds that fully engulfed the rinks and Cocoa Shack. So if your out for the All-nighter and want to see some top-notch broomball be sure to make it out to the rinks at 9pm sharp and lets start the night off right with a great game!

## THE GOLDEN BROOM AWARD

The Golden Broom Award is a chance to honor the team in each league that best exhibits the spirit of broomball, as determined by you – the players. The Golden Broom Award is meant to honor teams that are great opponents because they know how to have fun, keep it positive on the ice, and are respectful of their opponents, teammates, the broomball officials, and fans.

The Golden Broom Award is new for the 2012 season, and all players are encouraged to nominate teams in your conference during the season for this distinction. You can nominate any team you have played this season. Any player can submit a nomination, and may nominate as many teams as they feel deserve recognition. Nominations will be open until Friday, February 24, at 11:59 PM. If you play a team that you feel is deserving of the Golden Broom Award, be sure to get online and nominate them!

