As the sun set behind the stubborn blanket of clouds that insisted on hanging over London today, the tournament itself was set alight by the energy, passion and beaming smiles of India Mixed celebrating their first ever victory on the international stage. It was an eagerly anticipated spectacle around the globe with fans from Germany, America, Cambodia and of course all across India taking to social media to share photos of themselves enjoying the live coverage.

The pressure of the world’s eyes in no way stifled the infectious enthusiasm and unrelenting athleticism that India has been displaying throughout the tournament. In a wonderful contest against Ireland, their dynamic zone defence swallowed up discs, with huge plays from #10 Praveen Kumar repeatedly streaking across the middle of the pitch for phenomenal layout blocks. Seeking to monopolise on their speed, India used quick starts to punish their opponents deep, culminating in the whole team erupting with celebration at their eventual 15-13 victory.

Elsewhere, in the Mixed division the USA and Canada remain the only undefeated teams. After what looked to be a serious challenge from Great Britain who took the half 9-8, the USA reasserted themselves and didn’t allow the hosts back on the scoreboard in the second half. However, the Australians were able to produce an upset with a 15-12 victory over Japan. In contrast, it was a tough day for the Colombians who suffered losses against the Philippines and South Africa.

Finally, there was little controversy in either the Women’s or the Open division. Despite a strong performance from the German Women, they were unable to seal the victory against Japan who kept the disc with super-human bids after Germany took the half. Sadly for Belgium and Spain Open alike, tight victories in their final games were not enough to see them through to the higher seeded brackets, as all of the top three Open seeds qualified for power pools.

By Charlie Blair, Josh Coxon Kelly and David “DP” Pryce

Stats Leaders
Open: Matt Richardson [NZL] 11 assists and 11 goals
Women: Sara Maria Builes [COL] 17 assists and 3 goals
Mixed: Joe Wynder [GBR] 15 assists and 3 goals

Spirit leaders in O: Colombia, W: New Zealand and M: Philippines

WEATHER REPORT
Wednesday: Showers • 24°C/72°F
### Player Profile

**Name:** Alex Santos  
**Team:** Philippines Mixed  
**Number:** 13  
**Years playing:** 4  

**Proudest on-pitch moment:** Playing here. It's my first time in London, first time playing Under 23s, it's an honour to play for my country.  

**Greatest Ultimate achievement:** My club team DUO were runners up in the league this January.  

**Sexiest kit at the tournament:** Canada  

**Best thing about Britain:** “English eyes, I like your eyes” (CB blushes)  

**Frisbee idol:** Xtian Guerrero - a San Jose Spiders star who is the first pro Filippino player  

**Pump-up song:** Chandelier by Sia  

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### Useful Information

- Please make sure to stay off the Watford pitch!  
- Litter has been slightly reduced but there is still plenty left behind. Please make an extra effort to clean up after your games.  
- Shuttle buses will require Tournament passes from tomorrow onwards.  
- To help your team-mates and for safety, please remember to stay out side of the 3 metre line.  

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