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Photo by Thomas Griesbaum

West German Ultimate Player gets horizontal for the disc.

Ultimate in West Germany

By Thomas Griesbaum

Germany's teams experienced a successful 1986 topping it all with the third place of the Open Division Team at the World Championship in England. Twenty-one players, three blocks from three top German teams dealt extremely well with strong winds and rain during that week of international Ultimate. Part of the team had prepared in the weeks before by playing against Austria and attending a pre-World's Tournament of national teams in Luzern, Switzerland. The women's team showed improvement and probably made the biggest jump in the ranking of all teams.

In the season before, the Gummibaerchen of Karlsruhe had spent a week touring through England playing against university teams from Colchester, Warwick and Cambridge. Certainly, checking out the English pubs was the main part of the trip. The Hamburg team often attended tournaments in Denmark and improved quite a bit through their activities.

Every year on Pentecost the Skywalkers of Rotenburg in North Germany organize a big international tournament. Last year, for the first time, a US team called Elvis from Hell from Houston, TX, showed up. Other teams were Boleros, Tennents (England), Oerebro, Stenningssund (Sweden), Redlights, UFO Utrecht (Netherlands), Team 42, Kangaroos, Gummibaerchen (Germany). Houston won—well that's no surprise. But I think the Swedes from Oerebro did not make the final game easy for the US players. And every team, every single player had lots of fun.

The Sixth German Championship was held in Stodstadt/Rhein. Fourteen teams showed up, including all the top teams. The Kangaroos from Essen had become a new serious contender shortly after their appearance. They managed to beat the 1985 champion Team 42 in the game for third place, which proved the Kangaroos could really jump up the rankings. In their second appearance at a Nationals final the Gummibaerchen from Karlsruhe had the chance to win their second title. They had nearly blasted away Kangaroos and Team 42, while their opponents, the

Skywalkers, had some difficulties in making their way to the finals. But they played perfectly well, using every turnover they received. And in front of a big crowd they won their third title.

And what has happened so far this year? In February we had our second indoor National Championship with ten teams. The Kangaroos, who hosted the tournament, beat Skywalkers for first place, and Gummibaerchen came in third against the Seven Swabians from Stuttgart. The First Easter Tournament of Vienna saw fifteen teams from all over Europe including Boleros from England and Milan/Rimini from Italy. German interest in big tournaments proved to be strong as six German teams competed. Gummibaerchen came in fifth as the best German team ahead of Moskitos from Stockstadt, while the Moskito ladies won every game of their round robin. Boleros won in a reportedly easy game against Flugsaurier from Wels, Austria, while the Vienna team beat the surprisingly strong Belgian team for third place. Those three days of playing on the Danubian Island close to the heart of this historic city were great fun and an experience worth repeating next year. Other "traditional tournaments" took place in Nurnberg and Winterthur, Switzerland.

Now we are looking forward to the European Championships, September 7-13 in Cologne, Germany. So perhaps I can soon write more about the Ultimate action in West Germany and Europe.

If anyone is interested in further information about West German Ultimate, Thomas can be contacted at: Marie-Curie Str. 44a, 7500 Karlsruhe 1, Tel. (0721) 681351, West Germany.

Nationals Announcement

The Nationals will be held at Miami Dade North Campus, Miami, Florida, November 6, 7, and 8, 1987, hosted by the Miami Frisbee Club. David DeWitt will be Tournament Coordinator. Phone 305-661-9679.

From the Director's Desk

By Gary McGivney

Tournaments such as the Easterns offer me an opportunity to talk with, and observe the playing styles of, teams from around the nation. Even though the competition is intense and of the highest caliber, players aren't carrying the stress of Nationals and are more relaxed and willing to talk. To me, regional differences in the approach to the game were more evident this year.

The West, always the innovators, have once again changed their stall count. On a foul, the count goes back to 5 instead of 0. This is in response to the growing number of "drawn fouls," (i.e., stall count is at 8, defense is intense, the thrower pivots and lets loose with a backhand that drives his elbow into the marker's chest or arm, then calls a foul on the defense). This addresses the specific situation, but not the real foul. The real foul is by the offense, against the Spirit of the Game, and should be called as such as soon as it happens. "In Ultimate, an intentional foul would be considered cheating and a gross offense against the spirit of sportsmanship."

The above situation is a gray area in the rules because it falls into an area that hasn't been addressed very well; the rights of the marker and the nature of offensive fouls. This is something I hope players and captains will be thinking about this season, and making definitive suggestions to the committee for consideration in the ninth edition.

Overall, the Easterns was a well-run and enjoyable tournament. Congratulations to Steve Mooney and his staff for making it all happen. Also congratulations to New York's "what's their name this week" for winning the Open Division in a fine display of skills and sportsmanship. Kudos as well to Boston's Lady Godiva and Berkeley's Pleiades; to Lady Godiva for winning the division and to Pleiades for making the trip to the east coast. This is the first time other than Nationals that a women's team has traveled to the East for a tournament. We hope this is the beginning of a trend. Final laurels go to the Atlanta players, both men and women, for outstanding sportsmanship and fine play. They won the Spirit of the Game awards in both divisions. Nice symmetry.

Now for upcoming events. Elsewhere in this issue are two announcements. The first is about Nationals, when and where. Be sure to read it. The second concerns Team USA.

Team USA is a concept that has excited and angered varying portions of the membership. I have to say I'm glad about that because at least many of you are expressing yourselves. We appreciate all the responses, both pros and cons, about the issue. At this point opinion is equally divided. Recognizing the difficulties in developing and implementing the selection process, it has been decided that the 1987 National Champions will attend the 1988 Worlds. The debate will continue, however, with an aim towards Team USA in 1990. Keep the dialogue going. Participate. Stay involved.

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Around the Nation

Central Regional Report

By Stephen Smith

Whew! That sunny summer weather is just about ready to give way to the splendor of fall. Summer leagues, area tournaments, teams traveling have filled the summer daze, while others have taken a break from Ultimate.

Ultimately, Ultimate minds are spinning in the central region. Two women from Muncie IN and Columbus OH have requested Clark Jablon's VHS video tape (promoting Women's Ultimate) to use in starting a team in their respective cities. Anyone in our region who is willing to help these women in their efforts, let me know. The seed has been planted—let's cultivate and help them grow!

The Space Ducks from Ann Arbor MI are hosting a women's tournament tentatively scheduled for Sept. 19, 20. For details, contact Kathleen Link, 1033 Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 313-663-3560.

Just a few quick reminders: Is your UPA membership due Aug. 31? Did you vote for a USA Team format? (Check last issue.) Have you spoken with your contact person lately? Help them distribute information, ask how you can help. This should help clear the fall season's communication channels.

A Central Region UPA member has requested that we all make a special effort to pick up trash at any Ultimate event. We are more likely to gain community respect and be invited back if we all share in this co-operative clean-up task. Throw the disc, not litter.

We have the potential to have eleven or twelve women's teams at Regionals this year. A twelve-team tournament would be our largest to date and would insure our region eligibility for two teams to advance to Nationals the following year. Each existing and new team needs to PLAN AHEAD to participate in Regionals. Let's make it work! See you there.

Southern Regional Report

By Jerry Robinson

As far as what's happening down South this summer—it's hot! We are impatiently awaiting temperatures to return to the low 90s.

Kicking off the fall season will be the 6th Annual Sink Hole Classic in Orlando, FL on Labor Day Weekend. I know you don't have much notice, if any, but play will be at the University of Central Florida, September 5, 6. Contacts are Shane Coldran 305-425-4183.

Sectional Coordinators are the same as last year: Florida - Shane Coldran (see above), tentatively scheduled for Gainesville, October 3, 4; Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi - Bill Husk - 205-345-0417(H), tentatively scheduled for Tuscaloosa, October 10, 11; Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee - Tony Eubanks 404-548-1748 (Tony is also trying to schedule Regionals but dates are not finalized yet), Texas - Gary Grievencamp - 713-480-7921, tentatively September 26, 27.

A letter will be coming out as soon as things firm up a little. Don't melt, and keep in touch!

Southern Women's Regional Report

By Ann Blocker

The dog days of summer are finally over and the thoughts of the fall season are planted in the minds of the southern women's teams. The first local tournament of the season is Sinkhole in Orlando, Florida, Sept. 5 & 6. A new team from Knoxville, Tennessee, will be making its first appearance. Karen Hostetler has succeeded in getting the new team together. Keep up the good work!

All other teams are reporting in as excited about the fall season. I seem to have lost contact with Denton, Texas - anybody there - please give me a call. If you need any tournament information, please call and stay in touch. Have a good season, y'all.

Western Regional Report

By Bob Pizante

We'll cover a great deal of territory this time, so let's begin... The Santa Barbara Classic lit up another Memorial Day weekend and it was most memorable for Ted's (hometown) Team who beat South Bay in the Open Finals. Meanwhile, proof positive that hard work pays off, the San Diego Ladies jammed a stiff wind to beat the Lady Codors convincingly in the Women's Finals.

Solstice reports are sketchy, but congrats to Kaos who beat Portland in the Open Finals with Seattle Women defeating the California Girls in the long Eugene sun. Onward ever upward (literally)...

Hats off and a tip of the old disc to the Boulder crew who, rumor has it, has developed a tournament that rivals the best of 'em! Condors over Tuna's in the Open Final there...

...but, then again, the party was the REAL FINAL and it's tough to say who won that hoed!

Coming up we've got a tourney in San Diego on August 22-23 (contact Mike Butler at 619-273-5329) and a Portland tourney on the same weekend. We're hoping that Boise has their usual Labor Day bash to lead us into the '87 National Series. With Nationals November 6, 7, & 8 in Miami, Western Regionals "The Westernals" should be October 10 & 11 (17 & 18 back-up dates). Sectionals as follows: N/W - 9/19 in Seattle, RKY MTN had its eye on Albq. and the 9/26 wk end. NO. CAL likes Davis (can you blame them?) and the 10/3 wk end while Irvine looks a likely spot and 9/26 the likely wk end for SO. CAL. Important Note: Any team considering playing in a sectional please contact the coordinator in that section. They need to plan for you and they can help you plan your trip. Come on gang, it's once a year...get out and play! Remember, we're looking for a Women's Regional rep, a position that comes up for election again in November. Also, we are actively seeking bids for the 1988 Nationals (yes '88). Give it some thought, it's not simple but it's worthwhile. Please communicate your thoughts (and/or concerns) to me, that's how things get done, (maybe). Last but not least... if you're in a tournament consider writing a short blurb for the newsletter so the rest of us can receive vicarious enjoyment from your participation. (Bylines are available). Photos too!! Next deadline: September 18. Keep em fly'n.

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July 4th Ultimate at Boulder

By Bob Austin

The 1987 version of the Ultimate 4th of July was played the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July at four sites in and around the University of Boulder.

The winners were the Santa Barbara Condor, Open Division, and S.L.A.B., Women's Division; (Santa Barbara, LA Berkeley), an all-star team from the West Coast.

Once again the Boulder Ultimate community put on a great tournament with the weather and fields being very cooperative. This tournament has always had progressive rule changes and uses Disc Craft discs. During time-outs three players could be substituted by each team. This seemed to improve the quality of play on long points. Pulls that were out of the end zone (lots) were put in play ten yards up-field from the goal line.

The format divided teams into two divisions with the 'A' division battling for the top six spots in the quarterfinals. The 7th and 8th place teams on 'A' division had to play the top two teams in division 'B' to fill out quarterfinals. The Disc Craft disc is ten grams heavier and a very true and unforgiving flier. This disc seems to be enjoyed and gaining increased popularity.

UPA Teaching Package

By Robert Rauch

Progress continues to be made in the development of the UPA Teaching Package. We have articulated our objectives and devised a strategy to achieve them. We are now ready to set the wheels in motion.

The UPA has two principal goals in pursuing this project. First, we hope to teach young people the game of Ultimate along with basic disc skills. Second, we look to generate publicity and greater awareness of the sport of Ultimate. Our plan is to develop a teaching package which would be distributed to individuals and organizations (such as Phys. Ed. teachers and camp counselors) in a position to reach youngsters of high school age. The package itself will be designed to make it as easy as possible for someone who has not had much, if any, exposure to Ultimate to capably teach the game and would include lesson plans, instructional videotapes and several discs. Marketing will be accomplished through a direct mail campaign supplemented by an advance distribution will be contracted out to professional firms. We will attempt to secure financing, which requirements we estimate to be \$100,000 to \$150,000 from educational and other charitable foundations.

Our next step is to assemble a team of people to make this work. We need individuals to take responsibility for accomplishing a variety of defined tasks (for which they will be paid a small stipend):

- development of the prototype teaching package
- advertising and PR
- marketing (requires computer access and direct mail experience)
- production and distribution
- service and support,

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me for further information. Any ideas, questions or contributions should be directed to Robert L. Rauch, 301 E. 49th Street, Apt. 4-AB New York, NY 10017-1676, (h) 212-319-0900

We intend to begin work early this fall with the launch planned for Spring 1988.

UPA ANNOUNCEMENT Some Two Year Terms Are Up

Now is your chance to contribute to the sport that has given you so much. Become a Coordinating Committee member and become involved. The following two year terms will come to a conclusion Jan. 1, 1987. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact your Regional Coordinator, immediately. The Newsletter intends on printing your position statements in the fall issue and elections will be run, where appropriate, shortly following.

UPA National Director
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Northeast Regional Coordinator
Western Women's Regional Coordinator

After the first two days Santa Barbara and New York won their pools and looked tough. To illustrate the quality of this tournament New York had to play 4th place pool finisher, St. Louis, in the quarters! New York suffered their first loss of the tournament in this game to end their hopes. The other quarterfinal winners were Stains over Polo Club (L.A.), South Bay (S.F.) over Windy City and S.B. over North West. In the semis Santa Barbara beat a tough Stain team and St. Louis won a tight game against South Bay.

The final was an incredible game. There was even a standing ovation when six consecutive defensive layouts and a deflected overhead could not stop a score. Santa Barbara had too much depth for St. Louis and pulled away at the end 21-17.

In the Women's Division, the awesome S.L.A.B. combination team was too deep for an always strong San Diego squad and pulled away to win the final 18-11. New York and Boston had very strong squads making this one of the strongest women's fields ever.

As always the action, party and general atmosphere in Boulder was unequalled. The top ten teams brought fall quality squads and the play was fair and square.

Most people were saying that this is the most competitive tourney of the year. Watch out in the future for rule changes, Disc Craft discs and a strong West Coast region.

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News Briefs

- The UPA is now accepting bids for the 1988 UPA College Nationals. The bids must be presented by Nov. 1, 1987 in writing and the tournament director must have been present at the 1987 Nationals.
- All change of address notices should be sent directly to Carney Foy, UPA Treasurer, PO Box 2331, Silver City, New Mexico, 88062;
- Varsity Ultimate Coach needed for the SUNY Purchase Ultimate program. Position is immediately available. Contact Kevin Cande, Northeast Regional Coordinator for more information.
- Copy deadline for the next UPA Newsletter is September 19th.
- Tournament Directors: Register your tournaments with the USA Amateur Card organization. UPA members have signed up and can only receive the benefits if your tournament has been registered at least six weeks prior to the tournament date. There is no charge. Call Carney Foy, the UPA treasurer, or write to UPA Tournament Registry, PO Box 7575, Greenwich, CT 06836.

Women's Division Requirements

As of this fall season, 75% of a team must reside in the same section to compete in the UPA National Series Tournaments. Rosters must be submitted at the first level of competition.

Mars Celebrates Tenth Annual

By Jim Parinella

Sixteen teams from six states and the District of Columbia flocked to Hampton, PA, on Fourth of July weekend for three days of fun in the Tenth Annual Mars Classic. When the smoke from one of the competing teams' barbecue grill had cleared, the Wankers, a combination DC/Pittsburgh team, had emerged as the champions with a 15-8 victory over Coffee and Donuts.

For the second year in a row, the tournament took place at the Hampton Community Center as part of a township holiday celebration. In addition to five fields showcasing Ultimate, the festivities offered many attractions including an autograph session with members of the Pittsburgh Pirates' baseball team, bands providing music for the crowds all day, and a variety of booths selling refreshments to raise money for the local athletics. It was amidst these surroundings that the sixteen squads began play.

Unlike most Ultimate tournaments, the Mars Classic does not separate its teams into pools. Instead, each team plays five games over the first two days, with the top eight advancing to a single elimination format on Sunday. This provides lots of play for all the teams while also enabling them to enjoy the weekend. It also provides for a long and difficult road to the title.

As always, Tournament Director Ken Scott had the whole operation running smoothly. For the most part, the games were held on schedule with a minimum of "Frisbee time" involved. The tournament, unlike so many of the events that we're all so used to, gave the teams ample time to relax. One of the more resourceful teams used the opportunity to stage a weekend-long cookout on the sidelines, complete with a portable propane grill, hamburgers, and marinated chicken. Some alumni teams such as the Dude Boys, present for the sixth consecutive year, used the time to rehash old memories of past Mars Classics. Others used the spare time just to party. But they all came to play.

Friday's games were tight. Coffee and Donuts seemed to live for close games. Last year's third place finishers in the Central Region sandwiched victories against Jason and the Argonauts (Mass.), 17-16, and Aaah! (Phil.), 15-11, around a 15-13 loss to the Swine Alumni (Pgh.). The Wankers, in their only close game of the weekend, edged Aaah! 15-13 in their first outing in a preview of a semifinal matchup. The host Gnu Kidds also seemed to prefer close ones, decisioning the Sharkfarmers (OSU/Toledo), 17-15, while yielding to the Dude Boys, 15-13. Friday night saw the Wankers, Anthill (Va.), and the defending champions Slag (Pgh.) atop the standings at 3-0 with five other teams with only one loss.

Friday night was the annual party. Fanatics unable to get enough disc during the day organized a game of water Ultimate in the township pool, while others readied themselves for the quarter races and Pass-the-Fruit. Another hotly-contested event was the "monster," challenging teams to build a ten person walking creature but with only four legs and eight arms. In addition, two sets of Fifth Annual discs and one Tenth Annual set were raffled off at the party. All things considered, it was a blast.

Saturday offered fewer close games but still a lot of tense moments as teams jockeyed for one of the top eight positions. While first and second seeds were clinched by 3 p.m. by the Wankers and the Slag, respectively, the battle for the last few spots lasted until the final game. Jason outlasted the Gnu Kidds, 15-11, and claimed sixth seed, enabling Tough Break (2-3) to sneak past the Gnu for eighth seed by a single goal on point differential. Anthill and the Sphinkters (Mich) were third and fourth seeds, respectively, with 4-1 records, while Aaah! and Coffee and Donuts filled out the remaining spots with 3-2 marks. Finishing behind the Gnu Kidds were Blood Oath (Richmond), the Dude Boys, Shut Up and Play (Oh), and the Swine, all 2-3, the Riddlers (NJ) (1-4), the Sharkfarmers (0-5), and Yeobabes (Oberlin) at 0-5.

In the quarterfinals Sunday morning, Coffee and Donuts avenged an earlier defeat as they overcame three goal deficits to defeat the Slag 15-13, ending the Slag's hopes of becoming the first defending champ to repeat in the Classic. Meanwhile, Anthill and Jason were staging a drawn-out battle of their own. After

several lead changes, Anthill was able to prevail 17-15, setting up an Anthill-C & D semifinal. In the other bracket, Aaah! held on to beat the Sphinkters, 15-11, while the Wankers had little trouble with Tough Break, 15-6.

The Wanker juggernaut rolled on in the semis. They allowed six goals or fewer for the sixth straight game as they crushed Aaah!, 15-5. On the other field, Coffee and Donuts wore down Anthill, 17-15. It was the fifth time in seven games that a C & D game had been decided by two goals or less.

The tough trek to the final took its toll on Coffee and Donuts. Their semifinal ended over an hour later than the Wankers'. Their smaller squad included three women players who contributed significantly, whereas the Wankers had none. The Wankers then entered the final game in the Hampton Football Stadium well rested and ready to roll. They used every conceivable advantage to take an early lead, then cruised in to halftime, 8-3. Coffee and Donuts could never mount a serious comeback and before the fat lady even had a chance to sing, the game was over. The Wankers had walked away with their eighth victory of the weekend, the title, the trophies, the champagne, and the challenge to repeat as champions

Support Wanted

At Vassar College on September 19 and 20 there will be an Ultimate Frisbee Marathon for Hunger Action to benefit a soup kitchen and homeless shelter in the area. Thirty-six hours of play and fun. Contact Steve Frank at Vassar for more information at 914-473-6494.

Director's Desk

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Now, some of you may have heard that SUNY Purchase in New York is looking for a new Ultimate coach. As far as I know, this is the only officially paid coaching position for Ultimate in the nation, and I have yet to hear of any applicants. This program is very important to the UPA as a model for other institutions, and to the Northeast region for the use of the facilities. It would be an ideal position for a graduating senior with good disc skills and at least four years of experience. Teaching skills and Nationals experience would be a bonus. I strongly urge any interested parties to apply. As a former coach there myself, I can also say it's a lot of fun.

Speaking of SUNY, I'd like to wish the four finalists of the National Collegiate Sports Festival the best of luck. The finals will be in Daytona Beach, FL on Sept. 26-27. Good luck SUNY Purchase, Georgia Tech, Miami at Ohio, and SUNY Binghamton. See you all there.

Lastly, I'd like to solicit your support for a project the weekend of Sept. 19-20. Steve Frank of Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, is organizing an Ultimate marathon for Hunger Action in the area. His plan is to mix experienced players with local community people to play Ultimate for 35 continuous hours and raise money for local charities. This is a grand expression of the Spirit of the Game and I hope all area players will help make it work.

Now, the idea of a Guinness world record for marathon play has been investigated for this event and it carries a different set of rules than what is presently being organized. What we'd like to do is run an attempt at the world record concurrently with the Hunger marathon at Vassar.

The present record, set Oct. 25-27 by Drew University in Madison, Wisconsin, is 35 hours of continuous Ultimate. It is played under 24 minute stop time halves with games running one after the other. Three T/O's a half, 5 minute halftimes. The catch is that rosters are limited to 15 players per team, but with unlimited substitution. It could be set up so 10 guys/girls play, 5 sleep, and work out a rotation.

So, what we need are two teams, or 30 dedicated (and insomniac) individuals who would like to go for this. If you're interested, contact me at the UPA number, or Steve Frank at 914-878-3046.

I hope everyone has a wonderful season. Be happy, healthy, and get horizontal whenever possible.

1987 Open Nationals Expanded to 12 Teams

In spite of an extremely meager and disappointing membership response, (less than 1%), to a UPA vote on the matter, the Coordinating Committee has voted to expand the 1987 Open Nationals to a 12-team format. The regions that will receive the wild cards has yet to be determined. Your Regional Coordinators will be able to tell you the choices later in the season. They will also be announced, along with the criteria by which they were chosen, in the next newsletter. The women will again field 6 teams with the West receiving the wild card.

The present criteria for awarding wild cards is based on the number of teams participating at the first level of competition in each region. Those with the highest number of teams receive the slot. This is one reason roster submission is so important. It is the committee's only verifiable method for accounting for teams. Be sure your team captain submits your team roster to the Sectional or Regional Coordinator! If your roster is not submitted, your team will not continue to the next level.

Also, rosters are closed once they are turned in. This means that no one can be added to it after series play has started. You can only appear on one roster. If eliminated you cannot go to another team. If this behavior is discovered, the player and team are subject to elimination from the series.

TEAM USA

As of this time, it is apparent that the concept of Team USA warrants further consideration before a policy is implemented. Due to the obvious time constraints, the 1987 UPA National Champions will attend the 1988 World Championships.

The Coordinating Committee still needs your input so a final decision can be made. Many thanks to those UPA members that responded to the poll in the last issue; we will still accept poll responses until September 15. The Newsletter has received numerous thoughts and opinions on the matter. They are welcome but obviously cannot all be printed. Be assured that all those that do not appear in print are forwarded to the Coordinating Committee.

To sum it up, this issue is not dead. Keep those cards and letters coming!



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