

Northern Michigan University's Ultimate Frisbee club team, named Riptide, travelled to Milwaukee this past weekend for the 'No Wisconsequences Ultimate Tournament', hosted by the University of Wisconsin, with 48 teams in attendance. With the first game at 8am, and cold and rainy conditions, the day was looking rather dismal. Everyone can empathize with trying to warm up at 7:30am when it's cold and wet.

Riptide played Wisconsin-Stout to start the day. After many initial dropped passes on both sides, vice president Adam Noel and captain Jacob Gaudette slowed down the pace of the game, which allowed more receivers to use space of the field, and resulted in the first four points of the game to be taken by NMU. Wisconsin stout took a stand and scored two points to challenge Riptide, but Connor Boudreau made a few diving deflections of the disc and NMU was able to score three more points to bring it to halftime, 7-2. WI-Stout came out at half with the first two points, but under the leadership of co-captain TJ (Tubby Jones) Carter, Riptide stopped the next play near the goal line, then smoothly worked the disc downfield and scored. At 8-4 the time cap came into effect for the game, essentially ending the game after the next point, thus Riptide earned its first win of the day at 9-4.

No Wisconsequences is not an official college tournament, and many high schools can enter into it as well as college teams. Riptide's second game was against Madison Area High School. With plenty of subs, a paid coach, and five practices a week, High school teams are not to be overlooked simply because of age. This was not, however, an elite high school team. Madison Area had clearly not practiced their offense against a zone defense and Riptide quickly gained a lead with this tactic. Half came quick at 7-1. The second half was much of the same, with David Halverson stepping up and making some nice catches, and Katie Canfield catching the winning toss to end it at 13-3.

Riptide's third game was against Iowa, a top-tier college Ultimate team, who's made several nationals appearances. NMU was quick to adjust to the upper-level of play and scored three points before Iowa got a grip on things and leveled it to 3-2. Eric Leinonen, along with Joe Paulson and Andy Johnson were able to work the disc down the field to break Iowa's tough zone defense. Despite this Iowa still scored two before making it to at half 7-4. Three straight points out of the half put Riptide in a commanding lead. Iowa is a top-tier team, and top-tier teams don't go down easy. Riptide's offense started struggling with rushed passes and dropped catches, while Iowa scored three straight to put it at 10-7, with all the momentum in their favor. After a timeout, Travis Melland came up big by scoring two of Riptide's next three points and securing a win for NMU, and a good spot in the brackets for Sunday's games.

After a full day and night of rain, there was standing water on the fields and all games were cancelled for Sunday. If Riptide would have won their next game against Grinnell University, at least 6<sup>th</sup> place would have been secured, and if they had lost, at least 12<sup>th</sup> place would have been secured.