University of Rochester and Texas Cavalry
Win US Quidditch Cup 11

Round Rock, Texas – University of Rochester Thestrals won the Collegiate Division and Texas Cavalry won the Community Division at US Quidditch Cup 11. The tournament took place in Round Rock, Texas at the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex over April 14 and 15, 2018, with 63 collegiate teams and 24 community teams from dozens of states competing in one of the country’s most exciting sporting events. Over 4,000 athletes, fans, officials, and volunteers were in attendance, with several thousand more tuning in online.
The University of Rochester Thestrals went 3-1 on day one of US Quidditch Cup 11. They were the sixth seed coming out of swiss, and beat Kansas Quidditch in the semi-finals on day two, 130*-80, to advance to the championship match. University of Rochester ultimately defeated the number one ranked team Texas Quidditch 100*-90. The snitch for the collegiate championship match was Anthony Hawkins. Head referee was USQ 2017-18 Referee of the Year Austin Pitts.

Texas Cavalry went undefeated in pool play, and were the top seed overall coming into the bracket. They beat BosNYan Bearsharks in the semi-finals, 90*-30, to advance to the championship match. Texas Cavalry ultimately defeated the number two ranked team Lone Star Quidditch Club 90*-30. The snitch for the community championship match was Rob Snitch, who was also presented with the “Most Fly Snitch Award” at the Medal and Trophy Ceremony. Head referee was Ramare Hopkins.

The full recap of the tournament is available here. A selection of photos from the championship matches is available here. Footage from the livestream is available here. The tournament was covered by an Our Story on Snapchat that ran for 24 hours starting the afternoon of Monday, April 16.

The following teams competed:

**Collegiate Division**
- Anteater Quidditch
- Arizona State University
- Austin Quidditch
- Ball State Cardinals
- Baylor University
- Boston University Quidditch
- Bowling Green State University
- Brandeis Quidditch
- Cal Quidditch
- Central Michigan Quidditch Club
- Creighton Quidditch
- DeathRow Quidditch Team
- Duke University Quidditch
- Emerson College Quidditch
- Florida State Quidditch
- Grand Valley Quidditch
- Harvard Horntails
- Hofstra University Flying Dutchmen
- James Madison University Quidditch
- Kansas Quidditch
- Lock Haven University Quidditch

**Community Division**
- 290 Bluebonnets
- Bad and Rougie Quidditch Club
- Bosnyan Bearsharks
- District of Columbia Quidditch Club
- Florida’s Finest
- Gainesville Siege
- Lake Erie Elite
- Lone Star Quidditch Club
- Los Angeles Gambits
- Nomads (NW)
- Nomads Quidditch
- Ohio Glory
- Philadelphia Honey Badgers
- Quidditch Club Boston
- Rain City Raptors
- Rochester United
- Silicon Valley Skrewts
- Southern Storm
- Texas Cavalry
- The Fighting Farmers of America
- The Long Beach Funky Quaffles
All 87 teams qualified by either winning a bid at their regional championship or receiving an at large bid. They competed in two newly created divisions: collegiate and community.
US Quidditch Cup 11 was supported by the City of Round Rock.

Quidditch is a full contact, competitive, mixed gender sport inspired by the Harry Potter series. It began in 2005 and has since spread to over 300 colleges, high schools and community teams nationwide. Quidditch is played with seven players to a team all mounted on brooms. Three chasers score goals by putting the quaffle (a volleyball) through any of three hoops at the opposite end of the field. A keeper defends the hoops, while two beaters throw bludgers (dodgeballs) at opposing players to temporarily knock them out of the game. Meanwhile, each team’s seeker tries to catch the snitch: an autonomous yellow-clad athlete who has a tennis ball in a custom-made velcro tail hanging from the back of their shorts, similar to flag football. A game of quidditch ends when the snitch tail is caught, and the capturing seeker’s team is awarded an additional 30 points. US Quidditch’s official rulebook is available free for download here.

US Quidditch (USQ), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the national governing body for the sport of quidditch, organizes US Quidditch Cup 11. USQ advances the sport by organizing events and programs that build community and empower all genders to compete together. US Quidditch is not affiliated with JK Rowling, Warner Bros. or Time Warner. To learn more about quidditch, visit www.usquidditch.org

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