

PLAYER PROFILES

SIDE-LINE CHAT

ALI HILL**School** Williams College**Hometown** Marlborough, NH**Age** 22**Year** Senior**Major** Economics and Environmental Studies**Q How long have you been playing ultimate?**

3 years

Q What is your favorite USA Ultimate club team?

Definitely Brute Squad.

Q What is your favorite tournament to attend?

D-III Nationals! I like attending any tournament that has teams that play at the same level or a higher level than my team—it brings out the best in us.

Q What tournament(s) are on your bucket list?

I want to go to another tournament in California. My team has been once, and it was many players' favorite trip. The ultimate community out there seems really strong and spirited, not that we don't love the Northeast.

So we had two handlers on the ground, and the disc still rolling...

Q Do you play any other sports?

In high school, I used to play other sports like soccer and ski racing, but now only ultimate.

Q Tell us about one (safe-for-work) memory with your team that sticks out in your mind.

One time it was pretty windy during this game at Nationals, and it caused the disc to just roll and roll forever on the ground. So anyway, the other team pulled, and we start running up the field and somehow no one was in a position to stop the disc rolling. So then the sideline starts screaming "stop the roll!" and someone tried to but it was just out of reach, and they sort of slow-motion laid out and missed the disc completely. Then another person did the same thing from the other side of the disc and didn't even touch the disc either. So we had two handlers on the ground, and the disc still rolling... #layouttostoptheroll became a thing on our team after we finally had to pick up the disc from the back of the end zone. It's a "had to be there" moment, but everyone on my team remembers it so well.

Q What is your go-to pump-up song?

Power by Kanye

Q Who are the best D-III players no one is talking about?

Emmett Blau and Caroline Weinberg

SAMANTHA DAUGHERTY**School** Truman State University**Hometown** Kearney, MO**Age** 21**Year** Senior**Major** Nursing**Q How long have you been playing ultimate?**

4 years

Q What is your favorite USA Ultimate club team?

Kansas City Wicked

Q What is your favorite tournament to attend?

Missouri Loves Company

Q What tournament(s) are on your bucket list?

Lei-Out and Sandblast

Q Do you play any other sports?

Not anymore, but I used to play basketball and softball.

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Q Tell us about one (safe-for-work) memory with your team that sticks out in your mind.

Last year for spring break, we went to High Tide. We drove through the night after Midwest Throwdown and showed up in the morning 30 minutes before the first game and super sore. We were undefeated the whole week and won the tournament!

Q What is your go-to pump-up song?

Anything Beyoncé. And Natalie's Rap.

Q Who are the best D-III players no one is talking about?

Maple Adkins-Threats of Truman State and Angela Aie of Rice



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