

AHS Graduate Joins National Ultimate Team for World Championships

Some AUSD graduates travel before they head off to college or jobs. Some do community service. Some take summer classes. Some decide to work. Some hang out on the beach.

Jake Thorne, who graduated from Alameda High School this past June, is competing with the U-20 team in the World Flying Disc Federation's World Junior Ultimate Championships in Waterloo, Ontario (Canada).

Jake, 18, began playing ultimate frisbee when he was 13 and was a member of Alameda Ultimate Frisbee's Dark Meat team through his senior year at AHS. He has also played on Red Dawn — the high school regional competitive team for the Bay Area Disc Association, which goes to a national tournament each summer in Minneapolis. Jake tried out for the USA team in the spring and began practicing with them in August for the world games that are currently underway.

So far this week, the national men's team has won against the Dominican Republic (15-2), Japan (15-5), Sweden (15-2), Australia (15-6), and Italy (15-4). The US team beat Belgium in the semifinals today. The finals on Saturday, which take place at 11:30 am EST, will be livestreamed [here](#).

Jake heads off to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study business next month. He plans on playing ultimate frisbee there, too.