

Sports editorial:

The last day in the history of Canada,
October 24, 1992

by Bruce Denis

Oh Canada! The Toronto Blue Jays are the world baseball champions. I'm sure anyone with the decency to read this editorial stayed up late last Saturday night to watch the final game of the 1992 season. And I'm sure we all rejoiced in cosmic mutuality, forgetting the ills of the constitutional referendum, giving high fives to all of Canada in celebration of David's victory over Goliath. I'm not referring to the Blue Jays victory over the Atlanta Braves but Canada over The United States of America.

In retrospect however, it's interesting to consider the events leading up to this championship. From my own standpoint -and I also speak for my brother and co-editor- being from Montreal, I have always been an Expos fan and, accordingly, anti-Blue Jay. Forced to accept the fact that the Jays would win their division, I hoped desperately for their demise against the Oakland Athletics in the ALCS. Considering their misfortune in past league championships I was confident they would lose. They didn't. Instead they made history becoming the first foreign team to play in the World Series. All of a sudden it became apparent that it wasn't the Blue Jays playing baseball anymore; it was Canada. With my loyalty divided between the Expos, who are now in the warm and sunny southern regions of the USA, and Canada, which is in the middle of a debate that could invariably destroy the nation as we know it, I waited objectively to see how the series would start.

Once Canada was systematically defamed by a series of events during the opening ceremonies and the first game, it became quite apparent that not only myself but the rest of Canada would use the Blue Jays as a forum for venting our American rooted frustration. For the first time in my life I cheered wholeheartedly for my rival team. Go Blue Jays! Go Canada! And when the final out was secured in the bottom of the tenth inning of game 6, all of Canada was finally able to look down on our southern counterparts and say "In your face, suckers."

Unfortunately, it's not as perfect as it sounds. What do we say to our American friends when the Pittsburgh Penguins win the Stanley Cup? "But all the players are Canadian." There was not one Canadian on the Toronto Blue Jays when they won the pennant. At one point the Jays owned an up and coming Canadian, Denis Boucher from Lachine, Quebec, but he was traded to the Cleveland Indians during the winter of last year. This makes me wonder how much right we have to adopt this definitely American team as our own. How can we claim victory over the people that gave us the win in the first place. Now that I think about it, I feel really stupid. Let's just hope the Americans don't catch on.

Indeed, we may have misclaimed the victory as our own, but for a few days one baseball team helped our nation join hands in peaceful harmony and experience the brotherly love that makes this country so great. NOT! But close enough, considering just how much the constitutional debate has divided the nation. Without being sappy and emotional, I thought it was quite amazing how many people started cheering avidly for the Jays once we devised the notion that they were playing not only for themselves but also for Canada.

It's safe to say that come next spring I'll be cheering the Expos and jeering the Blue Jays and with the recent outcome of the referendum, Canada will slowly drift apart and political solidarity will become a thing of the past. We may be so caught up in our own domestic bickering that the contempt we feel for our southern neighbors may dissipate. But when I'm 70 years old and living on the Atlantic coast of Florida I'll be able to tell my grandchildren that I experienced the last day in the history of Canada; October 24, 1992.

It is rumoured that a new radio show on CHSR featuring UNB sports is in the works. The show will showcase varsity teams, provide up to date results, review recent games and interview athletes. Specifics were not mentioned by our source who would not disclose his identity. However, we do know that the source is a reputed anti-Coca-Cola activist. Watch for more details in the Sports section of *the Bruns*.

The Brunswickan would like to extend its sincere apologies to the trainers of the STU hockey team for comments made in last weeks issue. The trainers were misidentified and the comments were misdirected. *The Bruns* regrets the error..

This week's trivia question: What is PGA superstar Greg Norman's nickname.

Last week's answer: Former UNB student Anne Murray sung the national anthems at the Toronto Blue Jays home opener in 1977.

Campus recreation

Cancellations

The following SWIMS will be CANCELLED:
Nov. 6, 7, 8, & 14 ONLY

Friday, Nov. 6

4:30-6:30pm Adult 1:45-2:30pm Adult
7:30-8:30pm Family 2:30-4:30pm Family

Sat., Nov. 7

1:45-2:30pm Adult
2:30-4:30pm Family

Sun., Nov. 8

1:45-2:30pm Adult
2:30-4:30pm Family

Sat., Nov. 14

1:45-2:30pm Adult
2:30-4:30pm Family

Soccer

	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Grim Reapers	6	5	1	0	10	3	16
Jones Lounge Lizards	6	4	1	1	11	2	15
Ludlow Shin Kickers	6	4	1	1	9	4	15
Aitken Animals	6	4	2	1	7	7	13
International Selects	6	3	2	1	6	6	13
Regulators	6	2	3	1	5	9	11
Perspolis	6	2	3	1	5	6	11
Hangbellies	6	1	4	1	2	7	9
Neville Norsemen	6	1	4	1	2	7	9
Hartland Heymakers	6	1	5	0	6	7	8

Men Softball

Yellow Division	G	W	L	T	Pts.
Leage Eagles	5	1	4		9
FF Devils	5	2	3		9
Blacks	5	3	1	1	12 (#2)
Young Guns II	5	4	0	1	14 (#1)
Crushers	5	3	2		11
Knights	5	0	5		5

Men's Softball

Red Division	G	W	L	Pts.
Left-Overs	5	0	5	5
Law Lords	5	1	4	7
Draught Masters	5	5	0	15 (#1)
Huskies	5	3	2	11
Warriors	5	2	3	9
Deano's Dino's	5	4	1	13 (#2)

Men's Softball

White Division	G	W	L	Pts.
Hooters	5	2	3	9
Oromocto O.J.'s	5	2	3	9
Labatt Thunder Chickens	5	5	0	15 #1
City Slickers	5	4	1	7
Lounge Lizards	5	4	1	13 #2
Red Eyes	5	1	4	7

Men's Softball

Blue Division	G	W	L	Pts.
Aitken Animals	5	3	2	11
Rock On Raiders	5	3	2	11 #2
Neville Norsemen	5	0	5	5
Bad News Bombers	5	3	2	11
Bushwackers	5	3	2	11 #1
Bridges	5	2	3	9

Men's Touch Football

Competitive League (Red)	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Terminators	7	6	1	0	153	43	19
The Sharks	7	6	1	0	82	24	19
Neville Norsemen	7	4	3	0	40	25	15
Jones House Lounge Lizards	7	2	4	1	6	128	12
Business Blues (1 Default)	7	2	4	1	6	98	12
The Patriots (2 Defaults)	7	5	2	0	151	6	17
Huskies (2 Defaults)	7	1	6	0	6	72	9
The Firm (2 Defaults)	7	0	7	0	6	60	7

Men's Touch Football

Competitive League (Red)	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
McLeod	7	6	1	0	156	20	19
Aitken Animals	7	4	2	1	32	58	16
Civil Maddogs	7	4	2	1	14	52	16
Knights	7	4	2	1	48	26	16
Bridges	7	3	3	1	47	62	14
Red Eyes (1 Default)	7	2	2	3	25	22	14
Warriors	7	0	5	2	19	72	9
The Riders (2 Defaults)	7	0	6	1	6	44	8