

# SPORTS

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## UNB Varsity Sports Year in review

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The 1992-93 varsity sports season saw UNB touch both ends of the victory spectrum. Four teams managed to capture AUAAs banners this year including Red Sticks field hockey, Red Harriers men's cross country, Black Bears wrestling and Beavers men's swimming. All but two teams managed to qualify for the AUAAs championships. The following is a review of the best and worst happenings on campus in the last seven months.

**Best moment, team:** The Red Sticks' second place finish at the National Championships in Vancouver, BC is undoubtedly the best moment of the year. The Sticks surprised one and all at the tournament, playing their way to the finals before losing out to the U of Victoria.

**Worst moment, team:** Much to everyone's surprise the Red Bloomers suffered a devastating loss to St. FX in the first round of the AUAAs championships ending their three year reign as league champions.

**Biggest surprise:** Again, the Red Sticks take the honor. Though they breezed through the AUAAs season with a perfect 8-0 record, much less was expected of them at the Nationals. Their second place even surprised themselves.

**Longest season:** Rookie coach Clint Hamilton and the Red Raiders basketball team. At the outset of the season it looked like Hamilton's militant work ethic coupled with some key recruits would be enough to turn the team around. The Raiders finished the season with a 1-19 record.

**Best moment, individual:** Tie: Beaver Iona Allen and Bloomer guard Jill Jackson share this award. Allen's Silver medal at the swimming CIAU's in the 400 m. individual medley earned her a spot on the national team heading to the World University Games. Jackson played three outstanding games and took MVP honors in Lethbridge, Alberta as she led the Bloomers to the U of Lethbridge tournament win.



Gord Christian decided to try his luck at Ringette versus the Devils perennial rivals, the Saint Thomas Tommies. Actually Gord broke his stick by firing one of his patented booming slapshots. Christian expects to graduate this year, but may return next year to run out his CIAU eligibility.

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**Worst moment, individual:** Tie: Dan Sherstenka and Kelly Reed share this honor. Both Devil defensemen suffered disfiguring facial injuries around the same time. Sherstenka got a slap shot in the face, losing a few teeth and breaking his jaw in a game against Dalhousie. Reed had a skate slice a gash in his face that required twenty stitches to close, in a costly game against UPEI.

**Most consistent team:** The Black Bears wrestling team won their fourth consecutive AUAAs Championship. Rookie coach Don Ryan managed to put together a seemingly unbeatable bunch of wrestlers who managed a sixth place overall finish in the nation.

**Most consistent athlete:** Red Harrier Rorrie Currie takes this honor hands down. Currie won all AUAAs races he entered leading the Harriers to the AUAAs championships. He capped off his season with a fifth place finish at the national championships.

**Most underrated team:** The Lady Reds volleyball team was the most underrated team on campus. They finished a solid third place in the very competitive AUAAs. Unfortunately, they were disappointed by Mt. Allison in the first round of the Championships.

**Most underrated athlete:** Red Shirt captain Malcolm Lightfoot was the school's most underrated athlete. Lightfoot, a forward, led

the Red Shirts in scoring and figured prominently in the Shirts excellent season. Yet, thanks to the short soccer season, Lightfoot has been overlooked among the top athletes at UNB.

**Best Varsity-Mania moment:** Occurred at the Aitken Centre between periods of the Devil's game against STU. During a residence shootout tournament a competing student nailed 'Hogstar the Pig' over the head with his hockey stick much to the delight of 1000 fans. Unfortunately, after regaining consciousness, Hogstar made it clear with verbal explicitities that he was not amused.

**Worst Varsity-Mania moment:** The 'stupid human tricks' event at the Bloomers' game. With only one entry, which was pathetic to say the least, David Leterman would not have been impressed.

**Biggest cheer:** When Todd Sparks nailed St. Thomas forward Jeff Taylor in a UNB-STU matchup at the LBR, the entire UNB side of the arena gave the former Hull Olympiques star a one minute standing ovation. Taylor is still trying to figure out what hit him.

**Most tenacious athlete:** This honor was made for Red Raider captain Yaw Obeng. Despite suffering through five treacherous seasons with a losing team, Obeng still put 100% heart and soul into every game. His 'never say die' attitude has made him one of the

most respected athletes at UNB.

**Best excuse for missing an interview:** Russ Newton of the Fredericton Canadiens decided to go hunting rather than talk to our Luke Peterson.

**Most injured team:** The UNB Red Devils who found themselves with nine regulars out of the lineup at one point late in the season.

**Stupidest penalty:** STU Tommie Phil Daigle slash on Todd Sparks had him ejected from the game and saw the Red Devils score three power play goals to put what was a close game out of reach for the Tommies.

**Best student athlete id.:** Red Devil David Myles used his hockey card from when he played for the Windsor Spitfires to get himself into a bar in Wolfville after the Red Devils were eliminated.

**Best wipeout by a sports writer:** Luke Peterson who fell off the T-Bar at Silverwood and damaged ligaments in his knee so much that he spent 10 days on crutches. All this after spending a successful week at Sugarloaf.

**Most popular quote from athletes:** "Don't you dare print that."

**Suprise of the year:** The Athletics department is seriously considering adding women's soccer to the slate of teams here in the future. A good move.



These Red Devil fans left no doubt as to who their favourite player was. Dean Parsons (Jelly) Red Devil trainer, suited up for a pair of games when the team was struck with a rash of injuries. Don't forget to vote Dean as a write-in candidate in the upcoming Student Union Elections

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