

SPORTS

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The best and worst: Year in review

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Here at the Brunswickan, we love statistics. Statistics are our friends. Especially when the Varsity Sports teams give us some interesting ones to write about. This year was no exception as our twelve Varsity teams proved that UNB is atop the AUAA when it comes to athletic excellence.

Comparing the last two years

	# TEAMS MADE PLAYOFFS	AUAA CHAMPS	CIAU MEDALS
1993-94	9	5	6*
1992-93	10	4	5*

- NUMBERS REPRESENT VARSITY TEAMS
* Includes individual medals won by SWIMMERS.

Nine teams qualified for post-season action while AUAA Championships were won by field hockey, men's swimming, women's volleyball, women's basketball, and wrestling. This success continued at the CIAU Championships where the field hockey team nabbed their second straight silver medal, the women's basketball finished a respectable sixth, the women's volleyball team finished eighth and both the men's and women's swimming teams placed eighth.

The following is the Brunswickan's annual look at the best and worst of the athletic year.

Best moment, team: Once again the Varsity Reds field hockey team claimed the best moment for a team. As Yogi Berra said 'It was déjà vu all over again' when the Reds won

the silver medal for the second year in a row at the National Championships. The University community showed their appreciation by welcoming them back at the Fredericton Airport.

Worst moment, team: The hockey team was axed by the defending CIAU champion Acadia Axemen in the annual Mark Jeffrey Memorial game in front of hometown Varsity-Mania crowd. The Varsity Reds didn't manage to score in the game losing 6-0.

Biggest surprise: Men's Basketball. The Reds caused three major upsets at 'the Pit' this year beating St. Mary's, Acadia and UCCB, all of which were nationally ranked at one point during the season. Their 6-14 record was an overwhelming improvement from last year's 1-19 record.

Best moment individual: This title belongs to Varsity Reds swimmer Jason Lukeman hands down. Jason beat a stellar field in the CIAU Championship 100 m. freestyle event to claim UNB's only National Championship this year. He is also an Academic and Athletic

Ken Murchison broke his wrist at the outset of the season and was relegated to the sidelines for much of his final season with the Varsity Reds.

Most consistent team: Tie: Both varsity basketball teams take this honour. They combined for a solid 18-4 record at 'the Pit'. Together they made UNB the most inhospitable place for opposing teams to play basketball this year.

Most underrated team: The hopefully Varsity-to-be Women's soccer team showed they can be competitive at the AUAA level. They defeated the Université de Moncton in an exhibition game last Fall. They are still being considered for varsity status pending funding from the university.

Most underrated athlete: Mark Coy of the Men's Volleyball team wins the Bruns's Rodney Dangerfield Award for getting no respect in the press. Mark is a former rookie of the year, a current all-star and is rumoured to have once broken an opponent's nose with a blistering spike.

Best exchange student-athlete: Brian Pullman, an exchange student from Hanover, Germany won the AUAA Cross-Country Running Championship and led the men's team to a second place finish overall. Brian was also UNB Athlete of the Month for October.

Most invincible team: Don Ryan coached the Varsity Reds Wrestling team to their 5th consecutive AUAA title and their umpteenth title in the last 20 years. Ryan is already recruiting the brother of AUAA Champion Terry Pomeroy for next year and is developing one of the best women's wrestling programs in Canada.

Best premonition, coach: At the annual 'meet the coaches' press conference last September, women's volleyball coach Al MacGarvie hinted that the team could finish the season atop the AUAA this year. Indeed they did, finishing with an untouchable 18-0 record after claiming the AUAA Championships. What's in store for next year Al, a perfect games record?

Best Bruns Sports Dept. move: Giving Mark Savoie a plane ticket to Winnipeg to cover the National Women's



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Ten bucks to anyone who knows what forward Joe O'Brien is doing in this picture.

Volleyball Championships.

Worst Bruns Sports Dept. move: Giving Mark Savoie a RETURN plane ticket to Winnipeg.

Most overrated athlete: Bill Traer of the Varsity Redneck pool hustling team takes this honour. Bill looked strong at the outset of the season hustling his way into over \$400 on home turf at the Social Club. However, it was all downhill after he was arrested for issuing counterfeit money and failed to qualify for the AUAA's. Too bad.



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"Actually, Zellers is having a season-end sale on sticks. I picked this one up for \$4.98. You should check it out."

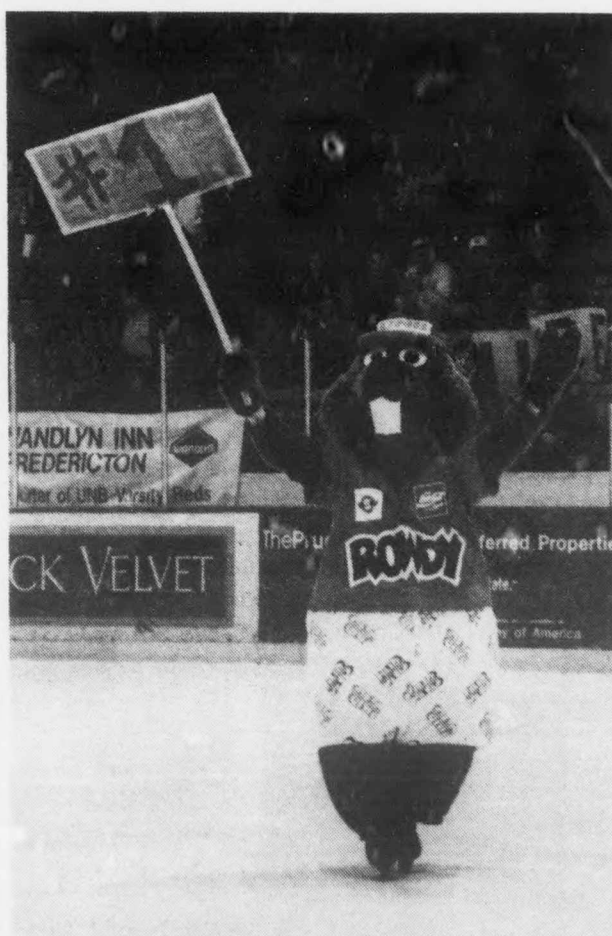
All-Canadian.

Worst moment, individual: Tie: Two Varsity team captains had their seasons shortened due to injuries this year. Soccer captain Gray Zurheid stumbled down some stairs and injured his foot causing him to miss a crucial portion of the season, while Hockey captain



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Midfielder Neil Unsworth (right) shows how his Goyu Ryu Karate training helped him crack the varsity soccer team lineup this year.



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Rowdy Beaver: the biggest Varsity Red fan of all.