

The Front Row

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The varsity athletics program at UNB has been quite successful in the past both on and off the playing field.

Last year the CIAU named 34 athletes as Academic All Canadians for their scholastic performance in 1992-93. This can be considered quite a feat since during their 'season' their travelling frequently. In addition they have to spend long hours in practice and ensuring that their in top shape for their sport.

The Reds have proven that they are a force to recoken with on the field as last year they won five AUAA Championships - the women's field hockey, women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's swimming and wrestling. Thirty seven athletes were selected as AUAA All-stars, while ten athletes were named CIAU All Canadiens. On the national level the field hockey won the silver medal at the CIAU for the second consecutive years and both men's and women's swimming teams won medals at the CIAU.

A number of the teams have a history of success on the field. An example of this is the Field Hockey team who are kown nationally for their program. The team is formerly known as the Red Sticks and the name of the team would bring either fear or respect to the opponents. Another example is the women's basketball team, formerly known as the Bloomers, that brought both fear or respect to the opponents.

These programs (and others that weren't mentioned) brought excellents athletes to campus and people who are interested in varsity sports as spectators. Often athletes who were interested in a particular sport - especially the teams with a very good reputation would consider UNB before other schools solely on a teams performance.



UNB table diving team starts season.

Yesterday the Varsity Rednecks table diving team debuted their season with a convincing victory over the Varsity Blue Bloods.

Well over 25 000 fans attended the match which took place in the newly constructed, 15 million dollar, Earl Foxtstream Complex. The cheering UNB crowd was egged on by the 8000 supporters which had made the trip from Nova Scotia in order to encourage their athletes. Having had little sleep during their 9 hour voyage, they were grumpy and soon started quarreling with their opposing fans.

After Captain Jonathan Granville-Street completed a triple layout, semi slipstream, double barrel roll belly flop and scored a 56.895325 out of a possible 60.005 to claim victory, several fights broke out in the bleachers. The worst incident occurred when Blue Blood student David William-Smith pulled a 12 inch knife on UNB fourth year arts student Peter Slayer. Diving out of the way of David William-Smith's thrust Mr. Slayer landed on the control box for the table platforms. As the thirty metre platform began to tilt sideways and lower on to the bleachers, the crowd in its path began to panic.

Thankfully, Campus Armed Forces Deputy Chief Counter-Intelligence Inspector James Levin reacted quickly and shut down the table platform before too many people were killed. Campus Armed Forces Head Overlord was later quoted as saying, "Had

Deputy Chief Counter-Intelligence Inspector James Levin not reacted as quickly as he did, the death toll could easily have reached into the hundreds, or horror of horrors, thousands."

Once the carnage had been cleared away and the victims transported up to the local hospital, the surviving fans were witness to an incredible display of aerial feats. The loudest cheer arose after three

UNB athletes, Haden Riverran, Killer Fedden, and Geoff Victor, combined their routines and dove at the same time. The triple, triple upside down semi reverse, sideslip, double back, split handspring routine earned a near perfect 60.0000. The trio plan to use this dive at the Summer Olympics where table diving will be a tested as an event.

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