

Be part of *the Centre of*  
**ATTENTION**  
*SHAW* Conference Centre

- Central Location!
- Flexible Hours for Students!
- Staff Meals Provided!
- Various Positions Available!

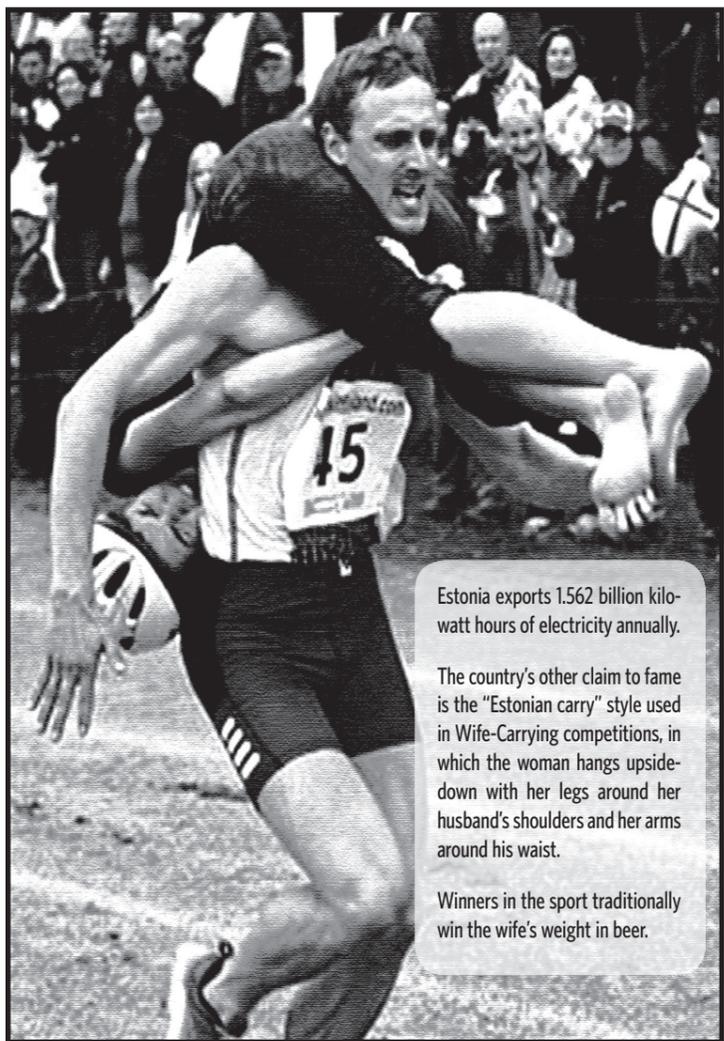
www.shawconferencecentre.com  
 or call (780)917-7609 for more info

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH**  
 JOIN US FOR A SAMPLING OF THE  
 NEW KEITH'S RED AMBER ALE

**SCRATCH AND WIN  
 INSTANT PRIZES  
 FROM KEITH'S**

**KEITH'S IPA AND  
 KEITH'S RED PINTS ONLY**  
**\$4.00**

**BLACK DOG FREEHOUSE**  
**10425 . 82 AVE**



Estonia exports 1.562 billion kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

The country's other claim to fame is the "Estonian carry" style used in Wife-Carrying competitions, in which the woman hangs upside-down with her legs around her husband's shoulders and her arms around his waist.

Winners in the sport traditionally win the wife's weight in beer.

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY AT 5:30

**GATEWAY SPORTS**

All about the chivalry since 1910

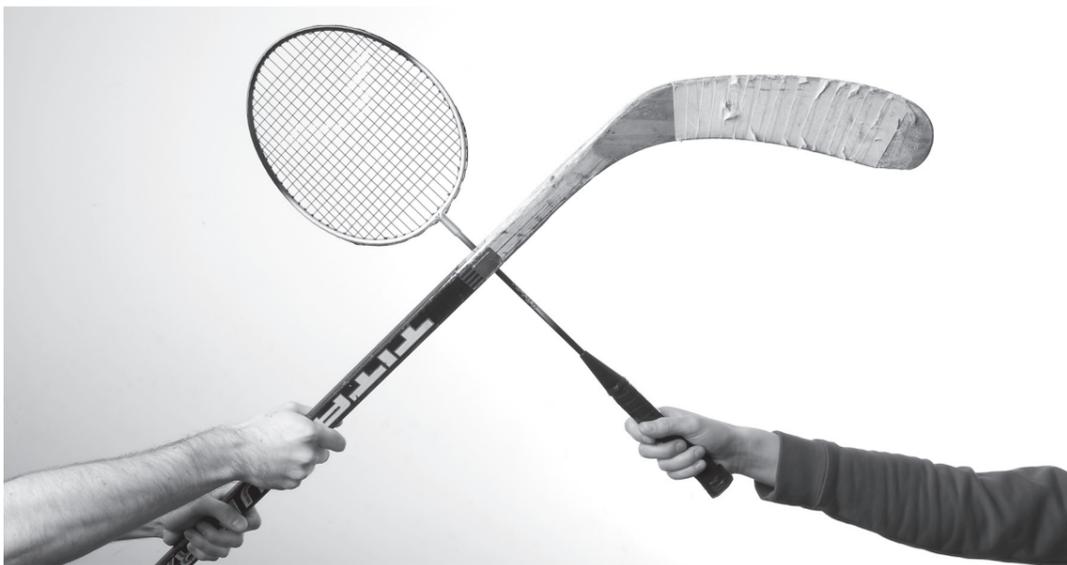


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: MIKE OTTO

## Cautionary tales of jock love

Getting involved with a celebrity athlete can be dangerous—and hilarious



SPORTS  
STAFF

Group  
Commentary

Paparazzi, groupies, cheating, beating: all reasons not to enter into a relationship with a professional athlete. Of course, not everyone has taken this little piece of advice, which means that those of us who have get to pity—and be entertained by—those who haven't. Celebrity athletes are a fixture of the tabloids, and for good reason: the combination of attractive people, money, fame, and extensive travel schedules rarely adds up to domestic bliss—and people love trainwrecks. We here at the Gateway are no exception, and we've put together our selections of the most salacious, hilarious, or horrifying stories from professional athletes' often very public relationship troubles.

### Robin Collum

Nothing piques the interest—and horrifies—quite like a story involving famous athletes, music stars, infidelity, allegations of physical abuse, and arson, which is why Andre Rison and Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes's relationship was so fascinating.

Rison, a wide receiver who has played in both the NFL and CFL, and Lopes, whose music with the band TLC went multi-platinum, were involved off-and-on throughout the '90s, creating headlines the whole time. In 1993, Rison was arrested for assaulting her after an incident in a Georgia parking lot where he is said to have hit her and fired a gun.

It's what happened the next year that earned the most headlines, however. Lopes, angry that Rison had been cheating on her, lit a fire in an empty hot tub in the mansion they shared. She said that she only meant to burn his new tennis shoes, but the fire got out of control and consumed the entire house. She later described the building as "a house of evil" and displayed little remorse for the blaze. She was charged with first-degree arson and sentenced to five years' probation.

Somehow, even after all of this, the couple stayed together. But you have to wonder exactly what these two saw in each other, because anyone could see—out of either eye—how unhealthy that relationship was.

### Trevor Phillips

First, I'd like to say that I sympathize with anybody who has to go through a divorce; it can be a very emotionally

challenging time, leaving you lonely, vulnerable, and often penniless.

Okay, now that I've shown you that I'm not an insensitive bastard, completely devoid of compassion like the rest of these meatheads, I can get down to business and introduce the gold medal of dysfunctional athlete marriages.

In 2002, Chuck Finley was just your run-of-the-mill American League All-Star pitcher for the Cleveland Indians; Tawny Kitaen was that chick from the Whitesnake music video who dry-humped a Jaguar in her negligée—but you might know her better as the chick who beat the shit out of Finley.

One night, while driving their car—and apparently trashed on prescription medication—Kitaen took the end of her stiletto high-heel and turned Finley's million-dollar arm into swiss cheese. Three days later, she was arrested for domestic abuse, and Finley filed for divorce, partial custody of their two kids—and, of course, a restraining order.

This story ended badly for all involved—except those of us who got to read about it: Kitaen was forced to enter rehab and go through with the humiliation of being a trashy ex-supermodel burnout, and Finley had to deal with the embarrassment of being a worthless veteran pitcher with a 4-11 record who was beat up by his wife. Not a very good reputation in a male-oriented sporting world.

### Adam Gaumont

My pick is Elisha Cuthbert and Sean Avery. According to the reputed news website elisha-fans.com, this Tinseltown pair have now split—and admittedly, even when they were together, they weren't particularly dysfunctional as far as startling couples go. However, this relationship was made dysfunctional by the simple fact that it involved Sean fucking Avery.

I mean, this is the guy who's so far managed to offend black people, the French, people who wear visors, a respected TV commentator, and just about everybody else involved in the NHL in between.

Avery isn't a sexy Hollywood bad-boy; he's an offensive prick with a bad attitude, and gives all of hockey a bad name.

From what I can tell, the only thing that Cuthbert and Avery have in common is that they're both Canadian ex-pats who made it big in LA. What he's doing with a sweet, innocent (and sexy!) girl-next-door like Elisha, therefore, is beyond me. In fact, I'm surprised Keifer Sutherland hasn't tried to chop off his hand with an axe yet.

### Paul Owen

How can any athlete's spousal affairs top that of Kobe Bryant? The biggest sports story of the summer of '03 was Bryant's alleged rape of a hotel worker in Eagle, Colorado—and the scandal derailed a Lakers team that should have won the NBA title.

Moreover, to apologize, Kobe bought his wife Vanessa a \$4 million ring to say he was sorry. The tip of the cap was the next year, when Kobe's former teammate Karl Malone reportedly told Vanessa—who is of Hispanic decent—that he was "hunting for little Mexican girls," causing a rift between Bryant and Malone. Despite this sort of thing going down, the Bryants appear to have one of the more stable marriages in the NBA. Go figure.

### Nick Frost

As far as romance scandals in sport go, none have been as scintillating to me as the much-publicized misadventures between the man I consider to be the greatest basketball player ever—Michael Jordan—and his two-time ex-wife Juanita Vanoy. These two have been through a lot, stemming back to their original marriage nearly twelve and a half years ago, before the old "irreconcilable differences" card was put into play. While they did eventually reconcile—and restore my faith that these two crazy kids could make it after all—they went and called it quits again in 2006, with Vanoy receiving a whopping \$150-million divorce settlement from Jordan.

What makes their failed marriage more entertaining than those of other athletes is the sheer volume and hilarity of well-publicized allegations of his infidelity. Back when I was a young tyke out grocery shopping with my mommy—when the fact that super-market tabloids were generally full of shit was still news to me—I remember seeing a small headline at the top of one of those rags indicating that Michael Jordan was courting professional letter-flipper Vanna White on the side.

Even though I hadn't reached double-digits yet, I still figured out that this story wasn't even remotely true. Yet, when thinking about it today, it's fun to imagine all the possible innuendos that could've sprouted from such an affair, given their respective careers. On the one hand, you have a basketball player known for putting the ball in the hole, and shooting—often from long distances. The best part, though, is what you can do with her job. Start saying things that Vanna White does on Wheel of Fortune in a certain way—like "I'll turn your vowels" for example—and you have hours of innuendo-laden fun.