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Few people can see genius in someone who has offended them.  
~ Robertson Davies

## In Defense of the +/-

By Nathan 'Invincible' Miller  
~ Daily Bull ~

As we approach the end of the broomball season and the final games I'll ever play, I'd like to reflect on a feature I wish had existed many years ago: the +/- . While racking up the points has been all well and good, I've really missed tracking my favorite hockey statistic in this very hockey-like game.

In the four years I've been playing the sport, I've managed to accumulate a paltry 32 points with 3 games remaining. Compared with Tyler Reno at 658 points and Drew Madek at 552, I'm pretty crappy. Even compared to my own teammates, I'm not an all-star. That's cause I'm on defense, with the majority of my 15 goals being scored from behind the red line.

By the numbers, my contribution...see I'll plus your minus on back



## Big O Rantes (like oranges)

By Jon 'Big O' Mahan ~ Daily Bull

Sorry for the bad spelling there. It was on purpose. In any case, it's time I rant. See, I'm usually laid back about things, but occasionally, something so retarded comes along, that I must do so. So here I am. A while back a friend of mine linked me to a wiki. The title was The Bad Webcomics Wiki. Now, every so often, someone comes out with a new informative wiki. Want to waste a day? Using the Star Wars wiki helps you to get through that. There is wiki for about every fictional universe out there, from Harry Potter (I presume) to Touhou Project. If someone deems it worthy, there is a wiki of it.

Piggy backing off of this known information that wikis are generally trusted (Wikipedia has about 4 errors per article, versus encyclopedia Britannica's average of about 3), The Bad Webcomics wiki takes this chance to spew its hatred upon unsuspecting newbies to the internet, forcing its opinion down your throat. OR ELSE.

Let's get this straight. No web comic is perfect. Every web comic has its flaws, and shortcomings, as well as gems, and standouts (VGCats' alien reference for example). What this site tries to do is compare each and every comic to an epic novel, where all characters undergo massive development, and there is a dragon eating town people and they must save the day! Or something. But comics usually aren't like that. Heck, if this site were to rate the newspaper comics, it would say each and every one of them is a cesspool because there is no story involved. What if you missed Sunday's paper? Then holy crap you have NO idea what is going on right? That's why comics are usually funny as STANDALONES.

One great example of this is the comic Surviving the World. Technically, it's a photo comic. It's a guy, and a blackboard, and him talking about things that come to mind/quotes/random issues and or graphs of correlations in the world. Many of these are good for

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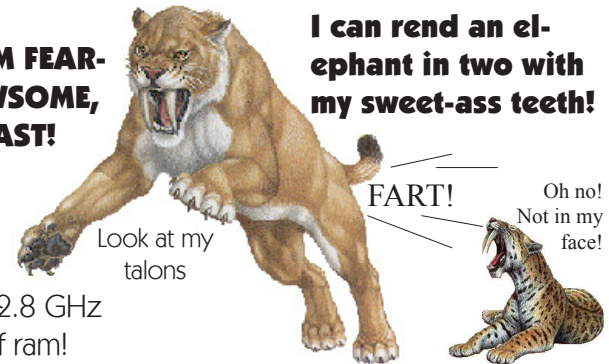
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## DUDE DUDE DUDE

HOLY MOLY MAN DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS CRITTER IS?! It's a SMILODON! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?! IT IS AWESOME.

RAWR I AM FEAR-SOME, AWSOME, AND FAST!



I can run at 2.8 GHz with 2 GB of ram!

## NEW COMPUTER NEW COMPUTER NEW COMPUTER

The Daily Bull \*finally\* has a new computer! The case is called a Smilodon, and it's covered in fangs and lots of other intimidating and fast logos. OH YEAH SPEED DEMON! It even lights up! Take that CompuBull, you're officially obsolete!

It's totally sweet, we can now run more than one program at a time. We tested it out by running Adobe photoshop, indesign, firefox, IE, Word, paint, and a huge download at the same time. Perfect execution! A new age is here!

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a chuckle. Will it put you in stitches? No. But it's a nice thing to wake up to in the morning every morning. Gets your day started. Bad Webcomics Wiki tears it apart for not having a story, and having no art, because the creator is lazy. Well, he may be lazy, but, saying it's a bad web comic because it lacks a story is like saying Star Wars is a bad movie series because it isn't based on scientific and historical fact. WELL DUH. And that's just it. Bad Webcomics Wiki compares EVERY

SINGLE GENRE, as one solitary genre.

And I haven't even gotten into the writing style either. The writing style on Bad Webcomics Wiki is just absolutely and utterly terrible. It's like six 12-year olds sitting at home in their rooms finding beloved comics the internet over to belittle and berate, all because they are compensating for what they don't have. If you're going to critique, do it right. I'm just glad they managed to do the capitalization and punctuation right. Mostly.

For reference, the following comics are on the Bad Webcomics Wiki, and these are just a few of them that I disagree with- Chugworth Academy, Boss Noodle, Cyanide and Happiness aka Explosm, Grim Tales from Down Below, Surviving the World, Megatokyo, Powerpuff Girls Doujinshi (not that kind you sick twits), VGCats, and XKCD

One I agree with- Cru the Dwarf and Law for Kids (The photo-shops are better than the originals... )

...I'll plus your minus from front

tribution to the team doesn't look too hot. When the team wins big, the offense looks great and the goalie gets credit for shutouts. When we lose, the defense must've been sucking it up, even if we only lost by one or two. After all, if the defense hadn't been letting people take shots on the goalie, we would've won!

Or something like that. In my books, goalies are supposed to face shots, and I expect them to save some. I play an aggressive defense - annoy the heck out of the attackers, put them in bad positions to score, and assume my goalie can save the little bit that does get by. This also allows me to get the ball farther up to the offense, who I assume will score. It's a fairly effective system, at least when you're not looking at the existing stats.

Without +/-, nobody will ever really know how effective the defense is being. Are they demolishing the attackers? Is the offense pulling their own weight? I've been on plenty of teams where, despite playing solid defense, nobody can score goals. But since the defense is responsible for the 2-0 loss, they get the blame. Nobody really looks at the lack of offense, because as long as the offense has oodles more points than the defenders, it's the defense's fault.

So compared to my goal scoring teammates, me and my fellow defenders aren't as good. Which is obvious, since they're shooting on net from ten feet instead of fifty. They'd better have more goals than me.

As it is now, though, there's no real way of knowing who's a good defender or not except to watch them play. I tire of seeing good defenders being shunned by goalies and attackers for not stopping the few goals that were scored. If there were +/-, the offense would also take a hit for each goal scored on them, so not just the defense would be to blame. Maybe a low +/- is actually due to the offense never scoring goals. By looking simply at points, though, you'd never be able to tell, since the offense does have more goals. Therefore, they're doing their job. Right?

Losing games by small margins is nothing for the defense to be ashamed of, unless they put the goals in themselves. If, somehow, broomball managed to track this vital and underappreciated statistic, the defense would finally get the credit we deserve, instead of the ire of our teammates. There's nothing worse than playing at the top of your game only to be told that you somehow blew it.

## Ruben Rant: Toilet Abuse

By Ruben Garcia ~ Daily Bull

Dear readers, it has occurred to me that a great travesty has occurred on this campus for far too long. While I was in the bathroom earlier going about my business, I, like any other college kid, was about to flush the toilet by dropping it into oblivion. However, I stopped upon noticing that the lever of the toilet hung there like a dead fish crying for water.

Upon looking at the wall I noted footprints and a large yellow streak of mud/ dirt left by people repeating my actions. It has occurred to me that toilet abuse has been running rampant for ages across this great campus. Why, why must we abuse poor porcelain that already has a hard enough time handling far bigger loads?

Spearheading this initiative is Liz Fujita, who has created a toilet-abuse shelter for any porcelain that feels it has been neglected. "We offer everything," Liz says,

"we buff, we wax, we have some grief counseling, we even have some bidet upgrades. It is important to try and get these toilets' self-esteem up again".

Student Janitor K-Swiss leads the investigation into the toilets mental condition. "Far too many have come in with 'curlys' around the rim, clearly indicating abuse," she says. "We need to stop this now!".

Michigan Tech's Sanitary and Toilet Division, created because of this initiative, has decided to implement a few new rules to help the poor toilets. Anyone over 300 pounds must pay an extra "strain fee." Next year, all people will have to undergo mandatory 'man-scaping' and no shoes will be allowed in the bathrooms to further dissuade people from abusing the toilets. This writer has changed his mind, and vows to never harm a poor toilet again. Now if only we could get non-orphanage grade toilet paper...



Go America! We're kicking ass and dominating so far, with 6 total medals (1G, 2S, 3B). DEDEAT the WORLD! Germany is in second place with 4 medals (1G, 3S), and France is cherry picking gold medals with two and a bronze. Yey winter Olympics!



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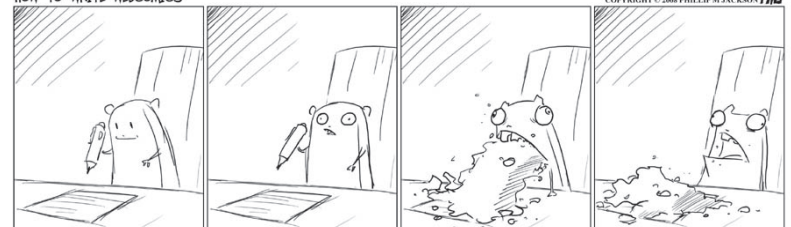
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