

Leading the Red: Ford Is The Sun's Athlete of the Year

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Dontcha wish your (boy)friend was hott like me? | Senior Nathan Ford was a key player on the 2008-09 football and baseball teams. The three-year starting quarterback is the No. 2 all-time passer in Cornell history and a three-time All-Ivy selection at third base.

Those inside the Cornell sports world recognize him as the second all-time passing leader at quarterback in school history and a first-team all-Ivy third baseman. Those outside of the Cornell sports world know him as that guy from Cornell who was mentioned in an episode of "The Office."

Whether he was heaving last-second touchdown passes into the end zone at Lehigh or helping the baseball team post its first winning season and capture its first division title since 2005, senior Nathan Ford has done it all.

"I certainly think there's a tremendous amount of respect for him in a lot of ways," said baseball associate head coach Tom Ford. "He leads by example, is a very hard worker and does things the right way on and off of the field. Also, I think guys look up to him

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BASEBALL

- .364 career batting average
- Eight HRs, 34 RBIs in 2009

FOOTBALL

- 2,815 passing yards in 2008
- 284.9 total yards per game

Sports Illustrated, But Why?

Some things are sacred to a sports fan.

Whether it's an object or an experience — from a cherished autograph to uninterrupted TV time when your team is playing — interfering in those things is not a good idea. Someone, however, did just that to me this week, and I'm mad as hell.

When I got my latest copy of Sports Illustrated in the mail earlier this week, it looked the same as always ... on the surface. But as soon as I opened those glossy



Allie Perez

In Your Ear

pages, I realized that something was terribly wrong.

SI had been redesigned seemingly overnight — more empty white space, less creative font choices — overall, way more boring, even jarring, to look at.

This past week, I have been examining these pages from the perspective of both a faithful reader of the magazine and with an eye for design as the editor of The Sun's weekend magazine, Red Letter Daze.

Now, maybe I'm biased in favor of the format I am accustomed to, or maybe I do not have the expertise to have a legitimate opinion on SI's design changes, but they make no sense to me.

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TOP 25 SENIOR ATHLETES

By **SUN STAFF**

Garrett Huyler

A Heps champion, Huyler holds school records in both the indoor and outdoor high jump; his personal best (2.20m) puts him at No. 9 all-time among Ivy League athletes and was one centimeter away from qualifying him for Olympic Trials. Huyler has cleared 7-0 over 25 times in his career.

Ariana Constant

The team captain, Constant led the women's polo team to an undefeated regular season and a No. 2 finish in the country; her 77 goals puts her at No. 2 on the team in scoring.

Scott Hardinger

Entering play this weekend, leadoff hitter Hardinger is ranked first all-time in career assists at Cornell with 458. As a sophomore he was second-team All-Ivy League, and currently boasts a .308 batting average — his best in four years at Cornell — with 40

hits (No. 3 on the team).

Jessy Berkey

One of four seniors on the softball team, Berkey's offensive power surge this season has helped aid the Red to the Ivy League Championship series against Dartmouth. Heading into this weekend, Berkey is batting .388 with a team-leading 12 home runs and is No. 3 on the team in RBIs with 41.

Jesse Baker

Baker was the football team's top receiving threat in 2008. He racked up 725 receiving yards and six touchdowns, both team-highs. He also averaged 6.6 receptions per game, good for second in the Ivy League.

Graham Rihn

Rihn was named team MVP for his leadership on and off the field and his stalwart defensive presence come gametime. Rihn accumulated 122 tackles in his career, 58 in 2008, and showed a

knack for the big play with three blocked kicks this season.

Stacey Ohara

Ohara became the Red's first USAG national champion after posting a top score of 9.850 on the balance beam at the individual championships in mid-April. Ohara's individual title came just one day after she helped the gymnastics team to its first USAG national team title, the first title won by a non-scholarship program.

Stefan Brabeck

Brabeck stepped confidently into a leadership role when captain Mike Gavalas was injured. He is a three-year member of the varsity-8 crew and helped the team to IRA national titles in 2007 and 2008.

Evan Barlow

Barlow cemented his place in Cornell hockey lore with his late-game heroics all season. He scored

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