Men's volleyball strong in early-season tourney

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The men finished fourth of 14 teams at the competition. After a few more weeks of practice, the team will travel to Iowa City to compete in the Hawkeye Classic.

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This is a sport that is right with the times. When the final buzzer sounds, fans can walk away saying they attended an actual extreme sport.

It may not receive as much attention as the other rules are explained throughout the telecast by the announcers and various information boxes. The viewer is exposed to a useless halftime speech. Slamball takes place on a court surrounded with cheerleaders and announcers with a mash-up of basketball and gymnastics with a splash of music throughout the Saturday night show.

Some TV shows do multiple segments, but there is something different about “Slamball.”

Many people have seen it, but almost everyone has heard of it. No one has ever seen it in the flesh. It is a gimmick sport but it is entertaining.

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“Slamball” features 5-foot-8-inch basketball players and 6-foot-7-inch dunking athletes. All players are required to wear helmets.

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Slamball also has a tryouts for anyone across the country. It kind of makes you wonder: Can tryouts for Slamball really be that difficult? Who can’t make a half-court shot with the assistance of a trampoline? The first season of “Slamball” is almost over. It is time to plan the next one. The entire game is scheduled for the next season. It is a sport that fits right in with the idea of extreme sports.

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