

# Bombers lose heartbreaker

By Mark Estill

A fired up UNB football team nearly pulled off the upset of the season at College Field last Saturday. The Red Bombers led the Ax-men for 59 minutes only to lose in the last minute of play, by one point. From the opening onside kick the Bombers took charge of the game and began pushing the visiting Ax-men, who were ranked third in Canada, all over the field.

Mike Arthur recovered the opening onside kick and let the UNB offense take over. Clarke handed off to his two running backs, Perry Kukkonen and Bruce Johnson, four times in a row, completed his first two passes of the game, moving his team to the 12 yard line. Proudfoot then narrowly missed a field goal and UNB was ahead 1-0.

Then the defense went to work. Acadia did not get a first down until the final seconds of the first quarter. Mike Arthur almost single-handedly assured himself a place on the all conference squad with his play against Acadia. Arthur did not so much as tackle Ax-men runners as punish them. One time in the first quarter Arthur hit some poor Acadia running back so hard it must have registered on the Richter scale.

UNB's first touchdown was engineered by Greg Clarke, who played his best game in a Bomber jersey last week. Taking the ball from our own 50, Clarke completed four passes in a row cumulating in a 10 yard TD strike to everybody's favorite all-Canadian Stewart Fraser. Also included in the first Bomber TD series was a three yard third down plunge by Bruce Johnson to keep the drive alive. Johnston played a major

part in the game rushing for 37 yards on eight carries, including one touchdown. A lot of credit must also go to the offensive line of UNB for the protection given Clarke, as well as the holes opened for the running backs. Strengthened by the return of Ken Martin the offensive line consisting of Tim McKay, Greg Didur, Stu Cudmore, and Robert Lockwood allowed the powerful Acadia defense to get to Clarke only twice.

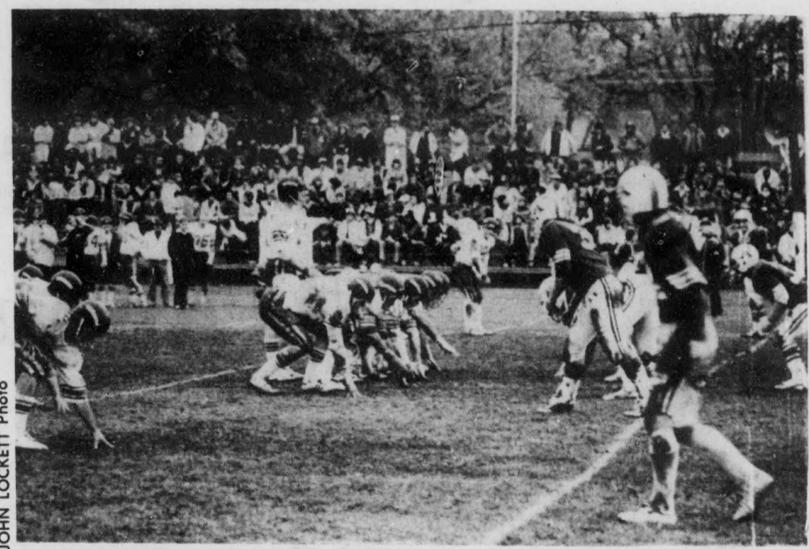
UNB, having found the end zone once, decided they liked the territory and wasted no time returning as soon as the second quarter started. Greg Clarke started the drive from the UNB 42 yard line. He passed twice to Fraser, hit Mitchell once, to set up a three yard scoring run by Bruce Johnson.

Meanwhile the defense continued to do an excellent job. The only serious Acadia threat was ended when the ever present Wayne Lee picked off an errant pass and returned it for 40 yards, taking the ball out of harms way.

The final Bomber touchdown of the first half was again set up by Greg Clarke. He gave to Kukkonen twice for 10 yards, then completed three straight passes taking UNB to the Acadia 19 yard line. Then Stewart Fraser showed his versatility by throwing a pass to Mike Washburn. Washburn made an excellent reception for the major score. This left the score 22-0 in favour of the Red Bombers, at the end of the half.

Early in the third quarter Acadia got on the board. Taking advantage of a bad snap from centre Acadia moved the ball to the UNB 30 yard line where Stracina kicked a field goal.

The final Bomber touchdown was set up by the defense. With Acadia scrimmaging on their own 28, George West forced the Acadia quarterback to fumble. When the bodies were unplied, Mike Ryder had recovered the fumble on the ten yard line. Two



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UNB Quarterback Greg Clarke surveys the Acadia defense.

plays later Clarke hit Fraser for a seven yard touchdown, making the score 29-3. Once again the offensive line provided excellent protection to allow Clarke to complete the pass. Proudfoot ended UNB's scoring in the third quarter and in the game, hitting a field goal from 32 yards out. Mike McIntyre stopped a late third quarter drive by the Ax-men by picking off a pass.

In the fourth quarter the roof caved in on the Bombers. Acadia took possession of the ball and marched 59 yards on three plays to score on a 23 yard pass. They tried and were successful on the two point conversion making the score 32-11. Despite a very fine interception by Wayne Lee, the Ax-men got possession and marched 80 yards on three plays for another major score. Again the two point conversion was good leaving the score 32-19. UNB managed to hold off the Nova Scotians for the next little while with a fine punt return by Wayne

Lee, who came very close to breaking two punt returns for touchdowns last Saturday. Acadia scored two touchdowns within the last three minutes finally overtaking UNB when the minute flag was raised. Acadia were given a break by the officials who called a very questionable interference call giving Acadia the ball on the UNB one yard line and nullifying a Wayne Caldwell interception. The flag was thrown after Caldwell had caught the ball and was making his way up the field causing scream of abuse to be directed at the offending official by the irate UNB fans. Acadia scored from one yard out leaving UNB players frustrated and shocked.

Despite the fact that the Bombers lost the game UNB has nothing to be ashamed of. The exceptional play on defense by Wayne Lee, Mike Arthur and George West made this game very exciting. Similarly, the offense generated a lot of excitement of

its own. Clarke played easily the best game of the year completing on 20 passes out of 31 for 180 yards with 2 TDs. Stewart Fraser sewed up first place in the receiving department catching seven passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns. Mike Brown caught three passes for 25 yards. Mike Washburn pulled in five passes for 44 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell caught four for 46 yards. Perry Kukkonen was the workhorse of the UNB running backs rushing 18 times for 52 yards.

UNB's next game is tomorrow at 2:00 at College Field against the UPEI Panthers. (NOTE: All statistics in this article are unofficial.)

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Tim Hicks carries the ball up field in last Friday's Red Shirts game against Memorial University. UNB won this game 2-0. Pierre El Khoury and Tim Ed Hansen are the other UNB players in the picture.