

# SPORTSCOMMENTS SPORTSCOMMENT

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The key factor in the Tigers loss to St. F.X. has to be the inability of the offense to move the ball early in the game. I do not put the blame for this entirely on the shoulders of QB Jim de la Mothe although as he is the QB some of it does have to rest there.

I am of the opinion that it is our offensive formation which is causing much of the trouble. I believe that the I formation as we have require that our linemen sustain their blocks for too long. On many of the plays which have Bob Lewington carrying the ball there is an initial hole but by the time he gets there it has been closed off by a line backer reacting to the play. In short the plays are too long developing.

Anyone who saw the X men executing against Dal last Saturday saw that the majority of their plays were quick openers where the back is diving straight into the line from where he lines up. With X this is primarily from a pro type T formation.

Also any success which Dal had was directly up the middle with the fullback on quick developing plays.

Our backfield as it is now constituted does not have a runner with speed enough to be an outside threat. On the team there is a runner with this potential and that is John Farrell. If he were in a running back spot it would make opposition defenses respect our outside game and take some of the pressure off our inside

game. When he runs a sweep there is always the possibility of a pass as he has shown in his work at QB that he can definitely throw the ball. Other coaches know this as well and would have to instruct their corners to be aware of this, making them hesitate in coming up as quickly as they would otherwise.

As well he has the speed and hands for pass receiving and coming out of the backfield would make him even more dangerous.

These views have been presented to the coaches and with the results as they have been the past few games as far as our offensive punch is concerned they have nothing to lose in trying them. In fact the exhibition game with the Buccaneers on Friday

night gives them a perfect opportunity.

Looking at the bright side of the X game the pass defense in general was good as only 3 of 13 passes were completed. The unfortunate aspect of this was that all three went for TD's. Especially Jim de la Mothe on defense as he made several key plays to knock passes away from receivers. Lionel Carriere played a strong game at linebacker.

In the limited offense there was John Farrell's pass catching and Bob Lewington's tough running with a minimum of blocking were highlights.

Unfortunately Rob Daigle suffered a broken leg and an operation was necessary immediately after the game. This is a major

loss to the team as his inspiration was invaluable.

Keith Kingsbury had been playing, unknown to him, for the past few weeks with a broken arm and will miss the next couple of games.

John Franklin is also lost for the season with knee trouble. In action elsewhere Acadia's dream ended as U.N.B. dumped them 40-9 showing they are still to be considered. SMU dumped Mount "A" 49-0 as expected and appear to be rolling to the Atlantic Bowl.

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