

Bombers dec law Panthers at Saturday game

By TOM BEST

There are football games and there are football games. Last Saturday's match-up between the Panthers of UPEI and UNB's own Red Bombers which the Bombers won 24-21 provided all the excitement of their last game earlier in the season. The Bombers won that contest 31-26.

With only 20 seconds left on the clock and trailing the Panthers by four points, UNB's Chris McKenna plowed through a goal line pile up to give UNB the edge. It was McKenna's second touchdown of the afternoon.

UPEI quarterback Rick Kiraly made an outstanding effort for the losers going in for two majors and running for a total of 84 yards. John Paul McIntyre gained the other Panther touchdown.

The playing conditions were wet after a heavy rainfall the preceding night. Rain threatened on the day of the game but held off long enough for the 60 minutes of football to be accomplished. Half of the field was muddy while the other half proved suitable for a passing game. Five of the six touchdowns scored were in that end.

Chuck Proudfoot started of

UNB's scoring with a field goal early in the first quarter and later in the quarter, Blair Compton completed a pass from Terry Cripotos to chalk up another six points. Proudfoot was good on the convert.

Compton's reception came following a four play series that included a 22 yard gain by Stuart Fraser. On the goal scoring play, Cripotos called a play which drew the man covering Compton deep into the end zone leaving Compton wide open. Cripotos easily made the eight yard pass.

At the end of the first quarter the score was 10-0 in UNB's favor. For the remainder of the half, the play went up and down the field with neither team holding a definite advantage. The Panthers were able to put together some sort of an effective attack but unable to move the ball far enough into the Bomber's territory to be a threat.

The halftime stats showed that the Bombers were outgunning the Panther defense and stopping the Panther offense virtually in its tracks. Cripotos had 120 yards of passing and between Steve Corscadden and Chris McKenna, there were 59 yards of rushing. Kiraly had 13 yards of passing

making good on only one of six attempts. The Panther rushing attack, spearheaded by the efforts of Kiraly, Brian Thomson and Jim McInnis, combined for 45 yards.

Prior to the game, Coach Jim Born of the Bombers had stated some objective for both the offense and defense. At this point in the game, neither were far behind schedule but the team that they had to face after the half was one of a different complexion. PEI received the kickoff and 10 plays later Jon Paul MacIntyre took the hand off from Kiraly at the one yard line and easily ran it into the end. Mike Kennedy booted the convert for their first points on the board.

Later in the quarter, Cripotos was in a third and long yardage situation and was attempting a punt in the mud when a bad snap forced him to bobble the ball and get off a poor kick. A flag went out on the play and UNB was assessed with an offside lateral penalty. The Panthers took control of the ball at the UNB 45 and a scant five plays later, Kiraly, running an option play that he was to stick with for the rest of the game, notched up another six points for PEI's lead in the game. The Kennedy convert made it Panthers 14 - Bombers 10.

The Panthers, fired up by Kiraly's field generalship, continued to devastate the Bombers until the final quarter. They ran and passed well and after the Kiraly touchdown even got off a 73 yard kickoff. On the return, Stu Fraser was hit hard at the UNB 15 and had to be pulled from the game. Reports indicate that he will be back for tomorrow's game at Mount Allison.

The start of the final bracket saw the Bombers at the PEI 45. Four plays later they were within field goal range. Out comes Proudfoot who easily gets the three pointer, but low and behold, the Panthers have committed the unpardonable sin of being offside. That heinous crime, as far as PEI was concerned, proved fatal as it put the ball first down and goal to go at the Panther five. Gramps McKenna plowed through and Proudfoot toed it over the line to return the lead to UNB.

Minutes later, though, the Panthers were back out front following another run by Kiraly and convert by Kennedy.

After several series the Panthers punted to Bomber Jeff MacLean who ran the ball past numerous tacklers, helped by a superb blocking effort by the entire Bomber squad to go all the way to the Panther goal line. The touchdown was called back, however, due to a UNB low blocking penalty.

At this point in the game, Cripotos finally went to the shotgun formation that has been so successful for him this year. He moved the ball within range for a TD strike to Kelly which was unsuccessful due to pass interference.

The following weekend proved to be successful as well, as the Sticks hit the road for games at the Universities of Moncton and Prince Edward Island. Oct. 15 saw the team wading through the U de M marsh for 70 wet muddy minutes (even a "floating" ball had to be used). Janet Miller came through again, giving UNB a 1-0 win, and again Wiggins saw through the mud well, to chock up yet another shutout.

The score was not indicative of either teams playing ability, as such conditions change the game considerably. Trucking at tremendous speeds the field hockey van raced aboard the island ferry being last vehicle on.

The pitch at UPEI on Sunday, Oct. 16 proved to be a bit better - only 6 inches of muck in center field. Undaunted, Miller scored 2, Howe - 1, Patty Shepard - 1 and Lola Montgomery - 1, all aided in the 5-0 defeat of the Island girls, giving UNB and admirable 7-1, win-loss record. Coach Joyce Slipp seemed pleased with the teams performances, especially when they managed to change in 20 minutes flat, to make the 2:30 ferry home.

Next weekend (Oct. 22 and 23) UN takes on Mount Allison and Memorial University of Newfoundland at 11:00 and 2:00 o'clock respectively, here on College Field. The following Tuesday they host U de M at 4:00 on Chapman field, or College - if it's raining. Come and give a cheer for the Red Sticks as they push, flick, scoop, drive, score and win again and again and again . . .

With another win snatched from their grasp, the Panthers were hardly able to struggle back onto the field to play out the game. One PEI fan said that the Panthers were the only team that could snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. All of the Panthers five losses this year have been by seven points or less.

The hero of the day, Chris McKenna, was a doubtful starter as he has been plagued by knee problems this year. He said that "Before the game they told me they'd see how I would hit and run in the warm-up because they knew it (the knee) was in bad shape. The Skipper (offensive coach Rochette) decided that I'd play. They promised me all the potatoes that I could eat."

McKenna also commented on the support he received from the line in opening up the holes for him to run through. He said "The line played great. There was an air of confidence on the whole offensive unit."

McLean, who had the touchdown called back said that "I wanted to get to the outside and go. Then the Bear made that great block. After that, anyone could have done it. I knew there was a penalty because I heard the horn. I was somewhat disappointed about it but I wasn't going to kick my helmet through the goal posts."

Defensive standout Phil Battaglia indicated that the secondary was not playing up to par. "The defence had a bad day. They had an option play on the outside linebacker that makes it two on one. Otherwise the play finally adjusted."

Tomorrow the Bombers meet the Mounties in Sackville. In their last meeting, the Bombers laid a 25-0 drubbing on the Mounties. The Bombers will be playing without the services of Blair Compton who received a knee and ankle injury in practice earlier this week.

Sticks club U of Maine

In case you've been anxiously awaiting the most recent word on your local university field hockey team, the Ruthless Red Sticks, this is your lucky day! The team has been busy winning games as they drive toward their immediate goal, the AUSA championship.

On Oct. 12 the team travelled to Presque Isle for a game with the

University of Maine & Presque Isle. They got off to a slow start, but Janet Miller and Heather Howe both scored within a minute of each other to spark the following series of goals. The 3-0 half time score turned to an 8-0 victory as Miller, Howe and Lois Scott added the remaining 5. Goalie Pam Wiggins played a fine game to

maintain a hard earned shutout. Two of Miller's 4 goals were on penalty strokes, one of them being awarded when an UMPI girl deliberately pushed one of UNB's rushing forward as she was about to score.

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Don't Chute!!!

The UNB Sport Parachute Club will have a new executive after tonight's annual election meeting, according to Secretary-Treasurer Gord Bennett. The following positions will be filled: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Equipment manager.

Outgoing Club President Peter Anderson said he is hopeful that a few of the new jumpers trained this fall will provide "new blood" on this year's executive. About

twenty-five students have been trained so far this year, with new members being signed up on a continuous basis. This is a new system compared to past years, when all new members of the club were taught the basics of the sport en masse at the first of the school year.

It is hoped that by training students in small groups more individual attention will result in higher quality instruction. This continuous training system, also allows prospective jumpers the opportunity to take up the sport at any time throughout the year.

Those interested in enrolling in the "first jump" course should contact Eric Bradley at 455-8176. One of the first duties of the new executive, according to Anderson, will be to organize the Winter Carnival competition. Each year the club hosts a jump meet to coincide with UNB's Winter Carnival activities.

Local skydivers certainly did not go into hibernation this past summer. A new Maritime record was set when an eight-man star was built on July 3rd. Four of the record breakers are UNB alumni, of which three still jump regularly with the club: Duff Boyd, Gary Fahey, and Eric Bradley. The other UNB'er was Larry Ricker, who at present is trying to get a club off the ground in Moncton.

ATTENTION SKIERS

Well, folks, it's almost that time again, and the people of the UNB Ski club are hard at work hoping to make this season one of the best yet.

This year we are bigger and better, meaning we've got more money to work with, enthusiastic support, and great ideas i.e. a full-fledged ski-team, Sugarloaf trips and more.

But there is no point in just reading it here. Come out to hear the good news first hand at our first general meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27th. Tilley 102 at 7:00 p.m. We are going to be showing excellent ski-films selling memberships and electing new officers. So, come on out and . . . Think snow!

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