



Photo by Gary Constantine

Telfer for SMU pulls in one of Bill Robinson's five touchdown passes in last Saturday's game.

Bombers crushed by SMU

A hell of a way to end a season! The Bombers were keen, but the Huskies of St. Mary's proved much too strong as they humbled the Bombers 39-13 to give the Bombers their second straight losing season.

The only thing working for the Bombers last Saturday was the passing game, as Malcolm was good on 9 of 18 pass attempts for 211 yards. Jamie Porteous with 98 yards and Gary Norcott with 112 yards were on the receiving end, with each scoring one of UNB's two touchdowns. The rushing game was held to 72 yards which isn't too bad, against what is probably one of the toughest defences in the country. Although UNB was never really in the game, timely completions to Norcott and Porteous made the score at least a bit respectable. As has been the case in the last few games, it was turn-overs by UNB (5) which served to diminish any hope of upsetting SMU.

The game started badly for UNB, as it looked like SMU would run them right off the field. After trading fumbles at mid-field, the Huskies needed only four plays before Robinson hit Kirkpatrick on an eight yard touchdown pass. The next time the Huskies had the ball, they returned a UNB punt to the Bomber 23, and four plays later Robinson hit Telfer on another 8 yard touchdown pass. After intercepting a Malcolm pass in the next series of plays, UNB held the Huskies, who were gambling on third down and brought the ball down to the Huskies 15 on runs by Clive and a beautiful 36 yard pass to Porteous. The Bombers lost the ball on downs though on a third down gamble, and when SMU got the ball back, they ground out the first downs with their running game, before Robinson hit Kirkpatrick with another touchdown pass. At this point, the roof fell in for the Bombers, as SMU recovered an onside kick on the

kickoff and 3 plays later Lebrash was in the UNB end zone with another Robinson pass. With the score 27-0 the Bombers came alive at the end of the half, and after intercepting a Huskie pass, Malcolm hit Porteous on a 40 yard touchdown pass on the last play of the half.

The Bombers started out the second half well, as Malcolm, who was given good protection all game by his line hit Gary Norcott on a 70 yard pass and run play for a touchdown. The Bombers seemed at this point to be back in the game, but with the ball on the SMU 40, a costly clipping penalty set up a 35 yard pass from Robinson to Lefevre which put the game back out of reach 33-13. A SMU interception in their end zone snuffed out UNB last scoring chance late in the third quarter, and the teams battled back and forth in the last quarter, with the

only scoring play another touchdown to Kirkpatrick, who incidentally won the league's scoring title with his two touchdowns.

Well, it was a season of ups and downs, but mostly downs, as little mistakes and bad breaks cost the Bombers dearly.

It would be hard to call this year a rebuilding year, as so many good players are leaving, but if nothing else the Bombers may have found the quarterback they need for the future in John Malcolm. The only players to make league all-star were John Danaher and Bob Clive, which is a shame, when there are a few players on the defensive line who are surely all-star material. Well folks, it's all over for this year, it's been fun covering the Bombers for the last bunch of years, and I hope next year some other football freak will take over to see the Bombers come back to life, just like the good old days.

Devils beat Acadia 3-1 in opener

The 72-73 UNB hockey season started off well last Friday, as the Red Devils outmuscled the Acadia Axemen in a 3-1 win.

In what was a rather closely played contest, the big plus for the Devils was the excellent goaltending of Gord Hubley. Gord handled 40 shots, his timely saves being the major factor in UNB scoring an opening game victory. Along with Hubley's brilliant goaltending, the whole team was hustling, never giving Acadia a chance to get organized for very long. The Devils played a fast, hard hitting style of hockey, and as a result, took the majority of the penalties, which kept the Devils under pressure for long periods of time. It was during a

UNB penalty in the first period when Acadia scored their only goal, the result of a series of good passes, capped off by Geoff Saunders. UNB finally got untracked at the end of the period with Steve Beniot scoring on a deflection from John MacRea at 17:53 and Jerry Bell banging in a rebound at 19:23.

The last goal of the game was scored by Bob Keefe for UNB early in the second period on a power play effort, assisted by Benoit and Tapp. The rest of the period was a goaltender's battle, with Hubley making 20 saves, many of them sensational, while Dave Hastings kept Acadia in the game. The goalies kept up their great play in the third period,

when tempers started to flare up and the game became close checking and scrappy. Good hitting by Greg Holst and Brian Tapp kept Acadia disorganized, while the defence started to give Hubley a bit more protection. As usual, Wiff Miles, who always seems to be the referee here, stunk as he takes the prize as being the most disorganized and irritating referee around.

All in all, it was a great team effort against a good Acadia team, who defeated St. Thomas 4-3 Saturday. The next games for the Devils are a pair of road games Nov. 24 and 25 on the Island, which should give a good indication on how well the Devils are prepared for this season.

SUMMARY
First Period - 1. A. G. Saunders (Stoddard) 9:41; 2. U. Steve Benoit (MacRae) 17:53; UNB Jerry Bell (MacAdam, Ben) 19:23. Penalties - UNB Ben 0:33; A. Doyle, UNB MacAd 3:37; A. Saunders 4:49; UNB Wood (9:08); UNB Kohler 12:54; UNB Kohler 19:54.
Second Period - 4. UNB B. Keefe (Benoit, Tapp) 3:39. Penalties - UNB F. Hubley 0:00; A. Doyle 3:33; UNB Archibald 6:03; UNB Keefe (double minor) 8:40; A. Doyle 8:40; A. Moshier 15:33; UNB Archibald 20:00.
Third Period - No scoring. Penalties - UNB F. Hubley 10:00; UNB Bell (major) 13:18; A. S. John (major) 17:44.

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Football season is over at last, and maybe it's just as well after the last encounter with the Huskies from Saint Mary's University.

The Bombers were really roasted by the Huskies, whose passing offence was a real pleasure to watch. It's not hard to see why Bill Robinson, the Huskies quarterback has re-written the record books in the passing department. It's been a long time since an offence has manhandled the Red Bomber defence like that of the Huskies. Matter of fact, it was last year's game with the Huskies that that happened.

A couple of things did come out of the game. Bob Clive did win the league rushing title. He beat out Dick Yost of the UPEI Panthers. It was close though. Clive gained 79 yards in the game, while Yost, playing against Acadia gained something like 140 yards to make a real race out of the title honors.

Two Bombers were chosen to the Conference All-Star team. Clive was given the nod at one of the halfback slots, on defence the selection of John Danaher was in my opinion a good one, it's too bad that Jamie Porteous, Larry Jack or Gil Meredith did not get more votes. Rumour has it that they all just missed by a chin strap.

It was good to see the Devils come up with a win over the Acadia Axemen, they really hustled when they had to. It also showed that they are quite adept at killing penalties, coz they got enough of them. I don't think that the Devils should have one line that has to be depended on all the time to score. They are a much more well rounded team this year. The addition of fellows like Benoit and Kohler are going to be a real help to the team. And how about the performance in nets by Gord Hubley, he really came up with key saves when the Devils were shorthanded. Makes you want to forget about good old Keith Lelievre (who I might add is with the Chicago Cougars of the WHA).

And after all the catterwallowing that the Ironmen did about the fact they were having a maritime championship match here this weekend, don't bother going down to College Field for the game coz the mighty conflict has been postponed until next week. The game is for the Caledonia Cup which is emblematic of rugby supremacy in the maritime provinces.