

Football — The Game and the People

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THE HOTBED

Football is the most scientific sport in the world today. On the other hand, with due respect to die-hard New Brunswick rucker fans, it has been said that rucker is probably the most unscientific "pastime" now in existence. In Mexico, the bloodthirsty fans drool at the thought of the bull's blood. Here in New Brunswick a parallel can be drawn as spectators attend rucker games to watch the massacre of the equipment-less boys. With pride in his voice an ardent advocate of the sport recently reminisced that the last death in Fredericton due to rucker happened way back in 1917.

It is pointless to invite injury by sending ill-equipped players into a game, or in the case of rucker, sending them in with no equipment at all. Most rucker injuries, if not all, could be prevented by the use of proper equipment. Many players admit that there is a great deal of arm tackling and "drag-down" tackling in rucker. Seldom is a player hurt by this type of soft tackle. Usually it is something like getting kicked in an unprotected head. As amazing as it may seem, the rucker players who turn to football pick up many injuries as they try to use this same type of tackle against a hard running fullback. The fact of the matter is that a rucker player is not prepared to play a sport that is rough but scientific.

Luckily rucker is dying and football is being born in N.B. However it is being born far too slowly. In Fredericton we can almost call it a stillbirth. The authorities here refuse to admit that football is a sport far superior to the old fashioned rucker. They continue to live in the past and will not even try the game in high school and bantam leagues. The athletic department at UNB would be more than happy to completely outfit the Fredericton High School team if they would only consent to play football instead of rucker.

Fortunately other centres in N.B. have decided to act in a more progressive way. Harkins High in Newcastle and St. Thomas Academy in Chatham have both begun high school football teams. In Saint John the school authorities apparently will not be budged from the stilted game of yesteryear. However the service clubs in that city have started a league for kids of pre-high school age. To date there are four teams in this bantam loop. The service clubs of Saint John should be congratulated; they should be applauded; and they should be thanked.

In Fredericton there are from 30 to 50 kids on the field at every football practice. Some of these kids want to play football so badly that they have tried to borrow equipment and have even bought some of their own. It would be relatively easy to organize a football league on this level. Perhaps the service clubs of Fredericton could follow the example of their active brothers in Saint John.

In Halifax there are no high schools still playing rucker. All have switched to football and the players fit nicely into the teams from Dalhousie and St. FX. In N.B. we must depend on the luck of the draw. We must depend on players who have had previous training in Ontario and Quebec. We cannot use New Brunswick talent when there could be an abundance of it.

Football is a game in which an alert mind works in conjunction with a healthy body. A rucker player must have a hard head although it is not necessary that there be much of it.

Rucker is dead — long live football.

Spotters Keep Bench Alert

Have you ever wondered what happens on the Red Bombers' bench during a game? Here is a brief run-down on the people who see that everything goes smoothly for the team.

Coach Don Nelson, of course, has charge over the entire operation. Under him are three very capable hands; Coach Dave McIntyre who handles defense, Dr. John Meagher, the Bombers' spotter, and Coach "Doc" Callahan, who is in constant telephone contact with Dr. Meagher.

Once the opening whistle sounds, the first information Dr. Meagher relays to the bench is the enemy's defense set-up. As the afternoon progresses other typical reports coming over the wires might deal with opponents' pass patterns on offense and weaknesses in the line.

During tomorrow's game try glancing at the bench occasionally and see for yourself the behind-the-scenes action.

Cheerleaders Spark Crowds

It's a brand new season and almost a brand new group of cheerleaders. But wait, there's something else!—Male cheerleaders. They will be making their first appearance tomorrow. Add to this the new yells, and spectator interest should reach a new high this year. Many of the new squad have been recruited from freshette ranks and as everyone knows by now, they're all easy to look at.

The cheerleaders have been busy practicing all week in anticipation of Saturday's game. The turn-out has been largest ever and enthusiasm is running at a high level. This could be the best year yet, but the support of the students in the stands is required. See you on Saturday!

From the President . . .

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will have happy and rewarding days at the University of New Brunswick."

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Band Presents Precision Decked in Colorful Uniforms

UNB's Concert and Marching Band, under the direction of A. F. Trythall, will present an impressive appearance at tomorrow's football game when they step out in their bright new uniforms.

The new uniforms are indeed an attractive addition, with their red tunics, gold buttons, and red-striped black trousers. Attire for the band's 36 members has been paid for with funds obtained from the SRC and University Administration as well as the band's own earnings.

Another innovation this year is precision marching. The band is expected to present a brief demonstration tomorrow, with more intricate routines planned for the future.

The UNB Band has been in operation since September, 1956, when UNB's Chancellor, Lord Beaverbrook, provided the band with a full set of instruments.

The band also serves to provide an organization whereby students can meet for recreation and pleasure through band music and to enable students to further their musical knowledge and talents as well as to promote inter-

Bombers

vs

Wanderers

SATURDAY, 2:00 p.m.

Frosh to wear gear

CULTURE DISCUSSED

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approved two resolutions growing out of the seminar topic. One called on NFCUS to adopt a policy favouring the teaching of French in early grades across the country. The other proposal suggested means for fostering increased cultural exchange with ethnic and regional groups.

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Shapely Majorettes Show Smart Routines

Absent tomorrow but present at all future football games will be the colorful UNB majorettes. On the downbeat from the band, these high-stepping young ladies will swing smartly into their routines, adding glamor and color to the half-time shows.

The first appearance of the group will be at the Mt. Allison-UNB game one week from tomorrow. The ten recruits are "shaping up" nicely in order to give the Mount Allison visitors their first look at real womanhood. Although they will continue to wear white calf-high boots, they will follow the popular trend in raising the hemline a foot above the knees (i.e. the ultra-Dior look).

Cathy Davis, popular third year Arts co-ed will once again lead the majorettes through various routines and "form"-ations. Word from "certain roving eyes"

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