

**Proudfoot has hot foot**

# Red Bombers Peel Spuds In Opener, Win 31-26

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Despite eighteen penalties in last Saturday's season opener the UNB Red Bombers showed the UPEI Panthers what the term football is all about. Eight points, perhaps the deciding factor in the game, came from the able foot of Chuck Proudfoot.

Terry Cripotos, the veteran quarterback of the Bombers, tossed the ball for a total of 177 yards for three touchdowns handed off to his rushers for another 99 yards and scooted into the end for another major.

Second year man Stuart Fraser was impressive in the receiving department snagging eight passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns. Cripotos' other receiver, Blair Compton, gathered 50 yards and one touchdown.

UNB's leading rusher was Perry Kukkonen with 26 yards. Rick Chabot, a rookie with the squad, had 23 yards while Jeff MacLean, Steve Corscadden, Chris McKenna,

and Cripotos garnered a total of 50.

UNB's defense was highlighted by the performance of team captain Kim MacPherson who time and again brought the ball carrier to a quick halt. Other standouts on the defense were all Canadian Phil Battaglia, Mike McIntyre and Howard Ulley. Nolan Borden who last year led the league in interceptions, pulled two more out of the air to start on this year's total.

PEI was led by the performance of David McLeod, who took two touchdown passes from quarterback Rick Kiraly. Kiraly also threw a touchdown to Sockey MacDonald and ran in for the other Panther major. Kiraly threw a two point conversion to McLeod to round out the PEI scoring.

The Bombers started the scoring early in the first quarter when they marched easily up the field after a Panther kick. Cripotos then connected with Compton from seven yards out. Proudfoot did the



Stu Fraser (24), snags a Terry Cripotos (10) pass for another completion. Cripotos hit Fraser for 122 yards and two touchdowns.



Bomber quarterback Terry Cripotos runs in for six points early in the second half of the game.

honors for the one point conversion.

In the second quarter, the Islanders threatened to even things up when Kiraly hit McLeod for six points. However, the converts attempt was blocked as UNB maintained a 7-6 lead.

The next series of plays was almost a comedy of errors. UNB received the Panther kick and ineffectually attempted to move the ball upfield. They then punted and the ball fumbled by the Panthers was recovered by Ulley. On UNB's next attempt, the intended receiver dropped the ball which was then picked up by Panther Dave Bryand. This placed the ball at the PEI 39 yard line. The Panthers then attempted a pass which was intercepted by Nolan Borden of the Bombers.

The fiasco however, was far from over. After several successful plays, a Cripotos pass was picked off by J.P. MacIntyre of the Panthers. This started a series of plays which led to a touchdown run by Kiraly to give the Panthers a 12-7 lead.

Late in the half, Cripotos made a touchdown pass to Fraser and Proudfoot was good for the convert to give UNB a 14-12 lead.

Early in the second half, Bomber Mike McIntyre intercepted a Kiraly pass and ran it back 67 yards to the PEI seven yard line. On the next play, Cripotos ran the ball into the end zone to add another six to the Bomber total. Proudfoot added the convert to put UNB out front, 21-12.

The Panthers then threw a scare into UNB fans when they came to within one point by virtue of a touchdown pass and a two point conversion to McLeod.

Later in the quarter, Cripotos threw his last major of the game and Fraser made a diving pass to make it good and give the Bombers a 28-20 lead after the Proudfoot convert.

In the final bracket of the game, Cripotos brought the Bombers within field goal range and Proudfoot put one between the pipes for three points and a 31-20 lead.

UPEI responded with a touchdown on a long bomb from Kiraly to MacDonald. The two point conversion attempt was blocked.

UNB retained possession of the ball for most of the remainder of the game. The Panthers did manage to recover a fumble but this was negated by an interception by Nolan Borden on the next play.

UNB remained in possession until the final gun.

University President, Dr. John Anderson was on hand Saturday and said "We seem to have a team that has got it all together. Our improved coaching staff should help us greatly as well as the many new faces on the team this year."

In other AUFC openers Saturday, Acadia Axemen trounced the Mount A Mounties 60-7 in Wolfville, and St. F.X. X-men defeated St. Mary's in a close one in Halifax 15-12.

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