

Weather and tough SMU defense defeat Bombers

By MIKE GANGE

The UNB Red Bombers played their final home game of the season last weekend, and to the disappointment of the few fans attending, were humbled 21-0 by the St. Mary's Huskies.

The preceding week the Bombers had practised their passing game with the intent on using it to get by the Huskies. However, luck just did not hold out for the Bombers who were met with overcast skies and a constant downpour on Saturday morning. The weather virtually nullified the aerial attack, and the Bombers were forced to contend with the overpowering SMU ground game, while trying to get their own game on the ground underway.

The SMU team was reported to be the strongest in recent years. Their defence put full pressure on

the UNB offensive unit while their offense utilized the wishbone attack -- something the Bombers had never before encountered.

Then on top of all that, the weather did not hold for the

Bombers to get under way with their passing game, already one of the strongest in the league.

If anything, the weather helped the SMU team as much as it hindered the Bombers. The

rushing gains throughout the game (well over 200) attested to the fact that the Bombers were outpowered. When the Bombers did get into position for the tackle, the SMU offensive team gained extra yardage because of the wet

slippery ground which was almost impossible to tackle on and maintain footing.

Still losing to SMU by only 21 points is something of a victory in itself. Last year, the Bombers were annihilated by nearly fifty points in Halifax. This year they kept the league leaders to only converted touchdowns.

While no loss is easy to take, especially on home turf, this loss may have been to the benefit of the Bombers. They have tasted defeat twice this year from the league's powerhouse teams -- first Acadia and now St. Mary's. They now know how hard they must work to beat St. F.X. on the weekend of the twenty-third of this month. The team may also be aware that if they defeat X, their chances of taking Acadia are that much greater, when the finals do come around, if they should draw that particular team.

The burning by SMU will have given the Bombers a chance to see the Huskies attack firsthand, and prepare for it should the two teams meet again.

Should UNB defeat St. F.X. in Antigonish, they will have bettered their previous season's record. They will have also put themselves into what should be better competitive position for the playoffs. Win or lose, the Bombers will be in the play-offs. And for the work the whole team has done, and what they have received in return from some of the fickle local media (who cheer when the team wins, but boo and cry "Bums" when the team loses, after what has certainly been an exciting season so far) the team deserves not only to win, but go all the way.

After three years of not having the breaks, the Bombers are starting to get them. The team has gelled together well in both offense and defence. Now, with fingers crossed, they can sustain their momentum. Even after losing to SMU. After all, who hasn't?



The UNB Red Bombers met their match last Saturday at College Field as the weather and a formidable Saint Mary's team powed and rolled over them. Photo by Lorne Morrow.

Devils pared down

By STEVE GILLILAND

Coach Bill MacGillivray of the UNB Red Devils has gradually cut 55 prospective players to reach a group of 35 players as the team prepares for a pair of exhibition games this weekend against the Dalhousie Tigers of Halifax.

The first game is set to start tonight at 8 p.m. while the second is at 2 p.m. Saturday. Both games are to be played at the Aitken Centre.

Coach MacGillivray still has 10 players to cut before the regular season opens Nov. 6th when they visit the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers.

The biggest decision as to who to keep will probably be in goaltending. Last year's starter John MacLean is not returning this year due to a heavy course load.

If the Red Devils work as hard during the season as they have in their scrummage Tuesday night, they should be able to improve last years poor 5-11 win-loss record, and hopefully capture a playoff berth.

Red Sticks stick it to UMPI

By HEATHER HOWE

The Red Sticks Field Hockey team played an exhibition match last Wednesday against a visiting squad from University of Maine, Presque Isle. UNB dominated the match to the tune of a 7-1 victory.

The Sticks did not deviate from their usual brand of play and controlled the game so much that all four forwards scored in the game. Missy Annis found the mark three times and Marion McIntyre beat the goalie twice while Janet Miller and Kathy Collins each scored once.

The lone UMPI goal was scored when UNB goalie Pam Wiggins preferred to allow the ball to cross

the goal line to the alternative of putting it through the head of an opposing forward. The few other times that Wiggins was tested, she stood her ground and beat the attack.

On an illegal substitution Wendy Wade, Judy Wilson and Karne Allenach entered the game late in the second half to give good support on the forward line. Sharon "Mad Dog" Gilmour

played an outstanding game for the Sticks as she stopped the UMPI attack repeatedly by sending the ball back into their end.

Janet Miller was back into her usual good form and should come out flying in the next game which will be held this Saturday at UNB.

Halfbacks Janice Roy and Lola Montgomery played consistently well throughout the game.

Soccer team loses squeaker to UPEI on last minute goal

By A. EL-KHOURY

UNB Red Shirts had the misfortune of playing their first home game away.

The game had to be switched to an Oromocto field when Coach Brown decided that college field was unplayable due to the muddy condition it was left in after the football and rugby games.

The Shirts were also missing three key players for the game: Cletus Ntsike the playmaker on the team; Ebenezer Danva the leading scorer in the league and Albert El-Khoury who has been out for the last three weeks. The loss of those players combined with UNB's inability to adapt to the field and weather conditions (winds up to 50 mph prevailed) lead to the biggest upset of the season as previously winless UPEI edged

UNB 3-2 on a last minute goal.

UNB was up 2-0 at halftime on goals by Jim Kakaletis, his third of the season on penalty shots, and Phil Primeau.

Although UNB outplayed UPEI in the second half, mis-cues by the UNB defence caused the UPEI goals.

UNB deserved to loose the match because many of the players took the game too lightly and showed lack of aggressiveness and desire throughout the game. For example, two normally standout players on the team did not play their position properly and did not finish their plays. In a lot of instances, Kakaletis elected to shoot the ball at impossible angles instead of passing it to an open man who had a free shot at net.

Kakaletis was up to his old tricks again as he had a tendency

to dribble the ball too much eventually loosing it.

Robert "Beckenbauer" played a good offensive game testing the goalie various times, but he was caught out of position and this resulted in the second UPEI goal.

The first UPEI goal was caused by a misinterpretation of UNB goalie Don Cartle of a call by the referee. He awarded a direct free kick to UPEI, meaning that a goal could result on a kick, without anybody touching the ball. Thinking, it was an indirect kick, the goalie watched to ball go in the net. To his surprise the referee signaled a goal. The third UPEI goal was scored on a breakaway. UNB is now sporting a 4-2 record, loosing both games by one goal, and are still play-off contenders as long as they don't repeat the performance displayed against UPEI.



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