

Bombers sport impressive line up for 77 seasonBy TOM BEST
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I've never seen the boys work so hard. There are no quitters on this team." If this attitude expressed by Chris McKenna of the 1977 edition of the UNB Red Bombers football team is representative, and so far, all indications are that it is, the Bombers have a good shot at the Atlantic or Blue nose Conference title.

This years Bombers feature numerous additions in the coaching and support staff as well as 25 freshmen players. Jim Born is back at the helm as head coach and UNB's first full time Assistant coach is Skip Rochette. The trainers for this years team are headed by Randy McLaughlin while Darcy Flynn is at the reins as head manager.

Born feels that his coaching load will be lightened considerably by the addition of Rochette who will be in charge of the offensive backs and will be the offensive co-ordinator. Other members of the coaching staff include Mike Flynn (defensive line and linebacker coach), Mike Dollimore (offensive line coach), Colin McCue (assistant offensive line coach) Jamie Porteus (offensive receivers) and George Coyle (defensive back coach).

McLaughlin's staff is supplemented by Bob Skillen Doug Cochrane who are new to the training occupation and Dave Olivera who was a Bomber trainer last year.

Born said that this years team will be a good mixture of youthful exuberence and steely veteranship. The team consists of 25 freshmen and 30 returnees for a total of 55 which Born said is "a

big squad for us".

He added that the entire defensive line was returning, led by all conference star John Kalina. The linebackers are led by all Canadian Phil Battaglia.

The offensive line is spearheaded by Greg Didur, all conference 1977, while the receiving contingent is led by Stewart Fraser last years conference rookie of the year and Dave Kelly who was on the 1975 conference team.

Terry Cipotos will be back at the all important job of quarterback. Cipotos was the second leading passer in the nation in 1975.

Born feels that his running game will be strengthened by the return of McKenna who was last years leading rusher, and Perry Kukkonen.

"I'm generally pleased so far," said Born "There's a lot of raw talent on this team. It's my objective to turn them into a winning team. It's our (the coaching staff) objective to make the playoffs. We're stressing the term 'winning'. This year we have the organisation and the boys are keen. They have good spirit." He added that the spirit wavers at times due to fluctuating weather conditions at the either hot and dusty or wet and muddy Buchanan Field.

The Bombers camp this year consisted of three practises a day for the first several days and then tapered off to two practises during the latter half of Orientation week. Last week the team attended one practise a day.

The Bombers this year are sporting an impressive arsenal of rookies. Wayne Lee, a quarterback out of Vander Creek Ontario,

last year led his team to an undefeated season and is according to Born "a good athlete" and will play somewhere on the field as long as he does not have to replace Cipotos in the case of an injury.

Other rookies to be on the watch for are receiver Phil Charron, running back Steve Corscadden and offensive lineman Robert Lockwood and Ken Martin.

Born listed as other hopefuls:

Jacques Chartrain and Bert McAfee on the defensive line; Howard Ulley and George West on the Defensive line; Rick Gray, Mike McIntyre, Charlie Proudfoot and Nolan Borden, who led the league in interceptions after four games, all in the defensive back positions and Fraser, Dave Kelly, Jeff McLean and Blair Compton as potential receivers. He also said that the kickers would probably be Proudfoot and Cipotos.

Born indicated that he had high hopes for Pat Morissette, who, while not a rookie to the UNB sports scene, is a rookie to football. Born said that Morissette "fit into the system good" and that he was quite pleased with his progress to date.

The Red Bombers open their season with a game tomorrow afternoon against the UPEI Panthers at College Field. Game time is 2:00 p.m.

I want to be a football hero

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Bob Skillen, trainer for the UNB Red Bombers football team said that he never wanted to hear the "Theme from Rocky" again. That song was used to arouse the players from the sleep during this years Bomber training camp.

Many of the players who are returning to the team from former years consider this years training camp the toughest that they have seen. Chris McKenna said that he had "never seen the boys work so

hard. The team is willing to pay the price to win." McKenna also feels that the team has the potential to go all the way to the College Bowl (Canadian College Final) for the first time in the four years that he has been with the Bombers.

Perry Kukkonen, in his second year with the team, feels that the spirit on the team is good and that an improved attitude was noted through the fact that many of the team showed up for camp already in considerably good shape.

Pat Morissette, not a newcom-

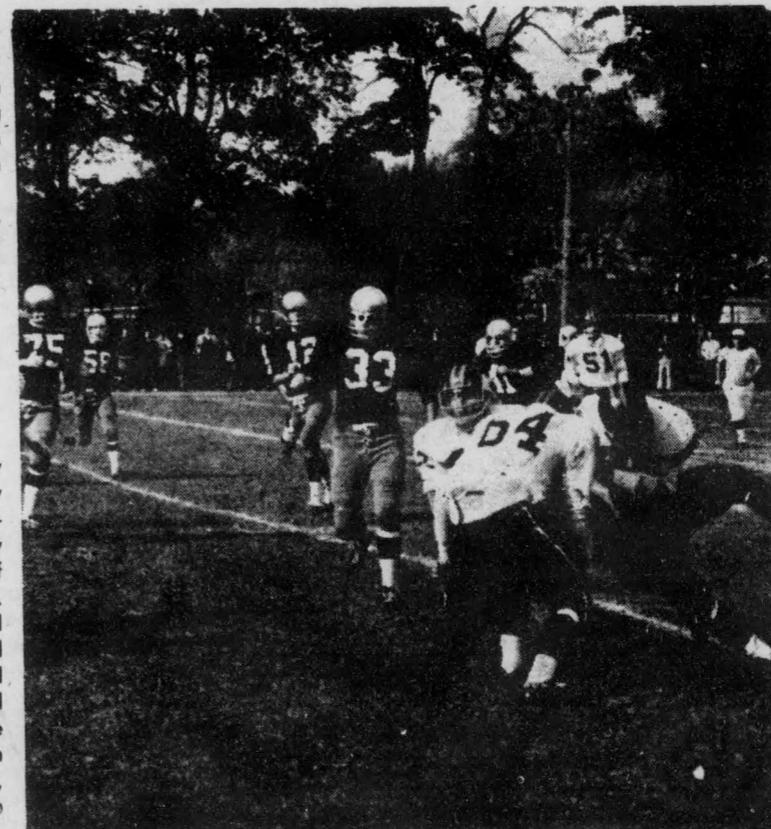
er to UNB sports fans, said that he added football to his regimen because he wanted to gain experience in another sport. All my buddies on the football team wanted me to share their hardships. I also received a lot of encouragement from the coaches.

"It's fantastic. I have nothing to lose and I am learning something new. It's a bigger team than in hockey and you have to reach out to more people. It's more of a challenge. I never played before and that's the reason why I'm enjoying it so much." He said that the "other players are great. They know that I haven't played before and are helping me." As a final note, Morissette, who hails from Fredericton, said that one of the reasons that he decided to play for the Bombers this year was that "I want to be a football hero."

George West, a transfer from University of Alberta and who will be playing on the defensive line described the camp as "brutal. We're going to be winners. There's a lot of talent on the team and we want it bad." He said that he liked UNB because it was not as in-human as U of A and because Fredericton was a "nice town with lots of nice trees."

Steve Corscadden, a halfback from Saint John, said that the training was similar to what he had experienced before since his coach Bob Clive was a former UNB player. He said that one of the major differences in the game was that the "guys are a lot bigger and faster and they hit a little harder." He indicated that he was looking forward to playing for the Bombers and being part of the team.

The Bombers open their season tomorrow afternoon at College Field at 2:00 p.m. when they meet the UPEI Panthers for their first league matchup.



The UNB Red Bombers play their first league game at home against the UPEI Panthers this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. on College Field.

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