

Red Devils team looking up this year

By DOUG WILLIAMS

The UNB Red Devils are now preparing for their first exhibition game against the Fredericton Capitals October 21, 7 o'clock at the Aitken Center. 50 percent of the gate will go to the United Fund. Last year the UNB Red Devils lost to the Fredericton Chevey (new the Caps) 8 to 1.

This year the Red Devils will play two exhibition games against the Capitals and coach Don McAdam said that he hopes to put in a more respectable showing. Coach McAdam said that both goalies from last year Garry Bernard and Kenny Malone will be returning and that the net minding was the strongest point of the team last year.

Coach McAdam said that the Red Devils are their second year of rebuilding. The coach said that the year before he came was the worst year ever for the team with a 1-19 win loss record. Last year

the Red Devils were 5 and 15. Coach McAdam said that he is hoping for a 10 and 10 season. "This year we hope to be in competition, we may not make the finals but we will be more competitive and will be a team to be proud of," he said.

Coach McAdam said that all of last years defense is returning and that with the experience behind them they will be improved. He said that the team will concentrate on a lot of skating and checking. He said that the team will concentrate on following through on the check and taking the man off the puck. "It will be an exciting team to watch" he said.

"Last year scoring goals was our big problem," said Coach McAdam but this year we have some good scorers. We have George Wood the top scorer returning and Philip Handrahan who was 6th highest scorer, and also Mike Kelly who is

a good scorer and Rick Doucette who is a good center and has a good shot.

Unlike other years most of the players that have returned and the new players, have a lot of depth and background in very competitive hockey leagues. The rookies that have come in this year have

experience in high school or junior hockey, said Coach McAdam.

Our forwards are all large, a good number are six foot plus, and are all smart hockey players, said Coach McAdam.

When asked how the team will fare against the Fredericton Capitals Coach McAdam said that

the Red Devils will have the conditioning over the Capitals, but where the Capitals lack in conditioning they will make up in plain hockey experience. Coach McAdam said that it is a preseason game and the first of the year and he could not say what the outcome will be like.

CHALLENGE: RED DEVILS FANS UNITE!!!

At highnoon today a challenge was issued to the coaches of the #1 Fredericton Capitals (Dave "Tobby" McQuade) and the #2 UNB Red Devils coach Don "The Devil Himself" McAdam or whatever his name is.

These two gentlemen are currently negotiating the terms of the challenge and the results of

these negotiations will be released through the "rag" as soon as things are finalized.

We should add that several suggestions have been made, as to what the losing coach should be submitted to in the way of attonement.

1. Suggestion was a pie in the face (cream)

2. Suggestion a sizeable donation to the Fredericton United Way Campaign.

Have you a better suggestion, if so then let it be know! Remember that 50 percent of the revenue generated by this game is for the United Way.

By the way 2 to 1 odds the Caps win.

Bombers blitz Mounties

A bad snap on a field goal attempt set up the winning play of the game for UNB, Saturday, when they faced Mount Alison atackville. Stewart Fraser who

holds the ball on field goals for Charlie Proudfoot thought quickly when he received a high snap and scooted around the end for a 10 yard gain bringing UNB down to the Mt A 5 yard line and setting the scene for rookie quarterback John Shea to toss a touchdown pass to tight end Mike Brown. This brought the score to 14-8 for UNB.

UNB opened up the scoring early in the first quarter. A pass from Shea to Fraser was called for defensive pass interference, bringing UNB down to Mt.A's 10 yard line. On the next play Steve Corskadden was wide on the convert. Proudfoot made up for the missed convert a few plays later when he punted deep into Mt.A's end zone, trapping mountie Peter Estabrooks who was forced to concede the single point which rounded out the scoring for the first half.

UNB defense which went into the game without the likes of George West and Kirk McGrath illustrated the death and spirit that exists in the team. The defensive line was led by captain Mike Arthur who consistently broke through the line blitzing the quarterback and also was instrumental in knocking down passes and generally defusing Mt A offensive drives. The whole defense played well and Coach Mike Balenko said that it was a good effort. Other stand out on the defense squad were Mike Ryder, who in his linebacker position not only blocked a couple of passes but also rushed and was in on sacks of the quarterback, also Gerrard Goodwin, another linebacker put in an excellent game.

John Shea who was in the position of starting his first game, taking over for injured player

Wayne Lee, started out a little shaky, which is to be expected, but as the game progressed showed poise and confidence. Balenko called the game from the sidelines and Shea executed the plays for a rookie, extremely well. Balenko called a well balanced game, mixing plays, using Corskadden and Kukkonen equally on the rushing game. For UNB, a riel attack he used Stewart Fraser, when he was being doubled teamed, Shea would go to Mike Brown. Brown was a stand out for the team. He came through when the team needed it.

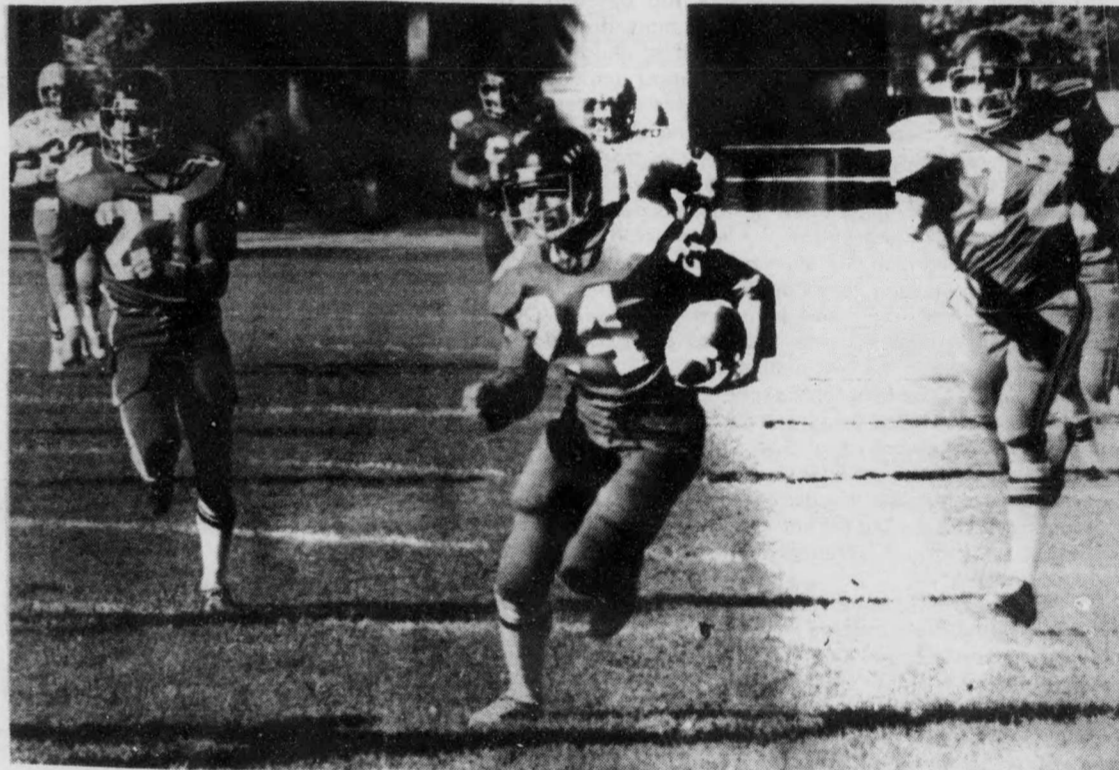
The opening of the second half of the game was a shock to UNB from the kickoff clearance was good for Mount A. They ran the kickoff all the way back for a touchdown, but it was called back to where he stepped out of bounds. Through the third quarter the game was a stiff defense battle with the ball changing hands frequently.

Late in the third quarter, Mount A marched down the field with passes from quarterback Brad Munt to Jimmy Blackmore and Brian Devost bringing the Mounties down the Unb 15 but the UNB defense hung tough and stopped them. The Mounties tried a field goal but were wide and UNB Fraser was trapped in the endzone and conceded a single point.

After the Mounties missed on the field goal attempt they came back a few plays later and recovered a fumble by rookie John Shea on UNB's 15 yard line. Munt passed to Allgood but it was called back on a penalty and assessed an additional 15 yards loss. This forced Mount A to attempt a second fieldgoal.

This got them another point making the score 7-2 in favour of the Bombers.

In the start of the fourth quarter, Mount A mounted another attack which was sparked by wide receiver Jimmy Blackmore receiving a Munt pass and running



upfield for 60 yards until he was stopped by Arthur. The catch and run brought the Mounties down to the Bombers 15 yard line. It looked like the UNB defense was going to stop the Mountie rush but quarterback Munt swept around the end to score the touchdown and the convert attempt was no good, leaving the Mounties in the lead by a slim score of 8-7.

The Red Bombers down by one, dug in and kept coming at the Mounties, pressing them until they made a mistake which they did. Greg Conrad intercepted a Munt pass on the Mount A 40 yard line from then on the game was all UNB's. Proudfoot punted from the 40 yard line and drove the Mounties into their own 5. The UNB defense held the Mounties, forcing them to punt from their own endzone. Fraser received the punt on the Mounties 35 yard line and brought it to the 20. The offensive drive for the Bombers ground to a halt on the 15 and Balenko decided to go for the field goal, the snap was boggled by Fraser who threw fast and decided to go around the end and pick up the first down, setting up the winning touchdown to Mike

Brown. Proudfoot made the final score 14-8.

The UNB Red Bombers meet the ST. Mary Huskies Saturday at 2 o'clock at College Field. The game will be the most important game of the year. If UNB wins, then this will add 4 points to their standings, giving them 8 points and good chance of making the

playoffs. Balenko said that everybody will be well for the game and he will still call the game from the sidelines. Our game plan will be the same as it has always been in that we will concentrate on execution he said. He added that Saint Marys is a tough team and it should be a tough hard fought game.

Ironmen making mark

By KEN LARSEN

The UNB Ironmen have now convinced the other league members that they definitely want to be the premier squad this year. Two fine team efforts this week; a tough 10-4 win over the Saint John Trojans, Saturday in Saint John and another convincing triumph over the Fredericton Loyalists, 29-4, on Wednesday, have rocketed the Ironment into first place supporting a 6 and 0 record.

Saturday Oct. 7, in Saint John, the Trojans gave the Ironmen their closest match of the season. UNB's high scoring outside centre, Dave Beard, who in his last three games has scored a total of 37

points, collected both UNB tries and also added one convert in leading the Ironmen to victory. UNB lead 4-0 at half time but shortly into the 2nd 40 minutes the Trojans tied the score. The Ironmen scored the final try late in the game as both clubs played fine, hard hitting rugby and were reluctant to give any ground.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, at college field was a different story. The atmosphere before the opening kick-off was tense and one could feel that the Fredericton Loyalists, defending provincial champions, were up for this game. The Loyalists were seeking revenge after being humiliated by the

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