

BOMBERS SCORE DISAPPOINTING TIE

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The Red Bombers will be trying to rack up all the points possible in their remaining two Bluenose Conference League games this season. The Bombers were left no alternative after last Saturday's tie with the visiting St. Francis Xavier Xmen.

In a disputed call at the end of the game both coaches decided not to go into overtime and break a 10-10 tie. A recent hassle with the league officials, has made it apparent that the coaches made the wrong decision. The league bosses have considered giving both teams a loss for the match.

The Bombers got off to the wrong start in the game when Mitchell bobbled the opening X kickoff. The alert UNB defensive squad managed to hold the Xmen and force them into punt position. The ball changed hands throughout the first quarter, and it ended in a scoreless tie.

XMEN GO AHEAD

The Xmen went ahead 6-0 in the ball game when Wally Strapps, the leading gainer for X in the game, picked off one of Merrill's passes. Strapps' interception came after Merrill had hit Housten MacPherson with a pass that was good for a 60 yard gain for the Bombers. The convert attempt after the touchdown was no good.

The ball changed hands three times before the Bombers could get on the scoreboard. With three minutes remaining in the first-half Wally Langley punted deep into the X end zone and they were unable to run the ball out, and the Bombers had made the scoreboard, 6-1.

The Xmen took over the ball on their own 25 yard line and failed to make any yards. UNB failed to gain any yardage, and punted the ball. X fumbled, UNB recovered, and the Bombers had the ball first and 10 on the X 27 yard line. Two pass attempts in a row failed to click, and Langley punted the ball into the end zone and made the score 6-2 Xmen, as the first half ended.

BOMBERS COME ALIVE

The Xmen were the first to monopolize in the second half as Burnes MacPherson kicked a

single and increased the visitors' margin five points. The Bombers offence came alive as they marched down the field with a series of passes from Merrill, and from the five yard

line Wally Langley made one of Queen St.'s passes a good one and put the Bombers ahead. John Mitchell kicked the convert and the third quarter ended.

St. Francis took over the ball on their own 20 yard line and carried the ball to the UNB 30 yard line where X quarterback Terry Dolan kicked a field-goal. The X men led the ball game 10-9.

After the kick-off the Bombers took the ball to the X 40 yard line where John Mitchell failed on a field goal attempt, but the ball stayed in the end zone to tie the ball game. Play ended with the ball changing hands twice.

The game was played before a more than capacity crowd at College field, with fans standing three and four deep around the field.

AND NEXT WEEK!

Next week-end the Bombers take on the power Dalhousie Tigers. The game is a must for the Bombers if they hope to finish the year in a first place tie. It seems now that local fans will have to wait for another year if they want to see the league title brought to Fredericton, however. The offence last Saturday proved that they have difficulty playing under pressure, and may not be capable of producing the points that the team will need to pass the X men.

A key injury to Mike Flynn, and one to Alan Potts that hasn't healed yet may mean that the Bomber defence will slacken with the last two games of the season.

Statistics: Scoring -
1st quarter none
2nd quarter St. F.X.
Strapps 6 pts
UNB Langley single
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St. F.X. MacPherson single



Joel Irvine of the Bombers strives for a few extra yards as he is hit while returning a punt in Saturday's game. Irvine averaged 6 1/4 yards on four punt returns in the game.

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3rd quarter	UNB Langley touchdown	6 points
	UNB Mitchell convert	St. F.X. Dolan field goal
4th quarter	UNB Mitchell single	St. F.X. UNB
First Downs	12	11
Yards rushing	188	53
Yards passing	48	240
Av. punting	30.9	37
Final score	10	10

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