

Acadia Humbles Bombers

by Paul Courtice

Saturday's 25-7 victory for Acadia was a big upset for the Bombers. It was one of those games where the players drag themselves off the field saying "we could have won it..."

The day itself was overcast and raining but the field was in good playing shape. On so gloomy an afternoon, the brightest spot was provided by a paint job — done completely in Red and Black on the Press-box, the field and the side of the Acadia gym by some UNB Students who must have stayed for the whole game last week! Although stunts of this nature are frowned upon by administrations they are great for providing a boost for a team's morale.

The first half of the game could have gone either way. After an exchange of punts, Acadia marched to our 15 yard line but were stopped when Dan Polov picked off an interception on the 3 yard line and killed Acadia's chances for a major.

Our offense then took over and rolled 80 yards to score. The highlight of the drive was provided by Pete Harding who broke loose for a 50 yard ramble. Exceptional running by Palov, St. Germaine and Reed also helped set up the scoring play which took the form of an option from Harding to Palov. Tetrault booted the extra point which gave UNB a 7-0 1st quarter lead.

In the second quarter Acadia made the only tally when they scored from about the

eight yard line and then added the extra point to make the half-time score 7-7.

At half-time, spirit was high in the Bomber's dressing room — no one was looking for an upset and with good reason. Our defense had shown it was strong, particularly up the middle where Kirk, Richmond Moore, Proudfoot, Anderson and Kovich were playing. Khoury, Cooper and Tetrault had shown that they could handle the offensive ends and react quickly to Acadia's running attack. The offense had already sparkled on one drive engineered by Harding and had threatened on a couple of other occasions.

The team took the field at half time with the same spirit they had shown in the dressing room. They looked like a more polished team than in former years. In the early stages of the 3rd quarter they dominated the play by consistently getting their needed first downs.

What happened then? Why the 25-7 score for Acadia? Basically, and this is directly from the coaches after the game, we were not able to adjust our defense to Acadia's sweep in the second half.

Acadia, using this sweep and aided by the Bomber's inability to adjust set up two quick touchdowns. Both point after attempts were stopped by the UNB line.

In the fourth quarter fumbles, due to a slippery ball, characterized both teams' play. Acadia managed to score after recovering one of these fumbles from our own 13 yard line which ultimately gave them their 25-7 victory.

A score can never be the measurement of a team's desire to win. Anyone present at the game knows the team's spirit, drive and hustle was evident throughout. It's too bad drive does not substitute for an ability to adjust to an offense or to score on an opposing defence.

Special Acclaim

My special acclaim this week goes to John Kovich, who, besides making numerous tackles and effectively covering the down-field punts also intercepted one pass, knocked down a convert attempt, and recovered an Acadia fumble.

Also acclaim goes to Don Palov who again scored the only Bomber major and intercepted a pass on our own three yard line which prevented an Acadia touchdown.

Bombers Against Tigers

by Terry Thomas

The Red Bombers will be out to keep a share of the Bluenose Conference lead this Saturday. The Bombers tangle with the Dal Tigers in Halifax.

The Tigers are rapidly shaping up as the whipping boys of the 7 team conference. Dal dropped a 27-0 decision to Mt. A two weeks ago and just last Saturday a rejuvenated St. Dunstan's squad nailed the Tigers 49-23.

With two games under their belts, the Red Bombers are rapidly rounding into top form. UNB's gridders suffered a rash of minor injuries in last weekend's hard fought Acadia game, but everyone should be in top shape again for Saturday's fixture.

The Bombers were playing 5 players both ways against Acadia. This was a severe handicap especially in the second half. Four or five 60-minute players should prove much less of a hindrance against a weaker Dal Team.

If the Bomber offense continues the fine performance of the Acadia game, they should rack up several TD's on Dal. The Tigers will not be nearly as successful as Acadia in cracking the UNB defense. It all adds up to a high scoring shut-out win for the Bombers — say 35-0.

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National Football Scene

(CUP) — Toronto and Alberta each moved a step closer at the weekend toward a return engagement in the National College Football Final.

Varsity Blues, who defeated Alberta last year in the College Bowl, thrashed Western Ontario 45-7 before 13,205 fans in Toronto. Friday, Golden Bears issued similar punishment to Calgary Dinosaurs by dumping the Dinnies 44-7 in Calgary.

Prior to Saturday's action, Toronto and Western were tied for second place and Alberta was in eighth position in Canadian Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union ratings.

Canada's top-rated college team, Queen's Golden Gaels, were hard-pressed to defeat unranked McGill Redmen in Montreal Saturday. Their 28-16 victory extended Queen's three-year winning streak over McGill to seven games.

Eighth-ranked University of Ottawa were upset 8-6 by unranked University of Waterloo; unranked Saskatchewan surprised tenth-ranked Manitoba Bisons 19-14; four-ranked McMaster dumped unranked Royal Military College 54-8; sixth-ranked St. Mary's from Halifax trounced unranked Mount Allison 60-7; seventh-ranked Loyola defeated unranked Guelph 14-0 and unranked Carleton clobbered unranked Laurentian of Sudbury 48-12 in other weekend games.

The Blues took advantage of several Western mental lapses in piling up their points against the Mustangs. Quarterback Bruce Taylor led the Blues' scoring with 14 points on a touchdown, five converts and a field goal. Other touchdowns went to defensive halfback Andy Szandtner, guard Jim McMahon, fullback Mike Raham, halfback Nick DiGiuseppe and end Mike Eben.

A 41-yard pass from quarterback Bob Israel to end Roger Robbins set up Western's lone major which was scored by fullback Dave Garland and converted by Art Froese.

Alberta broke open its game with Calgary in the third quarter on touchdowns by end Pete Tyler, halfback Gil Mather and quarterback Terry Lambert. The Bears took an 11-0 lead into the second half as the result of a converted touchdown scored by halfback John Violine, a single and a safety touch. Newcomer Ross Bradford and Violini added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Ludwig Daubner converted five of the six Bear majors.

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Editor's Corner

Last Saturday's loss to Acadia was a disappointing one for the Bombers. Our footballers went into the game determined to pull off a victory. They almost did exactly that. It was anybody's ball game at the half with the score 7-7. But for a couple of costly fumbles late in the second half, the Bombers might very well have emerged victorious.

The Red Bombers were at a big disadvantage in a couple of departments. This was our gridders' second game. Acadia was playing its fifth. We had 5 men going both ways. Acadia sported just one 60 minute man.

The Bombers got a little more than they reckoned for against Acadia. The well coached, diversified Axe-Men offense was even more powerful than UNB experts figured it to be. In the second half Acadia used sweeps and counters to pick apart a UNB defense, studded with tired two-way men.

The fine play of the Bombers' offensive squad was a most gratifying thing to see. Another week of practice worked wonders for the offense's timing and blocking. The offense moved well all day, scoring the first touchdown and controlling play for the first half.

Elsewhere in the Conference, the St Mary's Huskies continued to establish themselves as the top dogs in the league. The Huskies trampled Mt. A 60-7. St. FX, who still haven't played a regular league game, walked over Shearwater 51-6 in an exhibition fixture.

UNB Has Winning Teams

This weekend, UNB's golf and tennis varsities defend their MIAA championships. Our tennis players have won the MIAA Championships for the past 6 years and UNB golfers are always a power to reckon with in the annual fall tournament. As a matter of fact, UNB has dominated Maritime Intercollegiate Athletics, so far as the so-called minor sports are concerned, for years and years.

UNB's male and female swimmers, cross country team, women's field hockey, volleyball and basketball teams and skiers have consistently filled the trophy cases.

There is good reason for UNB's success in these sports. UNB is the largest school in the Maritimes. We offer a diversified range of courses. The Physical Education School is the only one in the area and is a built in recruiting agent for athletics. We also have perhaps the finest athletic facilities and equipment of any Maritime University.

The only hitch in all this is, that while a spattering of fans are watching the swimmers, harriers et al perform, the majority of the student body is taking in the major spectator sports; football, hockey and basketball. They see their teams come up against better coached, more talented and more experienced rivals. Schools with far fewer resources than UNB have seen the light and have devoted time and funds to recruiting and training players to perform in the popular sports. This has worked wonders for student body spirit at these schools.

The gap in calibre between UNB's major sport varsities and those of our rivals will continue to widen unless the Administration makes some changes in its traditional de-emphasis on athletics policy.

With UNB's natural advantage on the athletic scene, which has made it possible for our minor sport varsities to accomplish such great things, a little time spent in recruiting and some consideration given to financial aid for athletics will put us right back up with our smaller rivals, St. FX, St. Marys and Acadia.

Student Faculty Golf

The students and faculty split the annual UNB Student-Faculty Golf Matches. The matches were held last Saturday at the Fredericton Golf Club.

In the Men's Division, the students trounced the faculty 40-17. In the Women's Division the faculty ladies edged the coeds 19-11.

Scoring was based on the Nassau system. Students and faculty were paired off and played single matches. One point was awarded to the winner of each nine and one point to the winner of the overall 18.

Professor Brewer was the low man in the men's division carding a 74. In the ladies section Cathy Whitty was tops with a 44 over 9 holes.

This year's matches marked the best turnout of coeds in the 38 years the rounds have been played. Much of the credit for this final turnout must go to Pam Belyea. Pam did a fine job in organizing the annual affair.

An enjoyable supper followed the conclusion of the matches.

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