

## Bombers best season in years is now over

It's all over. That's the easy way to describe the Red Bombers loss last weekend to the St. F.X. X-Men at College Field. The statement does not, however, tell the whole story. Two mistakes committed by the Bombers early in the first quarter were capitalized on by the X-men, who turned them into touchdowns. The UNB team was rattled by the quick scoring punch by the Antigonish squad who went in for another touchdown to end the first quarter with a commanding 21-1 lead. UNB's point came from a 35 yard single by quarterback Terry Cripotos.

The Bombers came back however, and treated UNB fans to the kind of football that made them the most surprising team of the year in the Atlantic football conference.

Cripotos unleashed his long bomb power to complete 22 of 46 passes for a total of 446 yards and handed off for another 51 yards to give him almost 500 yards of offense. Three of UNB's pass receivers caught over 100 yards of passes. Stuart Fraser led the list with 191 yards while Dave Kelly had 111 yards and Perry Kukkonen had 114. Steve Corscadden had 51 yards rushing.

The X-men went to a rushing attack early in the game which they rarely used this year. Apparently they had gotten all of the bugs worked out as they churned up 303 yards while passing for only 86. Rookie quarterback Peter Bowes gave the ball to Phil Ridley for 110 yards and to Marc Blais for 165 yards.

UNB started the game with a strong offensive drive that brought them within field goal range. Cripotos, filling in the kickers role in the absence of an injured Chuck Proudfoot, booted it wide and deep in the end zone where it was trapped for the

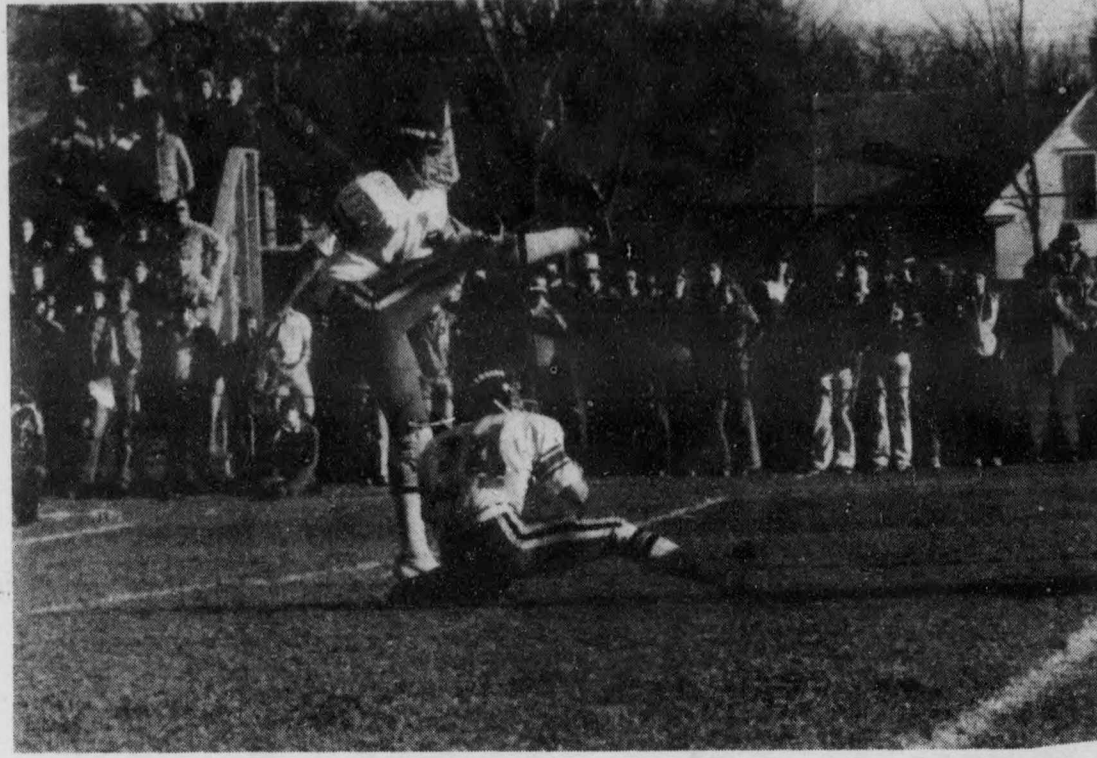


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Several plays later, the X-men came within field goal range but the attempt was blocked and the ball was picked up by UNB's Mike McIntyer at the UNB 25 yard line.

The trouble started on the next play, as the X defense, employing stunting linebackers, broke through the usual sturdy UNB line to sack Cripotos. Cripotos fumbled the ball which was picked up by an alert Eugene Belliveau to give the X-men the ball. On the next play, Bowes handed off to Phil Ridley who broke several tackles and went in for X's first marker.

On the kickoff, the ball drifted towards Jeff MacLean who could not get a hand on the ball which became live as soon as it hit the ground. Belliveau again smothered the ball. Bowes passed to D'arcy Krogh to go to the UNB 15

yard line. Marc Blais ran it in from there to put the X-men ahead 14-1.

Later in the quarter, again went to Balis and Ridley to move the ball up the field and under the pipes. This time it was Ridley did the honours for the UNB 38.

After the disastrous first quarter, the Bombers returned to play good solid football for the remainder of the game. They kept the X-men bottled in their own end at the beginning of the second quarter and then moved the ball to one yard out. Cripotos fed the ball to Steve Corscadden who plowed through to give the overflow crowd of almost 3,000 something to cheer about.

A Fred Sheasgreen single was the only scoring the X-men could accomplish in the quarter.

The X squad came out after the

loose to Perry Kukkonen who just avoided being pushed out of bounds near mid field. Kukkonen made the fans go mad as he broke loose from several tackles before stumbling at the X ten yard line. Cripotos then found Kelly in the end to make the score 35-22.

As the clock ran down, the X-men were unable to create any offensive threat, getting only a single from the boot of Sheasgreen.

Coach Jim Born, who compiled the best record of his seven year career at UNB said that "we kept at it but we ran out of time. The boys weren't quitters." He said that he was disappointed at the loss because he felt that the team thought that they could win the game.

As for next year, Born said "the team will be as good as, if not better than this year. The Team tasted winning and they'll probably want it again." The Bombers will be losing 11 players by graduation next year but Born feels that the team has enough depth to fill in the holes created by the graduates.

Those graduating include: Battaglia, Cripotos, Blair Compton, Greg Conrad, Tom Hunter, John Kalina, Kelly, Kim MacPherson, Burt MacAffry, Chris McKenna, and the ever present Pat Morrisette.

Born said that he thought "football has helped the attitude of people on this campus. The fans were good this year, newspapers followed the team because it was exciting. People started to rally together and that's a part of college life. All the warm-up parties in residence and elsewhere and all the kids at the games made it an exciting fall."

Midway through the fourth frame, Cripotos let a javelin fly

## Raiders drib

In the forecourt the team is led by the outstanding shooting and board work of Tom MacMillan from Antigonish, N.S. and hustling Marc McGeachy from St. Stephen, N.B. Two newcomers are demanding attention, left handed sharp shooter Steve McGinley from St. Stephen and "Mr. Defence", Bruce Nicholson from the same high school. In the pivot Fredericton sophomore, strongman Tim Howatt, has matured into an excellent rebounder and fierce competitor. His backup, sophomore Al Campbell, gives Timmy fits in practice and will see floor time because of his excellent jumping ability. Two other newcomers, Greg Holton of Campbellton and Gerry Sullivan add depth in the backcourt and post respectively.

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Coach Nelson and Assistant Coach Phil Wright have sensed the infectious enthusiasm of the entire

## Gads, fo

The West Gym in L.B.G. saw a lot of use on Oct 29 and 30 as the UNB Fencing Club hosted the N.B. Open.

Championships, the first fencing event held by the club this semester. The tournament was organized and run by the NBFA and the UNB club. Approximately 40 people entered, coming from Maine, N.S., N.B. and P.E.I.. An

impromptu party washeld Saturday night at the apartment of Mark Belleville, a UNB fencer. Trophies were presented by Mike Flynn, the president of the NB Sports Fredericton.

Preliminary competition was run on Sat and the finals on Sun.

## Rugby football action

As the rugby football season draws toward its conclusion, the UNB Ironmen are readying themselves for tomorrow's collision with their long-time rivals, the Fredericton Loyalists. UNB must gain at least an eight-point victory in the match in order to win the McNair Cup, emblematic of the Provincial Championship. The Loyalists, who beat UNB 7-0 in their first game, have a 6-1-1 record. The Ironmen are 5-2-1. Kickoff is at Fredericton Raceway (Exhibition Grounds) at 2 o'clock tomorrow; admission is free.

Tomorrow's winner will take on the Nova Scotia champion in Fredericton next weekend for the Caledonia Cup and the Maritime Championship. UNB first played in this premier fixture in 1971, when they lost narrowly to Pictou County

RFC in darkest New Glasgow. The Ironmen then defeated Pictou in '72 and '73 and Halifax city RFC in '74. For the last two years, the Loyalists have represented New Brunswick in this bowl game of Maritime rugby. All this season, the aim of the Ironmen has been to win the league and then do battle with the Nova Scotians on College Field for the great silver trophy.

But first come the Loyalists. Led by their captain and hooker, ex-Royal Navy player Laurie Willets, and by such backfield stars as Kevin Breen, Malcolm MacAfee, and Paul DeLong, the city club will, as always, be a formidable, highly-motivated opponent. UNB, renowned in the past as a high-scoring team, have not been so-yet this fall. Tomor-

row there could well be a scoring explosion, however: such fit, hardened, determined players as Kris McMillan (hooker), Joe Paytas (lock), Larry Lawlor (flanker), Frank Nemeck (no. 8), centres Charlie Johnson and Tyler Richardson, and wingers Blake Brunson and Andy Bynum have been waiting for this game, as have their teammates. For those who are graduating, this will be their last chance to beat the Loyalists.

The Ironmen want all the support you can give them. Come to the Raceway, and you'll see contact sport at its swiftest and hardest as the red, white, and blue and the scarlet and black pass, kick and carry the ball for what are bound to be an impassioned eighty minutes of ruabv football

team skipped by Rich Hennesy, S. Amiro, R. Fisher and B. Harper were the other members of the team. Their point total was 15. All in all, it was a good Bonspeil, and plans are underway for another. Curlers are reminded of the Social Friday evening, 8:30 at the Off Campus Womens Lounge - East Tibbets, B.Y.O.B. They are also reminded that there will be curling this Sunday, Nov. 6th, commencing at 1:00 at F.C.C. new members are also welcome and memberships will be available. See you there!

## Curling Club

Curling season is well underway and UNB mixed curling club have termed their opening Bonspeil a success. Fifty-four curlers, both new and experienced, took to the ice at 10:00 Sunday morning.

From a total point tally of the 2 game spell, Ken Templeton's rink took the lead with 105 points. Members of his team included R. Loipia, H. Morrison, and D.

Cochrane. Running close with 103 points John Macdonald's entry with teammates H. MacLennan, P. Steele and D. Henderson copped second place. Third place finishes with 99 points was the team skipped by Amy McLeod, with third C. Antworth, 2nd D. Macdonald and head G Corey. The team with least total points and winners of the "Booby" prize was

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