

FOOTBALL— ITS PAST AND ITS FUTURE

☆☆☆ A STORY OF SUCCESS

☆☆☆ A Good Year, But—



by JOHN REYNOLDS

The October 16th issue of the *Brunswickan* boldly announced: *WE WANT ST. FX — RED BOMBERS* and Bomber players were unanimous in their approval of the proposed UNB — ST. FRANCIS XAVIER game. "It's about time that UNB had a chance to show St. FX what we can do", the *Brunswickan*, who are always willing to delve into student demands, wrote to the head coach of St. Francis Xavier.

In his reply to the *Brunswickan*, coach Don Loney seemed quite favorable to a meeting of the clubs, but not this fall. Many factors are responsible for this decision and can be best expressed by an excerpt from Coach Loney's letter.

"Unfortunately, it is impossible to arrange a game between St. FX and UNB this fall. Our last regular scheduled game is on the 31st of October and our semi-finals start on the 11th November. The Purdy Cup game is played on the 14th, and the Bowl Game in Halifax between the winners of the NSFL and the Ontario Intercollegiate Conference will be played on the 21st. The 7th November is open for us but if we end up in second place we will be required to play on the 11th. I do not feel that we can risk injuries in an exhibition game so close to the play-offs, thus reducing our chances to get into the Bowl Game on the 21st.

I know that we, here at ST. FX, would look forward to games with UNB and Mount A and we will co-operate to the highest degree with any plan which might bring this about".

With co-operation of this type from Coach Loney, the *Brunswickan* feels further means of securing a game with his club should be sought. The time is drawing nigh when the Red Bombers and the Xaverians are going to have a showdown to put an end to the speculation of 'who has the better team'.

The Athletic department at UNB no doubt has intentions of finding better competition for the Bombers. They know that although the team has had a successful year, they should venture away from the New Brunswick Football League in search of new laurels. The team has proven that it has outgrown the local NBFL standards and should turn to a league with fiercer competition. It's not helping either Moncton or Saint John in their football endeavours by being continually being clobbered. Nor do the Red Bombers benefit. A team does not improve playing such weak sisters of the league.

This, no doubt, has prompted the 'Department' here to come up with a very favorable decision in the field of local and Maritime football. It has been announced that a football club on the junior varsity level will be organized next year to play games with Saint John, Oromocto, Moncton and the Mount A JV's. This would provide closer competition and would keep football on the senior side alive.

The advantages of such a decision are many. Here are a few of the more prominent reasons for the JV organization.

1. The JV squad will act as a source of experienced player material for the Red Bombers.
2. The Red Bombers will have to be top notch since there will always be eager JV's eyeing the varsity player's positions.
3. The JV's will keep the NBFL alive with more closely matched games adding more interest than in the past.
4. First year students will have a limited schedule with the JV's, thereby allowing freshmen to adjust more aptly to college life and to devote more time to study.
5. With two teams there will be more home games, with a greater variety of football displayed.

The Athletic Department should be commended for this decision and for their actions concerning the betterment of Maritime football.

Next year's programme should be quite interesting to follow. Yes indeed, things are beginning to look up for Big Red.

Question of law:

Two men, Mr. A. and Mr. P are partners in a concern which produces beer. Mr. P. is called out of town on a business trip, and in his absence, Mr. A. drinks forty barrels of beer from their warehouse.

Problem: Is A. liable to P.



Sigma Lambda Beta Rho

By the "Jones Boys"

CANADA'S OLDEST STUDENT PUBLICATION

Oh dear! The Jones Boys
So serious!
So curious!

We hope you think this column fecetious;
Though we seem malicious to minds that are vicious.

R. I. P.

A Name in the News

Football — His Life

"What is your job?" "Football"
"What is your hobby?" "Football"
"What books interest you most?" "Football"
"What do you plan to do in the future?" "Football"

Don Nelson, UNB's head football coach is obviously pre-occupied with his main interest.

A thirty-one year old graduate of Springfield College, Don came to UNB in 1956. He lived in Montreal for fourteen years and taught physical education in Three Rivers, Quebec. Since Mr. Nelson's parents live in Salisbury, N.B. and Fredericton is his favorite city, he accepted the job as head coach at UNB. All year Don plans tactics and studies information gathered throughout the past season for the next football season.



His wife hasn't felt the brunt of his numerous trips away with "the boys" yet. The basketball season is coming up and he will be away every weekend then. When asked if she minded, she said she knew "before we were hitched".

Wrestling, handball, volleyball, and track and field are also included in his sports interests. His big interest outside the sports field is Dixieland Jazz—especially Louis Armstrong. Ambassador Satch is really TOPS in Don's estimation as evidenced in his growing collection of Satchmo Classics.

Big Things For Big Red

by DAVE FAIRBAIRN

How are students going to like paying admission to football games next year? If they want the Red bombers to play in a decent league, they are going to have to do just that. The following is not an original idea, but a combination of many proposals, and definitely should be investigated.

All existing leagues should be torn down. The city teams are no longer of UNB's calibre. An ideal new league would have 6 teams — UNB, Dalhousie, St FX, Mount A, St. Dunstons, and St. Mary's. But this league does present many problems.

First, each team would have five games, which is not enough. But this would open the gates for UNB to play exhibition games with teams like Loyola, RMC, and possibly even McGill, to fill out their schedule. Second, neither Dal. nor St. FX, wishes to drop out of the present N.S. football league. Very well, they could fill out their schedule by playing Shearwater and Stadacona, which would keep the league operating.

Third is a business of expenses. It would cost a great deal of money to send UNB to N.S. for a maximum of two games. Probably the administration will say it can't be done. Students should be charged 25 cents a head for a home game. With this better calibre of ball an average crowd of 1000 could be expected. Home games could be dressed up by the use of half-time shows, increased entertainment, and even a tea dance following the game. Pep rallies would also help. Four home games should easily net \$1000 and the sale of decent programmes would net \$500 more. This would pay for two trips away. The administration must provide the remaining funds. The bombers would carry 28 players to eliminate as much extra expense as possible.

Next, the problem of eligibility. If Dal and St. FX come half way by not insisting on the inclusion of Navy teams, then it is only fair that our school should meet them by allowing any player to play an unlimited number of years as long as his scholastic record is up to standards agreed upon by the league. Dal wants unlimited eligibility because of its Law School; Mount A and UNB do not because they wouldn't have many players around for this long. Such a minor point should not prevent a good league from forming.

What to do with Acadia, St. Thomas, Saint John, Moncton, and Oromocto? They are the basis for a strong league which could be further strengthened by the Mount A JV team and the proposed UNB JV team. If Acadia cannot join because of financial inadequacy, they could probably line up

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