

1978 The year of the Red Bombers

Last year's Red Bombers record of 5 and 2 will be improved upon if the new head coach Mike Balenko has his way. He said that a strong nucleus returning from last year's team and some bright new recruits will really help the team. Quarterback Wayne Lee, who was injured early last season has returned in good health said Balenko.

By DOUG RFD WILLIAMS

With Wayne Lee in top form, the passing attack should be deadly with receivers like All Canadian Star, Stewart Fraser. Balenko said he is fast, runs patterns well and is able to catch just about anything thrown in his vicinity. When Fraser is not open, Balenko said that Lee has the option to throw to a host of good reserves such as Dave Kelly, Michael Brown, Kevin Beyea, Jim Cossey, Randy Heather or Jeff Carter.

If by chance the Opponents are able to close down the passing attack, the offence is able to call upon strong halfbacks such as Steve Corscadden, Perry Kukkonen or Marc Marleau, all of whom are able to run up the

middle with skill according to Balenko.

Balenko, who is also offensive co-ordinator, said that while he is pass oriented, he wants the running game to be good enough that passing could be the option. Offensive lineman Robert Lockwood said that the offence is strong both in the air and on the ground. He said that the team is very confident about the coming season.

Mike Flynn, defensive co-ordinator has done a great job according to Balenko. The defensive line of George West, Bob Pinkewycz, Kirk McGrath, Craig Canvin and Wayne Kline are strong and fast said Balenko. They should be able to put a lot of pressure on opposing quarterbacks, forcing them to scramble and could possibly take them for a loss.

The coaching assistants on the team are Mike Flynn who is defensive and works with the line and linebackers. Glenn Eddison is the teams speciality coach, George Coyle is in charge of the defensive backfield and Balenko and M.C. McKenna are in charge of the offensive backfield. The offensive line coach is Mike Dollimore.



Red Bombers Head Coach Mike Balenko discusses offensive strategy with one of the squad. Balenko, who comes to UNB with impressive credentials including a stint with the Montreal Allouettes, says he likes a winning team.

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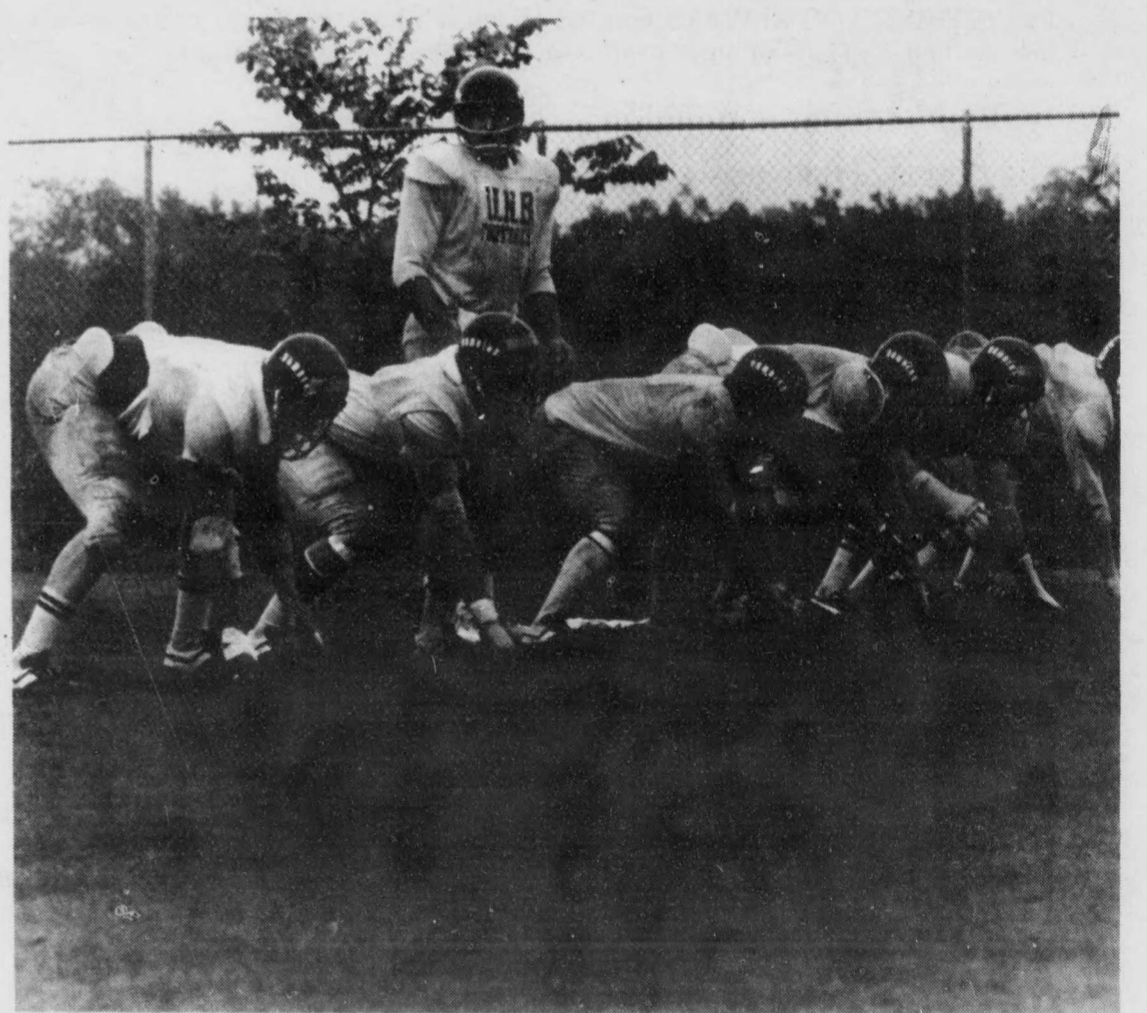
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Red Bombers quarterback Wayne Lee with the Offensive front line, scrimmaging during practice on Buchanan field. Lee, who was injured early last season, is back this year in good health and expected a major asset to the team.

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