

# BOMBERS BOUNCE U.P.E.I.

Last Saturday, before a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters, the Red Bombers started fast and went on to defeat UPEI by a convincing score of 36-19.

An aggressive defence led the way with 2 blocked punts by Rick Flynn and John MacNeil, 2 interceptions by Ray Green and Jim Symonds, one stolen ball courtesy of Art Stotart and 2 fumble recoveries by John MacNeil and Mike Flynn.

Except for 2 long pass completions which led to successive scores in the second quarter, the defence was near perfect, allowing only one other TD in the dying minutes of the game at a time when coach Underwood was giving the second-stringers some valuable game experience.

The offence scored 3 quick touchdowns in the first quarter to give UNB a commanding 21-0 lead. The first score came as a result of an option pass by Houston MacPherson to flanker Rick Kaupp. The second TD was scored by MacPherson on a long pass from QB Peter Merrill. Wally Langley scored the first of 2 majors on an 8-yard run.



End Gary Northcott being hit by two UPEI defenders after catching pass from quarterback Peter Merrill. Rick Kaupp (above) watches with interest.

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In another series, Langley appeared to be in the end zone but the referee ruled that he was short. (Game films later showed that he had in fact scored.) With first down on the UPEI one yard line, UNB fumbled and lost a golden opportunity to score.

The Saints showed their only spurt of offence in the second quarter. With some fine passing leading the way, they scored on a 3-yd. plunge and later on a broken play when the Saint's QB Jim Foley, pitched out to his halfback who rambled 11 yards for the score, leaving several Bombers in his wake.

## SECOND HALF

The Bombers entered the second half with a 21-13 lead and completely dominated the remainder of the game. The defence kept the Saints in check while the offence marched up and down the field but were unable to finish off their drives.

Scoring in the second half was John Mitchell with 2 field goals (in 4 attempts), a single and a convert (his third in 4 tries) on Wally Langley's

second TD. Langley also scored a single on a booming punt.

## DEFENCE

The Player of the Game was Larry Binns, a defensive end who played a very aggressive game. Other defensive standouts were John MacNeil, this year's outstanding player to date, and linebacker Mike Flynn, who played a strong game both ways. Actually, credit must go to the entire defensive team for a standout effort.

Offensively, Peter Merrill played an excellent game at QB with fine signal calling and superb passing (10 for 15 for 199 yards). Flankers Rick Kaupp and Houston MacPherson gave Merrill lots of help in the passing department as they were constantly in the open and MacPherson was a double threat with his passing (1 for 2 a touchdown). The offensive line led by Ron Harwood gave the QB plenty of time to pass and opened fine holes for the running backs.

If the UNB aerial attack can remain so potent and the teams overall play continues to improve; the Red Bombers will have to be rated as one of the best teams in the league along with surprising Dalhousie, St. Mary's and St. FX.

## WHILE RUGGERS WIN TWO

The UNB rugby team improved its record to 3 wins and 1 loss by defeating the Saint Thomas University and the Saint John city team last week.

Before a good crowd at College Field on Wednesday, Sept. 24, the UNB Ironmen defeated their arch rivals Saint Thomas by a score of 6-3. UNB's points came from 2 penalty kicks from difficult angles by Bob Kay. Saint Thomas scored on a thirty yard touchdown run by Kevin Breen.

The game was one of the best seen in Fredericton in a long time; the tackling by both sides was fierce and each team attacked with determination. Saint Thomas won more set scrums than UNB, but in the loose mauls and from the line-outs each team played evenly.

Among the scrums men Tony McCurdy, Ken Whiting and Jim McKay were outstanding. Bob Kay, Clark Fitzgerald and Greg Shanks played well in the backfield, and the two wings, Bob Deap and Grant Vistovino, distinguished themselves by their slashing tackles and breakaway runs.

A scheduled rematch will be held Wednesday, Oct. 8.

## SATURDAY'S GAME

The following Saturday, UNB travelled to Saint John and defeated the Trojans 21-0 in pouring rain.

Despite the deplorable playing conditions, the UNB team showed a fast-paced offence; with the backfield working smoothly with the forwards.

Skilled scrum-half Mike Roberts scored two tries. Bob

Kay, Clark Fitzgerald, and Percy Kennedy scored one each; Kay made three converts. Kennedy was also the outstanding tackler on the field.

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