

Editor's Corner

It's that time again. Each year the brisk fall breezes swirling leaves over our hillside campus signal the start of another intercollegiate football campaign.

Our Saturday afternoon favourites, the Red Bombers, swing into their season this Saturday in a home game with the SDU Saints. The powerhouses of maritime football, St. FX, St. Marys and Acadia have already been in action in exhibition games.

This Saturday, in a couple of big games, St. FX entertains Queens University in Antigonish. St. Marys travels to Montreal to take on the McGill Red Men in another exhibition tilt. Maritime wins in these two games would go a long way towards gaining recognition from the rest of the nation for the fine brand of football played in these parts.

The Red Bombers will have a good crack this fall at improving last season's 3-3 mark. The Bombers have ample proven talent in the offensive backfield. Some fine first year prospects will bolster the offence and help shore up the stout Bomber defence which has suffered losses in the defensive backfield and at linebacker.

Wide running threat Danny Palov is back although hampered by a hip injury. Ross St. Germain provides the inside running to balance Palov's speed to the outside. Newcomers Charley Khoury and Greg Reid and returnee Bruce Tetreault have been running well through training camp. The pulling guards, key to a successful running attack, Wayne Kirk and John Kovich, are working together for the third season.

But the Bombers lack experience at wingback, center, quarterback and end.

The defence should be as stout as last years'. Freshmen Mitch Moskalyk, Ron Byberg and returnee Sterling Breedon should fill some gaps in the line and linebacking corps.

Word from around the league is that Acadia is stronger than last year and could well be the team to watch. St. Marys is rated as likely to repeat as league champion. Coach Don Loney of St. FX rates his team as 'interesting'. Gus MacFarlane is reported to have a few fine rookie prospects in camp at Mt. A.

If the offence can generate just a little more spark than last season and injuries stay away from the Bomber camp the Bombers will have a good shot at toppling one of the big three.

SOME EMPHASIS ON OFFENCE

Readers who have spent a few warm summer evenings in front of the idiot box watching the pros perform in the CFL have probably not switched off their set without noting the tremendous emphasis on defence currently in vogue on the Canadian pro football scene.

The pros have moved their best men to defence in the last few years. Moreover the defences have pretty well cased the limited selection of offensive manoeuvres possible in the run, pass and kick Canadian football style of offence.

This defensive brand of football does little to stimulate spectator interest in the gridiron game.

In the light of this it is gratifying to note that the Maritime colleges have taken steps over the past couple of years to stimulate offensive play. The latest of these steps was taken last spring. The college coaches rewrote the rule book slightly to allow unlimited downfield interference. Previously backfielders were limited to blocking 1 yard past the line of scrimmage unless lined up outside the ends. Two years ago blocking on punts was introduced onto the collegiate football scene. This ruling helped introduce interest to the third game down play. The spectacle of 12 men converging on one luckless punt return man provided a foregone conclusion which turned few spectator eyes downfield on third down punts.

Few will dispute the importance of spectator interest in bringing out the best in a college football team. For this reason the Maritime college coaches should be lauded in their continuing efforts to give the offensive units every chance to perform to their full potential.

ADDENDUM

Shortly after I'd just finished writing this column Bomber QB Pete Harding walked into the Bruns office, looked over my masterpiece, and lamented the fact that I had mentioned several backfield performers, but failed to give him a deserved boost. Realizing how Pete felt but not wanting to retype my column. I'm including this special addendum just for Pete's sake.

Pete was a first string half with the Bombers last season as a sophomore. This season he has moved to QB. Pete has been working effectively from the pivot spot and we are expecting great things of him this season. Pete has experience at QB in Montreal junior ball.



Preparation for season opener — Sunday's inter-squad game saw the yellow-shirted Red Bomber veterans crush the red-shirted rookies, 21-0. The man in the striped shirt is former fullback Rick Logie showing a burst of the old speed as he comes in on a play.

Season Opens Saturday

The Red Bombers, UNB's entrant in the Maritime Intercollegiate football, wars wrap up their pre-season training camp tomorrow.

Leading our football hopefuls back for the '66 season are co-captains and veteran linemen, Wayne Kirk and Cliff Moore.

Veteran UNB football mentor, Don Nelson, is once again faced with his annual problem — instead of a relatively light group of linemen compared with the beefsteak boasted by rivals St. FX and St. Marys. But Coach Nelson is counting on depth, experience and speed along the line to more than compensate for the weight disadvantage.

The line is pretty well intact from last season's aggregation with one or two additions at center and end.

Working at the center slot are a couple of hard nosed freshmen, Don Proudfoot from Pointe Claire and Fred MacLean of Halifax. Rounding out the complement at the snap position is two year veteran Dave Patterson.

Back at the guard slot are last season first stringers Wayne Kirk and John Kovich. Also working out at guard are Dennis Dann and Pete Hopkins. Dann is a fourth year transfer student from Mt. A who saw action with

Gus MacFarlane's garnet and gold squad last season. Hopkins, a sophomore from Sept Isles, Quebec, is playing his first season with the Bombers.

At tackle are two more starters from last year's squad, Cliff Moore, a four year veteran and Jack Anderson also heading into his fourth campaign. Backing up Moore and Anderson are Sterling Breedon and George Richmond. Breedon, a hefty junior saw limited action with the Bombers two seasons ago. Richmond, also a junior, has been a mainstay of the Bomber defence for the past two seasons.

Working out at end are Tom Pinckard, Bill Bliss and Terry MacKlem. Pinckard started at center for the Bombers last season, but started at end two seasons ago. Bliss, a senior, is working out with the team for the first time. But Bliss has had experience with the Halifax Buccaneers, an intermediate team. Sophomore MacKlem was with the Bombers at end last season.

Also in camp vying for a spot on the team are linemen John MacCabe and Jack Syroid.

In the backfield the Bombers are well stocked with veterans and promising newcomers at every position except quarterback.

Sophomore Ross St. Ger-

main, the team's leading scorer and ground gainer last year, is back running out of the fullback slot. Greg Reid, a starter in the Mt. A backfield over the past three years, is working out with St. Germain at fullback.

Sensational speedster, Danny Palov, with the Bombers two seasons ago slipped under the September 15 back to camp deadline to begin working out at the halfback slot. Second year man, Bruce Tetreault, who started several games at half last year, is also back in the fold. Looking good in the practice sessions is local product Charley Khoury. The hard working Khoury is rated by Coach Nelson as the best New Brunswick footballer he has ever coached. Nelson gives the Fredericton native a good chance at nailing down the starting halfback job.

Rounding out the competition for the halfback spot are newcomers Lyle Huggin and Charley Fraser. Huggin is a junior from Charlottetown. Fraser, also a junior, has two

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