

Red Bombers Review

By MARK ESTILL

The Bombers should look better than ever next year. Every player that I have talked to has expressed confidence in the Bomber's chances next year. Most players feel that UNB will make the play-offs and several even said that they expected to participate in the College Bowl.

Last year the Bombers beat Mt. Allison twice, beat UPEI twice and lost three games to the Nova Scotia teams for a 4-3 record. UPEI has since decided to discontinue their football program. This will mean more difficulty for UNB as they will be forced to play the tougher Nova Scotian teams more often. But UNB will be ready. Remember last year the Bombers lost to the Canadian Champions the Acadia Axemen by only one point. Rumour has it that Acadia will lose many of their starters including several Americans.

Most of the Bombers strong defensive corps will be returning next year. UNB fans can count on a strong effort from the defensive line led by George West. Joining West on the defensive line are, Wayne Kline, Craig Canvin, Reid Barnett and rookie sensation Mark Vendramin. Backing up the defensive line are several quality linebackers. Any football fans who have watched Mike Arthur play realize that he is the heart and soul of the UNB team. One friend of mine refers to Arthur as the

"Jack Lambert" of the Bombers. Aiding Arthur in the linebacker position is rookie Robert Nino. If Nino can remain healthy watch for him to log a lot of playing time next year. Wayne Wiggins is another top notch performer rounding out the linebacker corp. The other position of linebacker will be open as Pat McCarthy does not intend to return next year. Derek Roberts will be another Bomber to watch on defense if he returns.

The defensive backs will be led by Wayne Lee and Ed Tighe. Wayne Lee, an all conference performer last year has developed into one of the most exciting punt return threats in the league. Eddie Tighe is a sure bet for Rookie-of-the-Year honours and as one player told me he "can go one-on-one with any receiver in the league."

The defensive co-ordinator Mike Flynn has been transferred and will not be returning next year. Mr. Flynn deserves congratulations for his great job in developing the tough UNB defense in the past years. His talent and coaching ability will be missed.

The offense of the Bombers will certainly miss the talents of Stewart Fraser and Mike Washburn. However, Gary Mitchell and Mike Brown should be able to take up the slack in the receiving department. The quarterbacking chores should be handled quite capably by Greg Clark and Adrian Vilaca. The offensive line will be anchored



Perry Kukkonen heads for daylight.

by team captain, Robert Lockwood and all conference lineman Greg Didur. Ken Martin, Mike Sullivan and Gerard Goodwin should round out the offensive line.

Rumor has it that the competition will be quite fierce in the backfield of the Bombers next year. Some

people have said that 15 backs will be reporting this year. This competition will all be to see who takes over the durable Perry Kukkonen's job next year. This is unless Perry himself plans to return.

All in all, the 1980-81 Red Bombers are looking quite strong for next year. The calibre of football seen at College Field should please the fans at UNB next year.

Red Shirts review

So close and yet so far. This seems to be the general feeling regarding the past soccer season at UNB.

The Red Shirts compiled an undefeated season, recorded nine wins and two ties. As the host team of the AUAA playoffs they then defeated Dalhousie to meet St. Mary's in the final.

As those numerous fans who attended the final will recall, that game ended in a scoreless tie. After extra time the score was still tied 1-1. For the second time in three years, the championship was decided via penalty shots and for the second time UNB was unable to come out on top.

It is rare in team sport that an individual will dictate the eventual overall success of the team. Actually the converse is usually true in that the success of the team will highlight the individual performances.

This year's soccer team was no exception. The impressive record compiled by the Red Shirts provided recognition for several players on the team.

Selected to the All Conference team were: goaltender Dave Harding; Fullbacks Ed Hansen and Tim Hicks; along with Midfielders Robbie MacFarlane and Dwight Hornbrook. Coach Gary Brown also received the well-deserved selection as the coach of the year.

Harding and MacFarlane were also selected to the first team All-Canadian squad. UNB was the only team other than the eventual winners - U of Alberta - to place more than one player onto the team, a true credit to the program.

Last season's showing has attracted regional attention and along with that has provided the team with an attractive package for recruiting new students and players. Any new additions along with the vast majority of players who will be returning, indicate a continuing success for the team in the future.

During the off-season the Red Shirts have been training for the approaching outdoor seasons. Last month the team travelled to St. John and captured an indoor tournament championship. Again they were undefeated throughout and played five games without allowing a goal to be scored against them.

The team would like to thank all of those associated with them, including fans and the media, for the support given last season. Your continued involvement can only help to develop an already well established team and program.



Robbie MacFarlane carries the ball for the Red Shirts.

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| 1. October 8, 1956 | 2-0 N.Y. Yankees | 5. Neal Ball 1909 | 6. 217 |
| 2. Most RBI's in a 9-inning game | 12 | 7. 141 Clarke, Leach, Barber | 8. Lester Patrick |
| 3. Eddie Collins 1912 | | 9. Sam Lopresti 83 saves 1941 | 10. 17th |
| 4. June 12, 1839 | | | |

UNB ROWING CLUB General Meeting

Monday March 31 7:00pm
Room A-116 LB Gym

- New films
- Election of officers
- Summer plans

WUSC
General Meeting
Slides on Sri Lanka
Year End Review
Plans for Next Year
Sunday, March 30
8pm SUB Rm. 26
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