

# TOMMIES TROUNCE BOMBERS 27-0

## St. Thomas Shows Overall Superiority in Clinching First Place

The St. Thomas entry in the New Brunswick Canadian Rugby Football Union assured themselves of the league leadership last Saturday afternoon when they ran roughshod over the local Bombers in a well-earned and extremely convincing 27 to nothing triumph at Chatham.

Contrary to expectations, the Tommies executed a continual ground attack with extreme success, reverting to the talented arm of their captain, Pat Barry, only when the opportune occasion arose. The Bombers, seeking to revenge their former setback at the hands of the Green and Gold, simply fell apart at the seams in the face of the powerful and not-to-be-denied Tommy attack.

The game was but a few minutes old when the story of the St. Thomas ground superiority began to unfold. Joey George paced the initial offensive spurt by crashing through for two successive first downs following the kickoff. George's ground-work set the stage for a Barry flip to McMullin who sped around the end to open the scoring. Pat Barry added the singleton as the Tommies took an early 6-0 lead. This was all for the score sheet in the first quarter despite St. Thomas's great edge in territorial play, highlighted by O'Brien's brilliant twenty-five-yard spurt around the right side, and the Bombers' complete failure to get under steam.

The second stanza opened as the first had closed, with the Tommies in command all the way. A yards-gaining and effective ground attack carried them to the U.N.B. 12-yard line midway in the quarter. This again provided the opportunity for Barry to take to the air, which he did with a completed toss, intended for McMullin, but which, after a series of juggling, wound up with Stephens in possession in the Bomber end zone. Barry followed by splitting the uprights for the second time and the St. Thomas lead was extended to 12-0. Another smart run by O'Brien, this time for 22 yards, again put the Tommies within striking distance a few minutes later. They were stopped momentarily, however, deep in U.N.B. territory and with a third down coming up both the Bombers and the fair-sized crowd were looking for the customary safety kick. Barry faded back into punt position, but at the last second caught the Red and Black defence off-balance with a surprise twenty-yard pass to McMullin, who shook off three Bomber tacklers and went around the end standing up. Barry's third convert try sailed a little wide as the Tommy total jumped to seventeen. Near the end of the half Joey George again caught the Bombers' backfield sleeping with a beautiful execution of the "sleeper play" good for thirty-five yards. U.N.B. seemed to perk up a bit in the dying minutes and marched as far as the St. Thomas three-yard line before a fumble cost them possession.

The Bombers opened strong in the second half and successive plunges by Kirby and Schure went for first downs and carried them to within four yards of pay dirt before another fumble shattered any scoring hopes. Nevertheless the Red and Black carried the play until George intercepted a Naysmith pass on the Bomber thirty-yard line, followed by an immediate ten-yard U.N.B. penalty for roughing which put O'Brien in position to scamper around the left side for the Tommies' fourth major of the game. The attempted convert by Barry was blocked and the score rested at 22-0.

Cormier painted the scene for the final tally of the contest when he picked another of Naysmith's attempted forwards out of the air deep in the U.N.B. end. The boy with the flipping fingers, Pat Barry, then stepped into the breach with a short chuck to McMullin who crashed through the middle of the Bomber line, shaking off no less than five would-be tacklers, for his third major of the afternoon. As sort of a variation, Barry attempted to pass in the convert, but it fell as incomplete, leaving the third quarter and game score at 27-0.

The Bomber's showed improvement in the scoreless final stanza and had a little better of the play. Plunges and end runs by Kirby, Schure, Fowler and Pollock, combined with aerial successes by Naysmith carried them on three occasions to within nine, five, and three yards of going over, but a couple of costly fumbles and a strong Tommy defence prevented them from denting the goose egg.

Despite the on-sidedness of the play and score the game was kept on an interesting level by the many sparkling plays which highlighted it. The end running and tackling of Fred O'Brien, the middle plunging of Joey George, and the passing and field generalship of Pat Barry were unmatched as the gems of the contest. The efforts of these three plus the support of Boyle and McMullin paced the torrid Tommy attack. On the Red and Black side of the ledger it was Schure, Pollock, Collis, Kirby, Mackley, and Naysmith who bore the burden of the unrewarded Bomber efforts.

The Bombers' final league game will take place at College Field this coming Saturday afternoon when they play host to the Moncton Trojans. For the Red and Black it will be nothing more than a playoff warm-up as the league leadership is now definitely out of their reach and they already have assured themselves a finals berth. **Line-ups: St. Thomas**—Stewart, Power, Dunn, George, B. McMullin, J. McMullin, Toner, Snodgrass, M. Barry, O'Brien, Boyle, Woodhouse, Christenson, Russel, Meahan, Powell, Grant, Holland, P. Barry, Stephens, Cormier, Whelton, St. Laurent, Malloly.

**Bombers**—Smith, MacLean, Elliott, Potter, Mackley, Shearsmith, Waddell, Hammond, Naysmith, Fowler, Kirby, Henry, Bliss, Moller, Bell, Wedster, Palmer, Schure, Clarke, Oatway, Collis, Edwards, Kerr, Fried, Neill, MacLaren, Pollock.

### VARSITY PUCKSTERS WIN OPENER

This year's edition of the UNB puck-chasers opened their new season successfully Saturday night by defeating the Fredericton Merchants 4-3 in a regularly scheduled game of the Fredericton Commercial League.

Although playing with only a few pre-season practices, the Kellymen showed commercial fans that they would definitely be a threat in the league this year. In order to gain experience for their forthcoming Inter-collegiate series, the varsity team has entered this league that will give them a game a week of actual competition. U.N.B. got away to a fast start Saturday night with Cam Manson scoring on a pass from John Wilson before the game was a minute and a half old. At 19:40 Lyons added another to put the Hillmen in front 2-0.

The second period saw both teams slow down some from the pace of the first after Bennett for the Merchants and Ketch for U.N.B. had scored. With a 3-1 lead varsity was somewhat inclined to rest on their laurels and leave the work to Jack Pinder, their goalie. Time and again Pinder was the equal of the occasion as poor clearing by his defence and little back-checking by his forwards allowed the Merchants to skate right in on top of him.

Referee Alan Smith opened the third period by awarding a penalty shot to the Merchants after Hallett in attempting to clear fell over Pinder and hauled the puck in under him. Bennett took the shot and skated in unmolested upon the U.N.B. netminder but failed to get it past Pinder.

Manson got his second goal of the evening about midway through the period followed by two quick goals for Merchants off the sticks of Haining and O'Brien. And there the scoring ended.

Referee Smith kept the game under control throughout sending three varsity and four Merchant players to the penalty box during the game.

Next Saturday Varsity will play Army who also won their opening game by downing the Power Commission 8-7.

### CANDLEPIN BOWLING LEAGUE OPENS SEASON

The Men's Intramural Candlepin Bowling League got under way last Monday night at the alleys in the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium with an opening-night doubleheader. The Newman Club met the Residence at 7 p.m. and the Transits played the Senior Foresters at 9 o'clock. Tonight at seven, the Faculty will play their first game against the Rockets.

The league this year is comprised of seven teams: Residence, captain Jim King; Faculty, captain Len Edwards; Newman Club, captain Laurie Cormier; Senior Foresters, captain Mal Millar; Rockets, captain John Belyea; Transits, captain Bob MacDormand; Frosh Science, captain George Needler.

Games will be played, three each week, on Monday nights at 7 and 9 p.m., and on Thursday nights at 7 o'clock. The first four teams will qualify for the playoffs, which will be held after each term.

Following is the schedule for next week:—  
Monday, November 10th—  
7:00 Faculty vs. Transits.  
9:00 Newman Club vs. Rockets.  
Thursday, November 13th—  
7:00 Frosh Science vs. Senior Foresters.

## As Seen from the Bleachers

By the Spectator

Perhaps by chance some of you happened to glance at this column last week, and if so then you are aware that this corner put forth the theory that the St. Thomas triumph at College Field the previous week was nothing more than an upset, and that the Bombers would be heard from in the return match. Well, the return contest at Chatham has come and gone without so much as a weak whisper from the Bombers. As for the upset angle, we are now inclined to believe that it was one of the Tommies' poorer days.

In just what complete state of confusion and entanglement our reasoning was engulfed to allow us to sincerely believe that the basis for our theory was well founded, we are not quite clear; perhaps it lies in blind prejudice or undying loyalty, but whatever the underlying cause, it couldn't have been further from reality. Having travelled to Chatham this past weekend we now clearly understand why our theory could not possibly have held water and why it was shattered beyond recognition.

When we hinted last week that perhaps the Bombers had slipped a bit, we didn't realize just how far; when we commented on the St. Thomas improvement, we failed to realize the width and intensity of its extent; and when we spoke of them having a couple of very good men, we should have supplemented the word "extraordinary".

No one could possibly have witnessed George and Boyle waltzing practically unmolested through the middle of the Bomber line, or seen Naysmith repeatedly nailed, by anywhere up to four men, before he could even elevate his arm, or watched the receivers of backfield handoffs crushed in the same instant that they received the ball, without coming to the conclusion that the Bomber line was, for all practical purposes, non-existent.

Nor could you have marvelled at O'Brien and McMullin speeding around the ends, completely eluding half of the tacklers, and carrying the rest across the line with them, without wondering to yourself if in fact we had a backfield at all.

To witness the "heavies" of the Bombers stopped cold in their tracks by Tommies twenty pounds less in weight, and to hear the crushing body-shaking tackles and blocks executed by St. Thomas in contrast to the lean-against, grab-and-hang-on methods of the Bombers, was a very common occurrence at this supposedly revenge meeting, and provided fitting answers to the reasons for this corner's ruinousness as a prophet.

Yes, right before our eyes, we watched the unbelievable aspects, which we had termed impossible, unravel in rapid succession. No amount of speculation or reasoning could have painted such a scene, the Bombers crushed, trampled on, out-played, out-fought, and out-guessed at every turn. The former kings of N.B. Senior Football had fallen from the throne, and fallen hard. The Red and Black no longer the royal colours, they had been solidly replaced by Green and Gold.

Perhaps, though, we have been a little harsh on the once-mighty Bombers. After all, they were up against a superior team, one which had class and drive to spare, and one which fought with the aggressiveness and determination arising from laurel starvation. It was perhaps this, and not the fact that the Bombers had slipped to such a degree, that told the tale. For even in their gloomiest hours some of the old reliables like Schure, Naysmith, Mackley, and perhaps other, turned in commendable performances and lost no prestige as the throne crumbled. The fact remains, though, that a football team resembles a car in that to function smoothly and dependably it requires more than a couple of cylinders.

With the league playoffs yet in the future, and the Bombers assured of a finals berth, you may consider us a bit hasty in counting them out for this season, but as with the Yankees in a World Series, it is just a matter of time and the formality of running off games.

Yes, we have been wrong before, but never quite as certain. Thus for the second time in two weeks you will have to tolerate a theory based on impossibility as gleaned from the crystal ball of the Spectator . . .

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