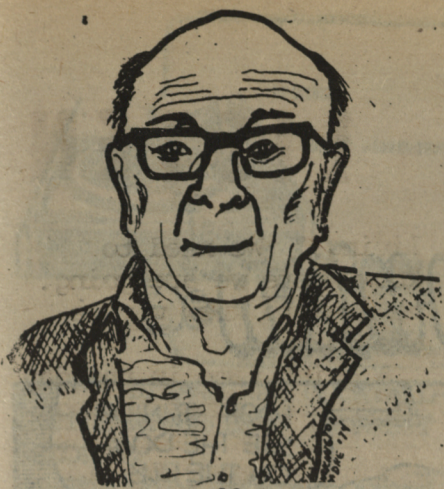


ANOTHER MORAL VICTORY FOR HILTON'S PANTHERS



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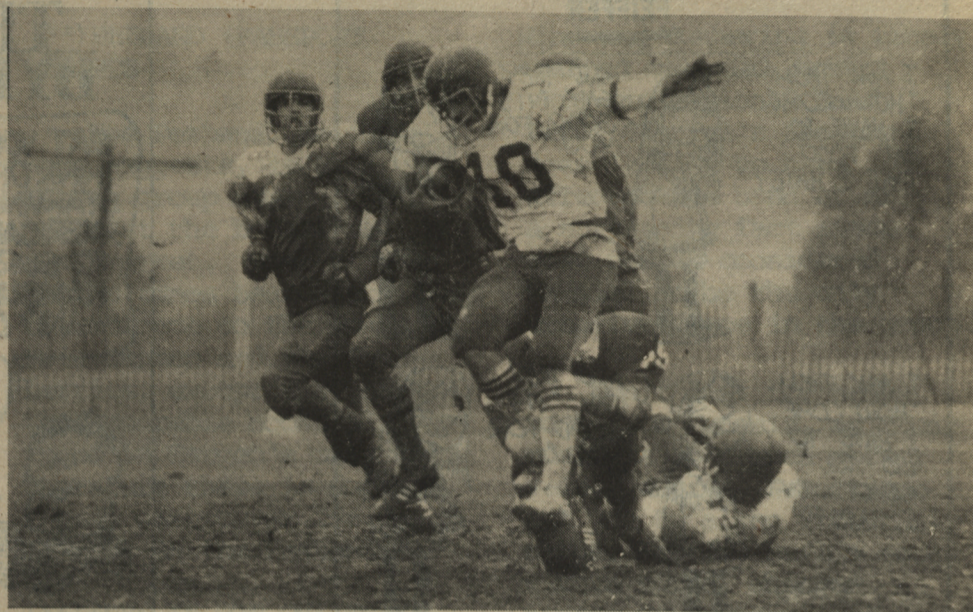
An old saying was that the sun doesn't shine on the same dog all of the time but it would seem that the converse does not hold true as our Football Panthers seem destined by Lady Luck to remain in the shade.

Due to the paper's housecleaning activities we did not have any column last week so it is our unhappy chore to report two football losses, both by last ditch dramatic performances by our opponents.... the type of play we could not enjoy. In a game at S.M.U. on the 10th we were leading by a touchdown with less than 5 minutes to go (and how we'd love a win at St. Mary's) only to have the Santamarians rally for two late T.D's and a 21-14 loss for our heroes. From a Panther standpoint the high point of the game was a Kiraly pass to John Paul McIntyre for a 96-yard touchdown.

This past Saturday, back on our own turf and trying to avenge an early-season 31-26 loss to U.N.B., we had high hopes and anticipated winning our first game of the season. The first half was a dismal one from a local standpoint as it was played almost completely in Panther territory and seemed a disappointing one for our fans as the Red Bombers dominated play and assumed a 10-0 lead. For a while we were hoping for rain before 4 1/2 innings were completed! Some people mix metaphors...we like to do it to games.)

During the intermission, while we were having our cough medicine...it was a rainy day...Jolly Eddie Hilton must have administered some very constructive criticisms to his charges as the Panthers quickly reversed the tide of the battle. Directly after the kickoff we started a march into foreign territory and finally Brian Thompson carried to their five yard line and John Paul MacIntyre (how does he manage to get people to call him THREE names?) went over and Mike Kennedy waddled in to add a point. Early in the final quarter John Paul (we'll accord him only two this time) carried to their 12 and Rick Kiraly scampered over on a keeper to give us the lead. Mike Kennedy again came on, in no way resembling his whippets, and again put the ball through the uprights and we led 14-10. Shortly thereafter U.N.B. carried in close to our line but were frustrated by a good defense and elected to try for a field goal on their third down. Their success would have meant that we'd still be ahead 14-13. However, after the ball went through the posts an offside was called on us and U.N.B. had a first down on our 2 and when they went over the score was 14-17 instead of 14-13.

Quite undaunted, Rick Kiraly, who played an excellent ground game all afternoon, again scored on a keeper from the 9 yard line, and, after our dependable waddler again made his point, we seemed to have our victory. However, unkind fate took over and, with only 20 seconds to go, U.N.B./Q.B. Terry Cripotis attempted a long desperate heave into the Panther end zone and, in the scramble, one of our



players jostled their Stewart Fraser as he batted the ball away and it was called pass interference and they got the winning touchdown. After their Proudfoot (What a name for a kicker) converted, the game was over and we were again on the short end of a close score. We do not feel ourselves expert enough to criticise the call but we do feel it was one that could have gone either way but McCarthy's Law took over, we guess....you know the one that says something like, "When things are going badly you can rely on them to get worse". We got no solace from the remark of a U.N.B. broadcaster who informed us that the two U.N.B./U.P.E.I. games were the most exciting he has seen in years. We also hear that the two Quarterbacks Cripotis and Kiraly are friends and come from the same locality (Opposing coaches say "Timeo Danaos") and we are certain they'll play these two games over again, in conversation, many times in the future.

With dampened spirits and needing fortification, many fans repaired to the Panther Lounge after the game and shed copious tears into their lager...and no wonder...we think this is the BEST team we have had in years and still we are 0-5...but we have yet to be really beaten...actually counting the loss in the final game last year to St. F.X. we have dropped six in a row and have been outscored by no more than a converted T.D. in any game - with a scoring spread of 81-108! Six losses - 27 points!

This week we travel to nationally ranked Acadia and the Class of 1979 is

sponsoring a bus if they can get enough interested people to toddle over to the Student Union with their deposit. It is the sort of a trip that you'll be referring to years hence when you get into those "Remember when" sessions...So, HURRY, HURRY, HURRY.

We saw a bit of the field hockey game last week in which the Panther Ladies dropped one to the Red Sticks of U.N.B. 5-0. Our team is pretty new - but if enthusiasm and effort could win games, they'd be right up with the leaders. However, with the effort they put in we are sure that experience will eventually make them a power in their league.

Our Soccer team succeeded in getting a split in their last two games. In the first, they came from behind to nose out the U. de Moncton 3-2 (Damn, why didn't we see that one) as George Haddad booted two home and John Carson scored the winner. On Sunday, in a GOOD game which we ALMOST enjoyed (We're tired of losing) league-leading U.N.B. (9-1) had a difficult time winning by a 3-1 margin. Kevin Burdette got our only score. We are now 1-7 with one tied. This weekend the schedule makers cheated us out of any local activity as the Football team goes to Acadia, the Field Hockey to Acadia and Saint Mary's and the Soccer team to Acadia and S.M.U.

The football game will be on audio on cable TV and CIMN Saturday at 2:00.

We hope to be giant killers this weekend... Panthers, let's go!!!!!!!



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