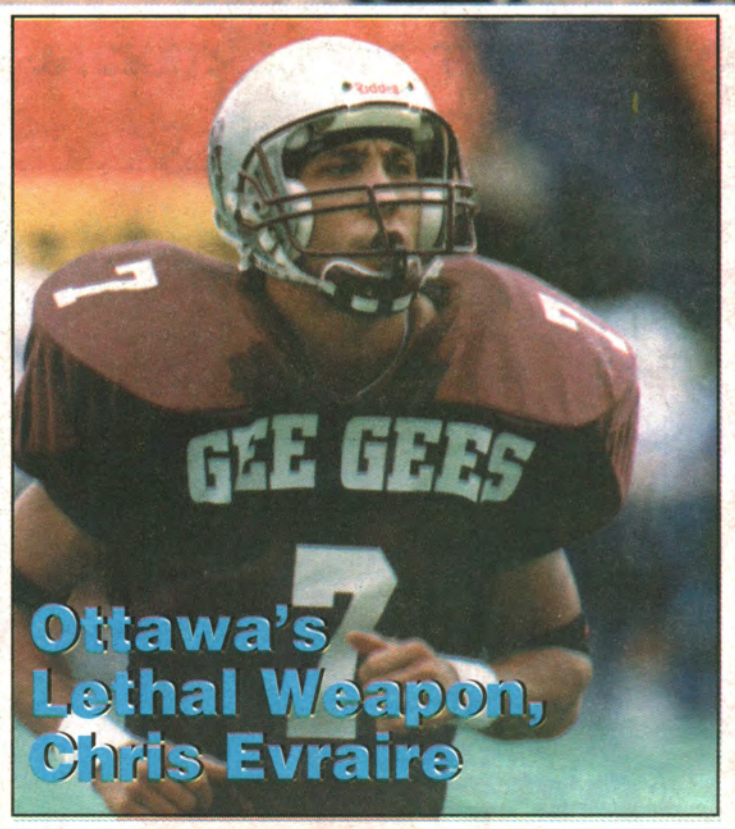
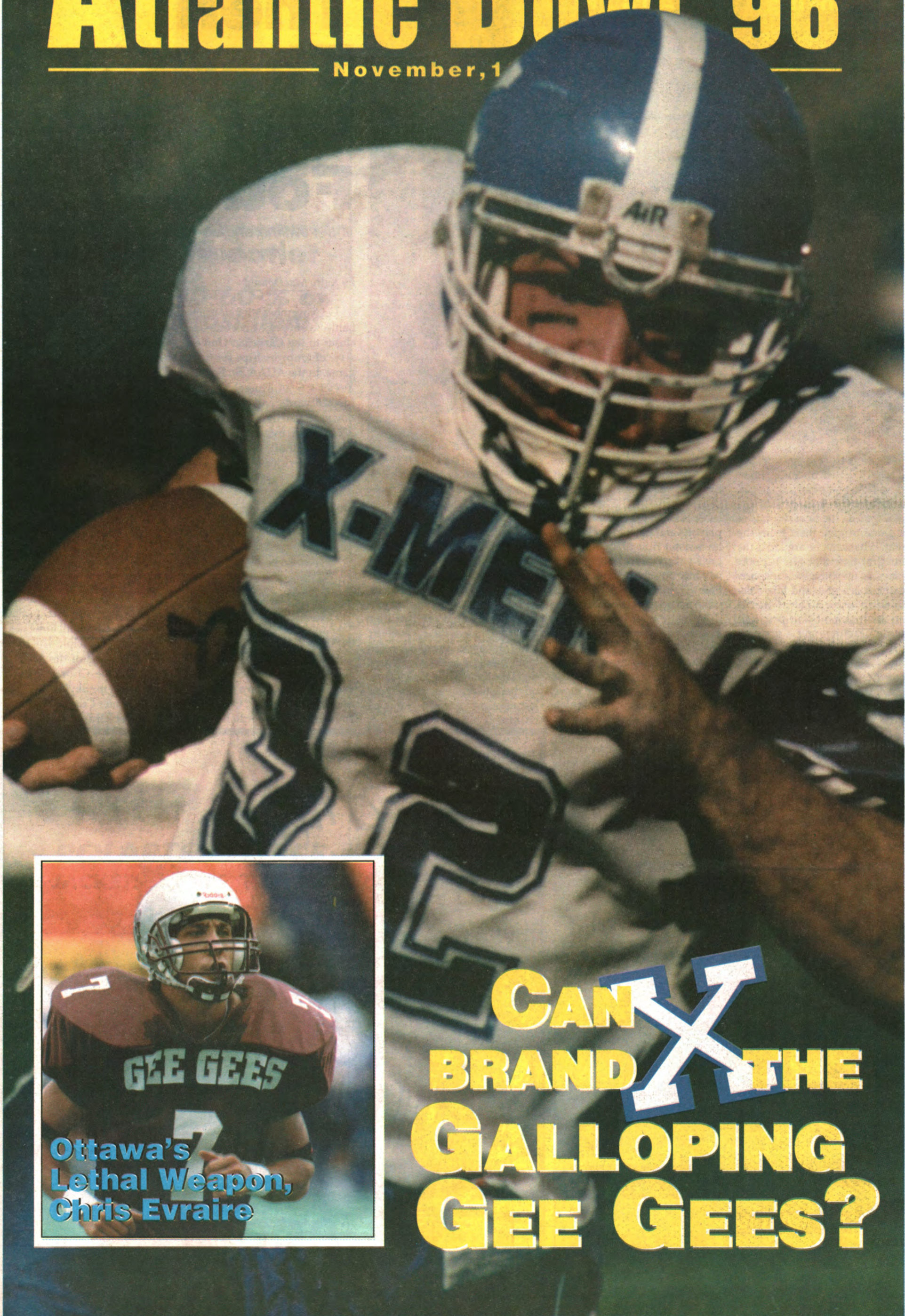


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Ranking The CIAU's Best

Team	Rank	# Wks. Ranked	Highest Ranking	Record	Current Status
Saskatchewan	1	10	1	7-1	def. UBC 37-16
Waterloo	2	10	2	7-1	lost to Guelph 23-13
Ottawa	3	6	3	6-2	def. McGill 20-11
St. Francis Xavier	4	10	3	6-2	def. Mt. A 30-22
Guelph	5	4	5	6-2	def. Waterloo 23-13
UBC	6	3	6	5-3	lost to Sask. 37-16
McGill	7	5	7	5-3	lost to Ottawa 20-11
Western	8	10	1	7-1	lost to Guelph 18-9
Mt. Allison	9	2	9	4-4	lost to St.F.X. 30-22
Alberta	10	8	1	4-4	lost to Sask. 28-20



*Rankings as of November 4, 1996 (source: TSN)

Then There Were Four...

It's showtime, and four teams are vying for top honours in University football

by Kelly MacDonald

103 yards.

On November 9th four teams battled it out to advance one step closer to the Canadian University championship football game. In the AUAA, St. Francis Xavier's Sean Musselman ran for 128 yards and two touchdowns to lead the X-Men to a 30-22 victory over the Mount Allison Mounties in front of a home town crowd of 6200 to win the Jewett trophy. Worth noting was the incredible play of the Mountie's Hec Creighton hopeful Eric Lapointe who tore up the field with 308 rushing yards.

The OUAA Yates cup was captured by the visiting Guelph Gryphons 23-13 over the Waterloo Warriors. Nathan Body replaced the injured starting quarterback Wally Gabler in the first quarter. He completed 7 of 16 passes for a total 112 yards including an impressive 45-yard strike to Kyle Walters who received the ball for a touchdown. Gerrit Stam led the Gryphon's ground game with 130 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns.

The Ottawa Gee Gees will meet the X-Men in this week's Atlantic Bowl after their 22-11 win of the OQIFC Dunsmore Cup at Ottawa. The victory over No.7 ranked McGill was fueled by Terry Tsimiklis of the Gee Gee's completing 16 of 23 passing attempts for a total 246 net yards gained. Ottawa's leading receiver was Ousmane Tounkara with six catches and

The CWUAA Hardy Trophy was won at home by the Saskatchewan Huskies over the University of British Columbia 37-16. Brent Schneider completed 10 of 19 passes for 176 yards and Jaret Rennie received two touchdowns to take their team to the Churchill Bowl next week against Guelph.

The winners of the Atlantic Bowl and the Churchill Bowl will meet at the SkyDome to vie for the Vanier Cup on Saturday November 23rd.

Dedicated Fans

by Kelly MacDonald

Everybody will agree that it is not the fan with the painted face or largest banner that will complete the pass, or kick the field goal in the final seconds of a game to give their team the win. What can't be argued is the integral part that fan support plays in the success of a sports team. It is a give and take relationship where athletics creates an environment that provides pride, tradition and a winning spirit to the university. It takes more than just players and coaches to create a winning team. It is the support structure provided by administration, faculty, alumni, and the student body that installs a winning attitude in the players.

Both teams vying for the Atlantic Bowl title this weekend have come back from the verge of extinction with the help and support of fans and their alumni chapters. Six years ago, the Gee Gees' future was questionable

due to average records and reduced financial and administrative support. The result of committed fans that would not let the program at the University of Ottawa diminish, has been four consecutive trips to the OQIFC playoffs and back to back regular season first place finishes. Last year's season saw them advance to the semi finals and lose to the eventual Vanier Cup winners, the Calgary Dinosaurs.

Anyone who has met a St. Francis Xavier student or graduate could attest to the incredible "X-Pride" felt by those affiliated with the university. It is known as the Xaverian family and those who belong, sport the colors blue and white any chance they get. The more frequent the X the better. Die hard X fans consist not only of students but of residents of Antigonish and Alumni who are known to travel far and wide to support the athletes. The meaning of die hard was put to the test in 1990 with the beginning of what could be a

Cinderella story. The football team had some rough seasons with records of 0-8 and 1-7. With limited resources, the university threatened to shut down the football program. The alumni rallied together in support to raise funding and keep the X-Men running. John Stevens, an assistant coach at the time, took over to head and rebuild the team over the last five years. This weeks game is sure to attract many X fans and Alumni who will be coming to cheer their X-men in their first appearance in the Atlantic bowl since 1983. A victory will take them to the Vanier Cup on the 30th anniversary of their last appearance in the National championship game.

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Who Will Be King?

The Running Man...

Can Eric Lapointe run into the record books and be crowned The King for 1996?



by Paul Meek

Quite possibly the most talked about player in the country, Eric Lapointe has ended his sophomore year leaving a lot of people in a state of shock. Averaging over 200 yards a game in the regular season, Lapointe ran for a season high 308 yards against the X-men in the AUAA final last Saturday. 93 of those

yards came on Lapointe's longest run of the year.

As the CIAU rookie of the year for 1995, expectations were high this year. Hec, I mean Eric, exceeded these by leading the country with 84 points and 1619 yards rushing. He accomplished single game records in four categories with a 92 yard run, 24 points (4 TD's), 36 carries, and 295 yards rushing.

The all-time rushing record was held by Dominic Zagari of the Manitoba Bisons who ran for 1260 yards in 1994. Zagari established the record while playing eight games, Lapointe broke it in only six. Any additional yardage that he gained against the Saint Mary's Huskies during the final regular season game, his seventh game, would only make the record seem increasingly unbreakable.

Interestingly, Eric would have been on course to accom-

plish over 1800 yards had he played the full eight game schedule instead of sitting out a game earlier in the season because of elbow troubles. To put these yards in perspective, the second place rusher in the country was Chris Lewis of the Calgary Dinos with 994 yards rushing. The runner-up in the conference was Sean Musselman of St. Francis Xavier with 569 yards.

It isn't often that a player of this caliber comes along. He has the ability to accept the respon-

sibility of being the go to guy and consistently turn it into positive results. His mental alertness to the game and his physical prowess make him a treat to watch for the Mounties fans but a menace for all others opposing him. This 6 foot, 200 pounder is deserving of a lot of credit for this year and there is only one award that can properly recognize his accomplishments. Eric Lapointe has done awesome things in two years and has three left in which to do even more.

...or The Home Town Hero

by Paul Meek

Chris Evraire dominated the O-QIFC this year and will be looking to do the same in the Atlantic Bowl this weekend as he

continues his race to the Hec Creighton trophy.

Most people outside of O-QIFC probably haven't heard of this athlete but he has quietly racked up some very impressive

statistics. Evraire led the nation in punt return yards (565) and receiving yards with 791. He led the conference in punt returns, kickoff returns, receptions and yards receiving. Evraire also had the C.I.A.U.'s longest reception of the year (101 yards). In the conference semi-final game against Carleton, he ran a punt back 91 yards for the major and did it again last weekend against McGill on a 61 yard return.

Evraire hails from Orleans, Ontario on the outskirts of Ottawa and has come up through the local football programs. Starting his football career off with the Ottawa Midget League, he went on to be the Rookie of the Year with the Ottawa Sooners in 1993 before joining the garnet and grey. This twenty four year old Social Science student is obviously a fan favorite because of his choice to stay in the nations capital to play football. In a town where football seems to struggle to survive, players like Evraire can only help to keep it going. Coming into Halifax this weekend, he will not be the most well known athlete on the field but he will definitely make himself known by the time he leaves.



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The question, "What the heck's a Gee Gee?", is often heard around the country. Various versions of this come to the surface at the annual Panda football game between Ottawa and their city rivals, the Carleton Ravens. The traditional school colors are

garnet and grey and this was the official name for the varsity teams. The media began shortening this to G.G.'s and eventually the name stuck in the form of Gee Gees. The significance of the horse head is that a Gee Gee is also a lead horse in a race. The two G's and the horse have now been adopted as the official logo.

Ottawa Gee Gees			
September 2	Carleton 28	Ottawa 17	
September 7	Ottawa 25	Queen's 10	
September 14	Queen's 31	Ottawa 28	
September 20	Ottawa 41	Laval 12	
September 28	Ottawa 48	Concordia 15	
October 12	Ottawa 31	Bishop's 6	
October 19	Ottawa 45	Carleton 1	
October 26	Ottawa 45	McGill 17	
November 2	Ottawa 28	Carleton 0	O-Q Semi
November 9	Ontario-Quebec Dunsmore Cup		
	Ottawa 20	McGill 11	

When the Gee Gees have possession:

Ottawa will be relying on the consistency of Quarterback Terry Tsimiklis who did not throw an interception in the regular season. The Gee Gees have a double dosage of speed with the dynamic duo of Chris Evraire and Ousmane Tounkara. Paul Frlan of X, will have to ensure that these two are kept to some shortage so that they do not make it to the open field. Darren McNeice will no doubt be a factor this weekend. McNeice kicked for 10 field goals, 31 converts and 3 safeties in the regular season.

Offensive Ranking: 1
Defensive Ranking: 3



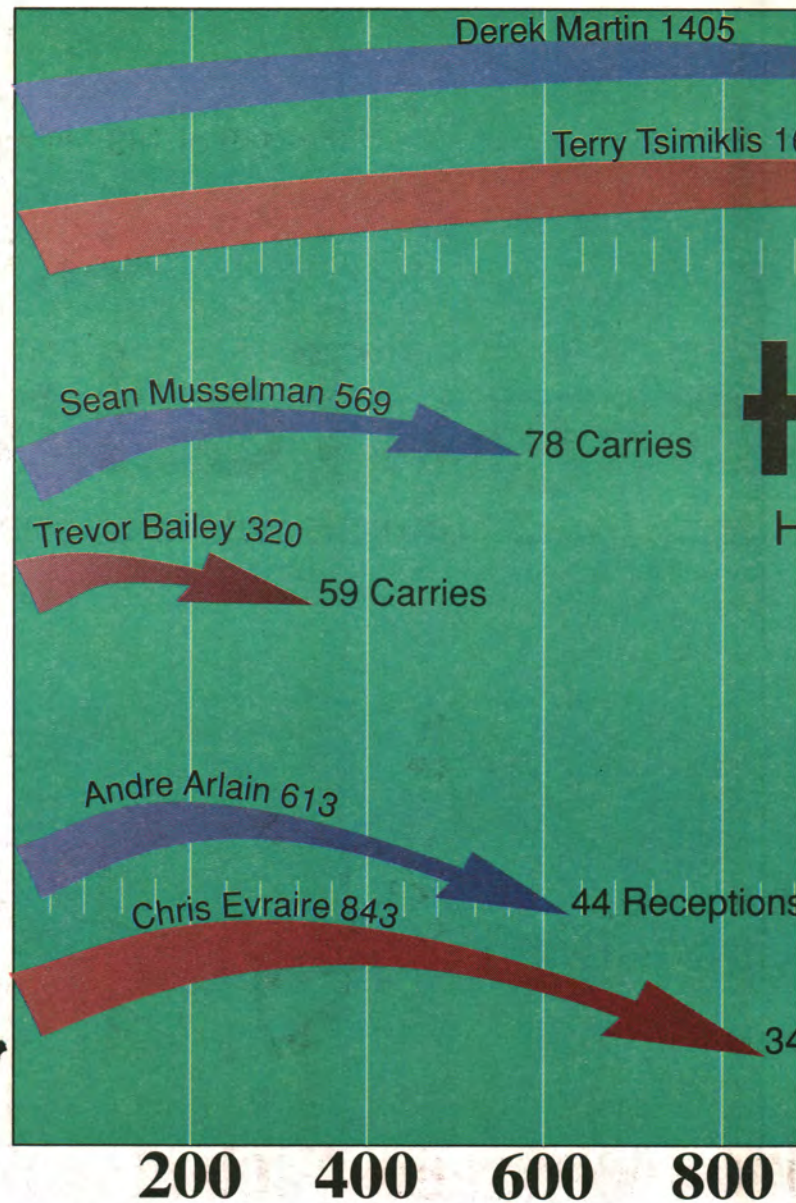
Passing



Rushing



Receiving



University of Ottawa Gee Gees

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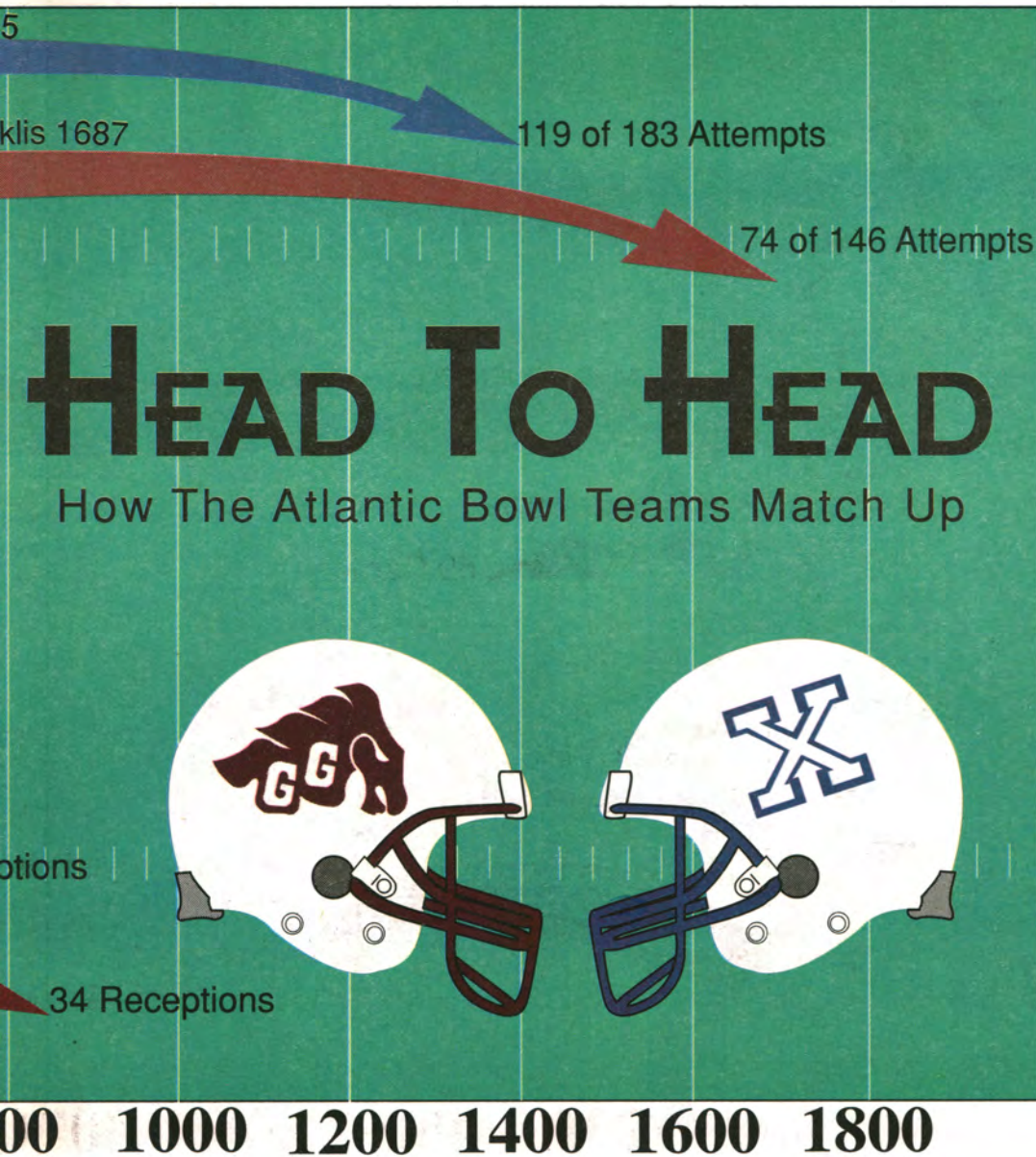
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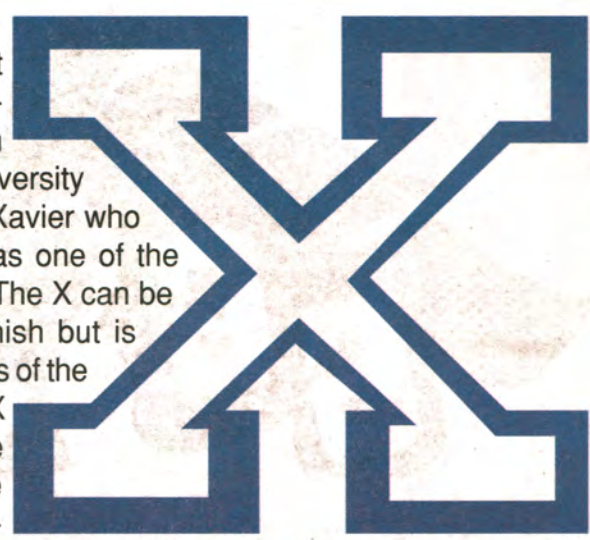
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St. Francis Xavier X-Men

September 14	St. F. X.	14	Mt. Allison	10
September 21	Saint Mary's	17	St. F. X.	10
September 28	St. F. X.	44	Acadia	32
October 5	St F. X.	42	Acadia	16
October 12	St F. X.	31	Mt. Allison	10
October 19	St. F. X.	46	Saint Mary's	10
October 26	Mt. Allison	37	St. F. X.	23
November 2	St. F. X.	17	Acadia	16
November 9	Atlantic, Jewett Trophy			
	St. Francis Xavier	30	Mount Allison	22

Saint Francis Xavier X-Men

Athletic Director: Dr. John McFarland
 Head Coach: John Stevens
 Assistant Coaches: Blake Nill, Des Pitts, Scott Annand, Mike D'Addario, Terry Chisholm, Steve Sumarah, Mike Stewart, Frank Gesztesi, Kevin Artichuk

When the X-Men have possession:

Derek Martin will need to find Andre Arlain open in order to get the offense going. The fact that Martin has a throwing percentage of 65% is complimented by Arlain's 44 receptions. If the ball is in Musselmans hands, their will be progress. Before last weekend, Musselman never dropped the ball once. He has the ability to rush with the ball or catch the pass. Team captain and DB, Sean Hall will have his hands full in attempting to keep these two from breaking things wide open. Paul Frlan had a great kicking game last weekend and it should be interesting to see if the special teams can get down the field to stop Chris Evraire from running a punt back for a touchdown.

Offensive Ranking: 4
 Defensive Ranking: 8

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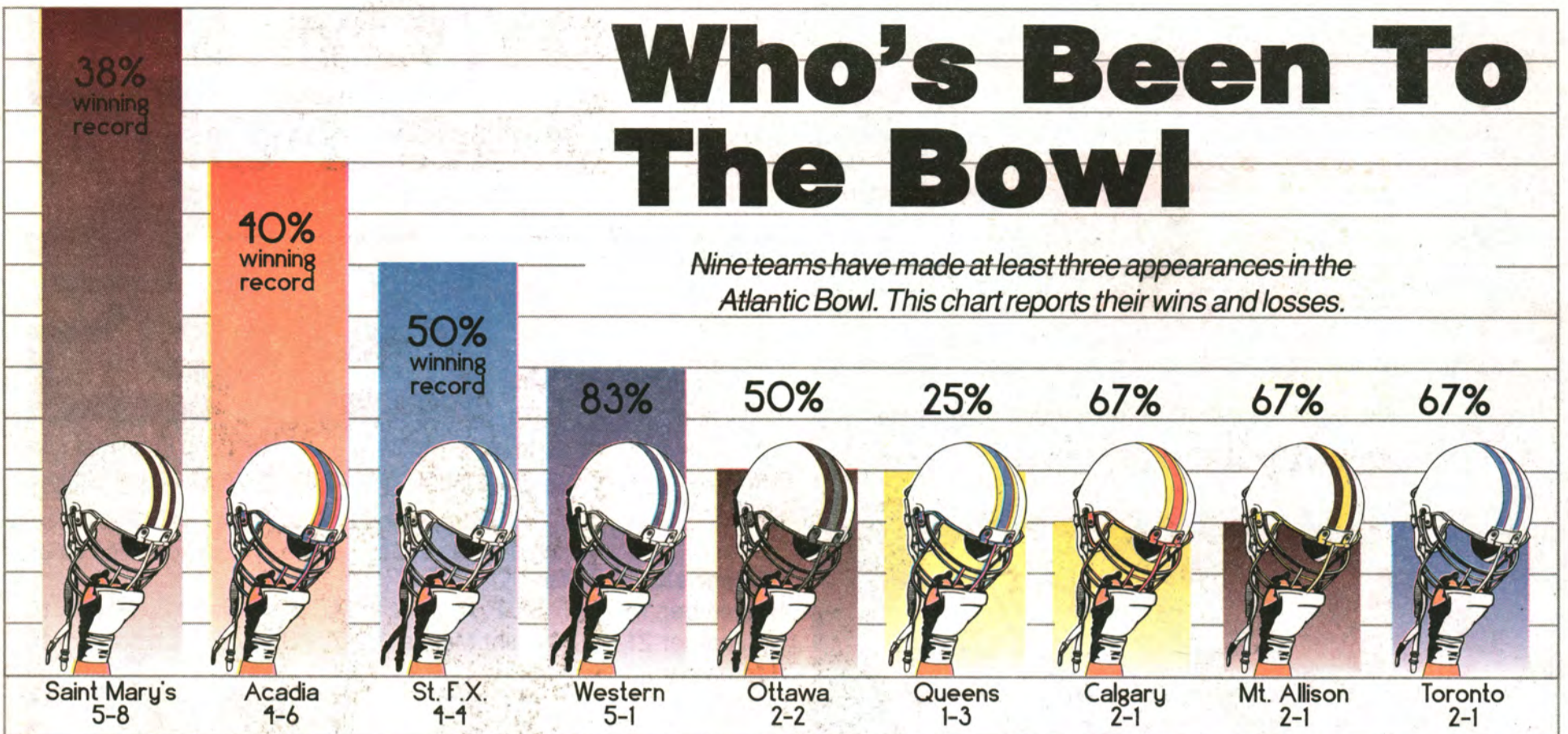
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Who's Been To The Bowl

Nine teams have made at least three appearances in the Atlantic Bowl. This chart reports their wins and losses.



Atlantic Bowl Factoids

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Largest Total Score - 100
1995 Western 55 - Acadia 45

Smallest Total Score - 7
1967 McMaster 7 - St.F.X. 0

Shutouts - 2
1967 McMaster 7 - St.F.X. 0
1961 St.F.X. 14 - McMaster 0

Largest Point Differential - 53
1982 UBC 54 - St.F.X. 1

Smallest Point Differential - 1
1990 Saint Mary's 31 - Western 30

Nine Other Teams... have been there once or twice

Team	Appearances	Record
McGill	2	1-1
Waterloo Lutheran	2	2-0
McMaster	2	1-1
Saskatchewan	2	1-1
UNB	2	0-2
UBC	1	1-0
Bishop's	1	0-1
Laurier	1	0-1
Ontario Agricultural College	1	0-1

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by Paul Meek

Most teams throughout the league will have one star player and maybe two if they are lucky. The X-Men have four players that account for an all around attack on their opponents.

Team captain Paul Frlan leads this attack with the ability to play at both linebacker and punter. Frlan was drafted 29th overall last year by the Saskatchewan Roughriders and his goal is to make it in the CFL when he is done at X. His best year to date was 1995 when he filled his resume with such accomplishments as being named an All-Canadian and the St.F.X. athlete

of the year. He also received the CIAU President's Trophy for the best defensive player. This season was by no means inferior as he was named as an AUAA defensive All-Star for the third time. Frlan has always been able to make his presence known on the defensive side of the ball while remaining consistent with his punting. With a season average of 37.5 yards, Frlan was one of the top ten punters in the country. Last weekend, Frlan decided to put on a clinic as he sent the ball soaring on three occasions for single points, including one measuring 78 yards.

X also has the luxury of being able to throw or run the ball

with confidence. Andre Arlain leads the way when it comes to receiving. His 613 yards led the AUAA and his 44 receptions was the best in the country. Sean Musselman and Paul Henry represent the key to the ground attack. Musselman and Henry ran for 569 and 564 yards respectively to place them 2nd and 3rd in the conference. Musselman highlighted his season with a nation high 92 yard run and never fumbled the ball in the regular season. He ran for 128 yards last weekend and 2 TD's in the win over the Mountie. For his efforts, he took home the Player of the Game honors. The three of them put together account for over a third of the total points scored for the entire team.

X has been successful so far this year because the team has played as a team. There may be a couple of players who shine from time to time, but the X-Men are well balanced and can beat their opponents in many different ways.

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The Value In Most Valuable

Year	Name	Team
1995	Sean Reade	Western
1994	Brent Schneider	Saskatchewan
1993	James Buchanan	Calgary
1992	Brian Johnson	Saint Mary's
1991	George Wright	Mt. Allison
1990	Chris Flynn	Saint Mary's
1989	Dwayne Forde	Western
1988	Chris Flynn	Saint Mary's
1987	Jim Fitzsimmons	Saint Mary's
1986	Blake Marshall	Western
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1984	Paul Henry	Mt. Allison
1983	Don Dempsey	St.F.X.
1982	Glenn Steele	UBC
1981	Larry Priestnall	Acadia
1980	Mike Giftopoulos	Ottawa
1979	John Stevens	Acadia
1978	Jim Rutka	Queen's
1977	Hubert Walsh	Acadia
1976	Mike Murphy	Ottawa
1975	Dan Diduck	Calgary



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The Don Loney Trophy, dedicated in honour of the former coach of the St. Francis Xavier University X-Men - the winningest coach in Canadian University Football (17 years, 133-31-2), is presented annually to the Most Valuable Player of the Atlantic Bowl Game. The Selection Committee shall be at the discretion of the Bowl Game Chairman. The selection shall be made by the Chairman of the Bowl Committee.

What does it take to be an MVP? Some might think that scoring the most points would automatically win you the honour, but this isn't always so. An explanation of an MVP is as simple as expanding the acronym. You have to look at the person and ask yourself what the team would be like if they weren't there. They could be the best motivator or even the most consistent player. The best player on the team is not always the choice for the MVP. This person must be the one that makes the biggest positive impact on the team. In the case of the Atlantic Bowl, it has gone to a member of the winning team every year except for two. In 1987, Jim Fitzsimmons of Saint Mary's won the Don Loney Trophy, despite the fact that the team lost 30-20 to McGill. In 1976, the second year the trophy was awarded, Mike Murphy of Ottawa did the same thing in a 18-16 loss courtesy of Acadia. These players were unable to bring victory to their teams, but this is not what the award is for. These two athletes made the biggest impact in their Atlantic Bowl Games and for that, they were the MVP's.

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