# Bleedle Bleedle Bleedle

"Bleedle... Bleedle... Bleedle..." Reed Burton sat at the front of our small aluminum boat, staring intently at the screen of the marvellous little machine that was mounted in front of him. Reed's fish-finder was talking back to us.

"Now that was nice fish, probably a decent muskie. Speed up the troll a bit, Len. He was right under the boat ... Maybe our lures will excite him as they pass by."

I turned up the throttle of my trusty ol' Johnson motor... and braced for a hit... but our lures moved freely, dancing unmolested through the clear, cool Kosh Lake water.

"Not hungry, I guess, eh Reed?"

Indeed, none of the muskies in this neighborhood seemed to have an appetite on this hot, bright day. We were being convincingly shut out in spite of our efforts. BEEP...

Now, I had learned earlier that this particular sound indicated what Reed called a "zone change." We were entering an area of deeper water.

"Hey, you're catchin' on, Len. Yep, fifteen feet,... dropping now... twenty... twenty-nine...'

And then... Bleedle! Bleedle! Bleedle! Bleedle!

"Good God," Reed muttered, his face becoming just a little more pasty than usual as he adjusted his fine fedora on his fettered forehead.

Bleedle! Bleedle! Bleedle!

"It must be a mistake... it can't be... not that big... hey, Len! Pass over that drop off again!" And of course, I complied.

"It's huge! We're marking

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something very big here Len! Hey, maybe it's a sunken boat floatingoff bottom... yeah, that's it..."

Yeah, sure, I thought. A sunken boat, maybe a body, or the grandson of Loch Ness, or ...

"Reed," I said, "our boat is still moving, and whatever it is, it's stayin' right under us. Now, this is my first full day with a fish-finder and all, but even I know ... "

Bleedle! Bleedle! Bleedle! "... even I know that sunken boats and dead bodies don't move along at trollin' speed! That's got to be a fish! A muskie, a giant muskie! And it's definitely interested in our boat!"

Reed kept staring at the screen, and muttered something about a fish that seemed to be six feet long, maybe a new world record... And then, it was gone. Just like that.

Nothing. We circled over the spot again and again, but the only sound to be heard was the incessant drone of the outboard motor. Nope, it was

gone... too bad... "Anyway, Len," Reed said, his gaze now removed from the little screen, "you get the idea, right? Wasn't that exciting? Now, normally you'd troll over that spot, and nothin' would happen, and you'd think nothin' of it. But with this baby here," Reed continued, pointing proudly to his magical little fish-finder, "at least you'd know there's a big one down there, and you could go after him... Plus, the added knowledge you get from the depth readings. Twenty-five feet now... rocky bottom... So, um, Len, when are you goin' to get one of these units anyway?"

I just laughed. For starters, it would probably take a few years worth of allowance to afford a good unit, and in any case, I could see my grandfather up there on Heaven Lake cringing at the thought of using anything except one's own innate senses for catching fish. Yeah, but that sly guy would probably sneak the fishfinder into his repertoire using an oversized lunch bucket as a disguise...

"Okay, Reed. I'm convinced," I said, "I'll get one... soon as I can. That might be a while, but I'll get one. Now, we're heading into a part of the lake I don't know very well, so read out those depth numbers, ol' buddy..."

"Twenty-eight... thirty-one... thirty-three..."

Bleedle! Bleedle!

"Nice fish, probably a walleye," Reed continued, "thirty-two... twenty-nine... thirty-three... two... uh-oh... look out..."

And as I jumped up to raise the motor and save my prop from our impending crash... it was Reed's turn to laugh...



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Men's Flag Football

# Dairy Queen dethroned

By COLIN GIBSON **Herald Sports Editor** 

The King is dead, long live the king.

Corrigan ended the reign of Dairy Queen as rulers of the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League, by posting a somewhat surprisingly easy 46-24 win over DQ in league semifinal playoff action, Sunday at Georgetown high school field.

The other semifinal contest ran true to form, with Longhorns pummelling M and M, 49-3.

Corrigan challenges Longhorns in the league's championship game, Sunday, 11 a.m. at the Georgetown high school field.

Dairy Queen had claimed championship honors for four consecutive years and perhaps were looking ahead to meeting archrival Longhorns for the league's 1989 silverware.

This year's edition of Dairy Queen seemed to be missing something, however, all year long.

Despite winning the "A" Division regular season title, the DQ gang appeared to lack the spark and offensive consistency this year that had been the team's trademark in years past.

These missing ingredients, coupled with a number of injuries to key personnel proved fatal against an inspired Corrigan unit.

Corrigan played a complete game Sunday and the 46-24 final score, accurately reflects their dominance of the game.

The offensive firepower directed by strong-armed quarterback Pat McKinnon, was more than matched by a tenacious and disciplined defensive, which rose to the occasion whenever Dairy Queen threatened to get back in the game.

Corrigan scored on the first play of the game and midway into the first half, led 14-0. Interceptions by Wayne Stasivlis and Les Storr aided the cause.

Down 20-10 at the half and 26-10 early in the second half, Dairy Queen quarterback Mitch Leblanc, elected to go deep on almost every offensive play and dropped balls or overthrown receivers scuttled the DQ hopes.

To the team's credit, the dethroned league champions took the loss well and bowed out in



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There were no cheap shots and to a man, the Dairy Queen players agreed that the better team had

Speedy Al Pelland scored 12 points for Corrigan; John egan had eight points; Wayne Stasivlis, Brad Ferguson, John Antonidis and Don Hanley each scored majors, with Linus Stasivlis adding a two-point convert.

For Dairy Queen, Hugo Dittfach had 14 scoring points, while Jeff Lockwood rounded out the scoring with 10 points on a touchdown, field goal and convert.

The Longhorns - M and M game was in doubt until the opening kickoff. From there, things went downhill for the eventual 49-3 losers.

Over the course of the game, M and M managed only two first downs - one of these on a penalty.

M and M salvaged some pride when Martin Pollock kicked a field goal with time running out.

Quarterback Mike McCandless was on target all game and linked up with Bob Davey for five scoring bombs.

Reliable Paul Allison collected a



Pat McKinnon

major, as did Jim Lindsay.

Dave Paterson converted all seven touchdowns.

Sunday's 11 a.m. championship game between Corrigan and Longhorns at the Georgetown high school field should be decided by (wonder of wonders) defence.

Both teams have awesome offensive capabilities but the championship trophy will be awarded to the team whose defence is best able to withstand the pressure.

#### **Turks Touts** Longhorns favored

By JIM LINDSAY **Herald Special** 

The 1989 Georgetown Men's Flag Football League season has come down to one game - the championship contest 11 a.m., Sunday, at Georgetown high school field.

CORRIGAN VS LONGHORNS (by 9) Longhorns had hoped to be facing Dairy Queen in the championship

game, to avenge last year's six point loss to the red and white team in the final tilt. After beating Corrigan twice this year in regular season games,

Longhorns have to be favored. Championship square-offs are all about the top two teams clashing to determine the title-winner. Barring extreme weather conditions,

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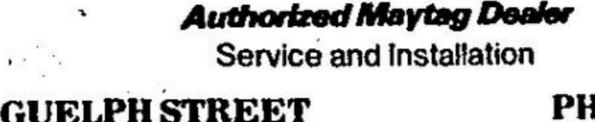
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