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GFFL leaders remain unbeaten Wet weather doesn't hamper Longhorns

The battle-hardened troops of both sides warily - even apprehensively - eyed the sodden battlefield that would soon test both their mettle and their collective courage.

The battle cry was raised - echoing clarion-clear in the moist air - "Yefoey-argh-antilt-yamotha" - which roughly translated, comes across something like, "Back to the arks, there's gotta be a better way! Anyone for dominoes?"

All kidding aside, it was another wet and threatening morning for the players in the Georgetown Mens Flag Football League last Sunday at Neilsons Field on Sinclair Avenue.

Two of the three games went off as scheduled, while a default stirred up some controversy.

A lethargic Longhorns herd easily handled M&M by a 22-7 count; Meznic Electric pulled the plug on the New Kids on the Block with a 36-12 jolting and the Dawgs won by default when Plus Welding couldn't field enough players, despite a lengthy grace period.

LONGHORNS 22 - M&M 7
Former league champion Longhorns sport a 9-0 unblemished record and sit comfortably four points ahead of the rest of the loop's strays.

'Nuff said - until you look at their collective on-field performance over the past several weeks.

The team is poised - that's a given. But instead of riding roughshod over inferior opposition, the 'Horns instead give the impression of merely going through the motions and doing just enough to get the needed two points for a win.

This is great for league diplomacy, but in the end - when the rough and tumble sudden-death playoff format comes into play - the Longhorns just might once again find themselves holding on desperately to the proverbial hind teat -

the one with no milk.

Such was the case again last Sunday when the Longhorns took on the mediocre M&M crew which was already without it's number one quarterback, Horace Thomas, out with a fractured collarbone - and his brother, wide receiver Roger, who apparently couldn't find his way to Georgetown from Toronto without the navigational input of his older sibling.

Without Roger-the-younger, M&M cannot offer any serious burn-your-butt deep pass threat. When Horace isn't at the pivot position, the M&M offensive hibernates and it's "bear with us time" until somebody decides "maybe I should catch this thing called a football before time runs out" and the red-shirted crew rallies to make the eventual losing score somewhat respectable.

Rory Kennedy, who subs for Clark at pivot, has the arm and the smarts to guide the offense - but somebody has to catch the ball.

It should have been a cake walk for the 'Horns - in fact, it more than resembled a cake sale.

'Horns had only seven players (the minimum required) to start the game and aside from an opening M&M offensive flurry, the game might best be described as "snoring".

Mike Hurley scored the early-game M&M touchdown (with Rick Garden converting) while the reliable Bob Davey replied for the Longhorns with Paul Allison turning a two-point convert, to allow the eventual winners an 8-7 half-time lead.

Touchdowns by Davey and Allison, in the second half combined with a two-point convert catch from Davey ran the string out to 22-7 in Longhorns favor.

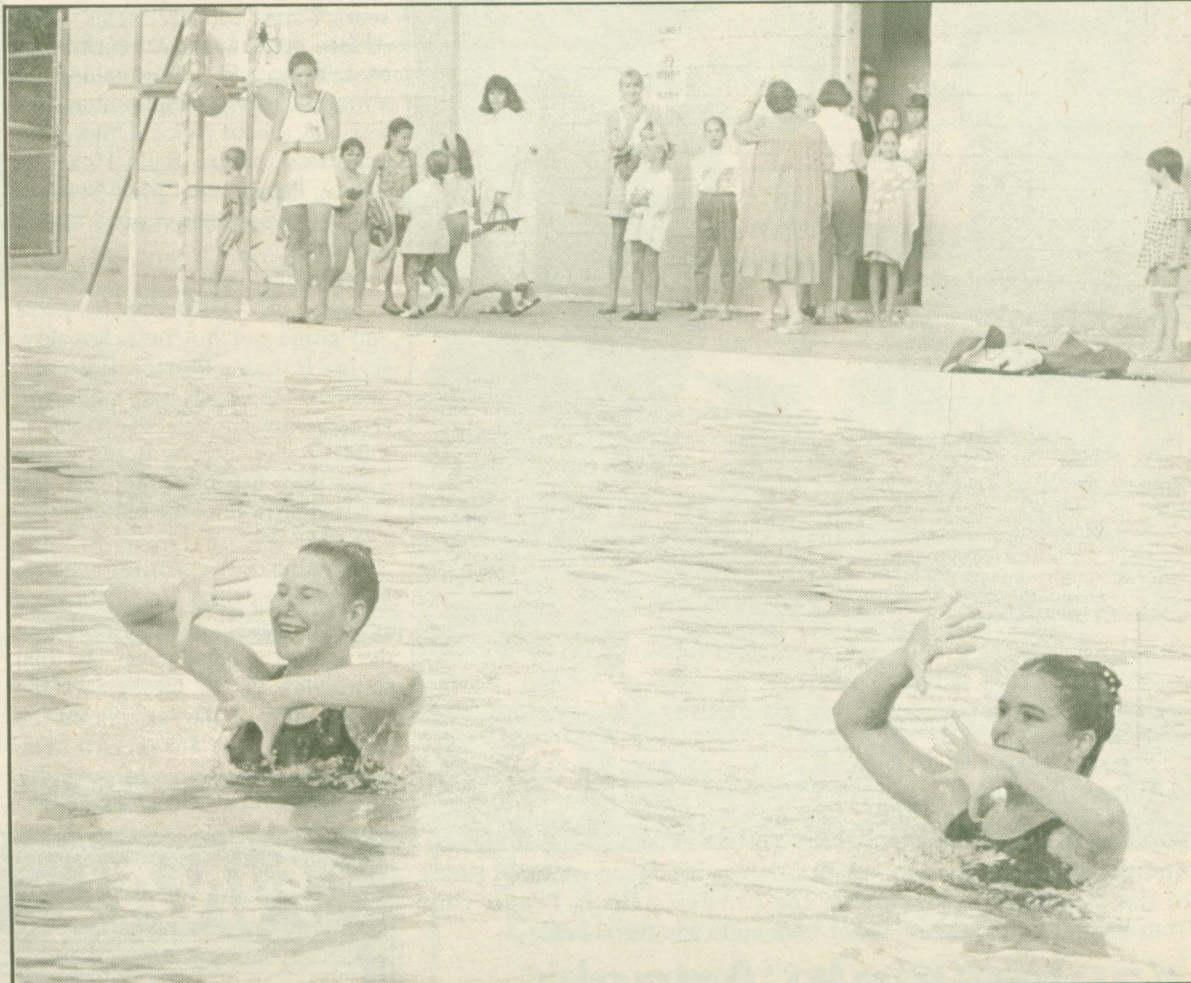
Jim Lindsay had an interception for Longhorns with John Proudfoot playing turnaround play fair, for M&M.

DAWGS 7 PLUS - WELDING 0
League rules stipulate a 10-minute grace period when a team cannot field a minimum of seven players at game time - dropped from eight players the previous year. At the end of the grace period if a team still cannot field the required number of players, the game is forfeited.

Sounds simple enough, fairly straight-forward.

Not, however, yon merry munchkins, when a player expecting a recorded game, lies tied atop the league scoring stats.

Despite being given an extended 25-minute grace period - by an



Halton Hills Recreation and Parks department synchronized swim team showed off their water skills at the third annual Summer Water Show at the Dick Licata Pool in Georgetown, Friday. This is the first time the parks department has run a synchro program. Photo by Jamie Harrison.

obviously sympathetic head official - Plus Welding would still only muster six players, and thus the game was forfeited.

Dawgs - with fangs showing - were rightfully upset, because the pride of the pack, Dave Clements, was challenging for the league's scoring title.

The league rule - if you can't show, you can't go - was eventually accepted by all parties and the game went to the Dawgs by default.

Unfortunately, in a sense, because Dave Clements is one of the classier guys in the league.

MEZNIC 36 - NEW KIDS 12

Meznic Electric was missing two key mainstays - first string quarterback Hal Hulme and his brother Howie (who usually plays both ways), who were enjoying some

holiday time - leading up to this clash with New Kids on the Block.

An upset could have been in the making, but instead, a thoroughly relaxed - even cocky - Meznic squad took control of the game early and just simply did not allow the New Kids to get any kind of a flow going.

Meznic used four different players at the pivot position - Stu and Ron Lunn, Gary Lockwood and Rob Spiteri - and all four were equally effective.

Meznic lead by a comfortable 24-6 margin at the half then outscored the New Kids 12-6 in the second half to wrap up the satisfying 36-12 win.

The scoring was spread around as well, with five players scoring touchdowns.

John Larose, Ron Lunn, Stu Lunn, Randy Lunn and Jeff Lockwood counted majors for the eventual sinners, Lockwood's on a 25 yard interception return.

Steve Crossman, Gary Lockwood and Rob Spiteri rounded out the Meznic scoring by each adding two-point converts.

Gary Lockwood also recorded an interception

For the New Kids, Derek Oram and Trevor Elinesky scored touchdowns.

Mark McIntyre and Ryan Mangaross each latched on to an interception for the New Kids.

There will be no games this Sunday, because of the holiday weekend, with the league swinging back into action on August 9.

Info sessions offered

People looking to compete in the upcoming Duathlon are invited to take part in a pair of training sessions outlining specific preparations for the competition.

The Duathlon will be made up of a five-kilometre run and a 25 kilometre bicycle ride.

A running session will be August 4 starting at 7 p.m., with the cycling session being held August 7, also starting at 7 p.m. Both will be held at Work That Body, are free and open to the public.

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