

M&M's Garden puts muzzle on Dawgs in upset

By Colin Gibson

Week two of action in the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League was graced once again by brilliant sunshine and - it might be added - by some brilliant efforts on the Georgetown District High School Field Sunday.

M&M pulled a major upset, thanks to a gritty never-say-die (or bleed-to-death) second half performance by Richard Garden to nip defending league champion Dawgs, 28-27; Meznic Electric rallied from a frustrating first-game loss behind a rejuvenated Dale Mieczanec, to pop the pecs on the Muscle Pit, 28-14, while the Longhorns were effectively tested to the final whistle before edging Plus Welding, 14-10.

M&M 28 Dawgs 27

On paper, this one appeared something of a mismatch with the Dawgs coming off a one-sided 41-15 win over Muscle Pit and M&M underachieving again in a 33-7 loss to the Longhorns.

As those who follow sports know, however, there's more to a game (any game) than paper work and in this instance it was the slightly gimpy Richard Garden who lit a fire under his M&M teammates and literally, rallied them to a win.

The Dawgs opened up a boring 13-6 half-time lead, courtesy of touchdowns by John Egan and Dennis Hanley, with Frank Bruno kicking a convert, while Horace Thomas replied with a major for M&M. Then things definitely picked up.

M&M's Mark McKeon got a single on a long kick off then Garden kicked a field goal to narrow the Dawgs lead to 13-10.

John Egan counted his second TD for the Dawgs (unconverted) but M&M's Stu Hirst quickly counted one himself, converted by Garden and with time winding down the Dawgs held a slim 19-17 lead.

It was at this point that Garden pulled his game up a notch higher and at the same time, yanked his mates along with him.

He had inadvertently received a boot to the nose while scrabbling for a low throw and with his cheeks puffed-out and blood flowing from his nose, he kicked a field goal to put M&M in front, 20-19 for the first time in the game.

Reliable Dave Clements lassoed a Pat McKinnon toss to put the Dawgs back in front 27-20, but M&M and Garden in particular, refused to wilt.

On the second-last play of the game, he latched on to a Horace Thomas throw for a TD, to tie the game, then Thomas combined with his cousin Roger for a two-point convert that sealed the win.

The game ball to Garden, plus a swath of cotton for an outstanding effort (and possible nose).

Duane Wilson had an interception for the Dawgs, while Dan McCarthy and Doug Coulter had pick-offs for M&M.

Meznic Electric 28 Muscle Pit 13

This game almost didn't get off the ground as neither team had enough players at the scheduled start time.

After a lengthy grace period the contest got underway and Dale Mieczanec stole the show.

Under normal conditions Mez patrols his team's sidelines as coach, with a perpetual scowl.

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Sunday he took to the turf because of a lack of players and his mates showed some concern and confided to the referee that his time in the 30 metres normally was recorded by a sun dial so not to expect too much razz-ma-tazz.

In reply, the Mez played both offence and defence, scored 10 points and proved his brilliant tactical side when he was spotted cleaning his glasses on the field while his team counted its last touchdown.

Even the spectating gophers appreciated this last bit of flag football acumen and clapped their paws in appreciation.

Randy Lunn had two touchdowns for Meznic, with Steve (Grizzly) Crossman rounding out the scoring.

Mark McIntyre and Todd DeMone counted majors for Muscle Pit with Trevor Elinesky counting a two-point convert.

The league members would be well-advised not to underrate the Muscle Pit youngsters.

The team is dotted with good, young, speedy and aggressive athletes but need to show more consistency of both offense and defense to hit the win column.

Longhorns 14 Plus Welding 10

This early in the season, the Longhorns are the loop's only undefeated team, but this Sunday win was no walk in the grass.

Plus Welding is remarkably improved both on offense and defense over last year, but in the game's crucial final five minutes, Plus Welding, under capable quar-

terback Paul Sargeant, failed to convert first down opportunities and turned the ball over to the wily 'Horns who know how to work the clock.

In the game, featuring long ground-eating and time-eating drives more than spectacular plays, Plus Welding led 10-6 at the half.

Dave Civiero scored the lone Plus Welding touchdown, while Dan McIntosh kicked a convert and added a field goal for good measure.

According to the game sheet "Lubby" scored the unconverted Longhorns major.

In the second half, as mentioned, Plus Welding just couldn't main-

tain sustained drives, while the veteran Longhorns got a touchdown from Paul Allison and a two-point convert from Bob Davies then held on desperately for the win.

Bob Davies got a late-game interception for the winners, with Don Cousens also coralling an errant toss. Marcus Noel had a pick-off in the end zone for Plus Welding.

Upcoming Games

(Sunday, June 13, at GDHS)

8:45 a.m. - Longhorns vs Muscle Pit

10 a.m. - M&M vs Plus Welding

11:15 a.m. - Dawgs vs Meznic Electric

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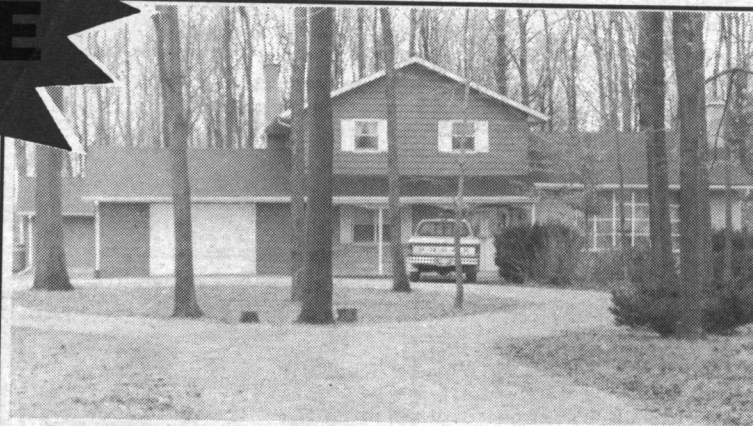
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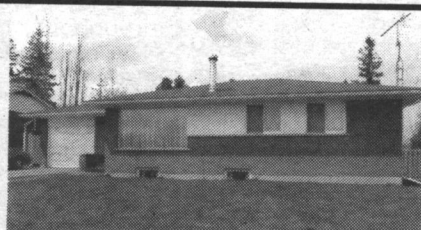
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