

Third place battle looms in gridiron loop

By Colin Gibson

Only two weeks remain in the Georgetown Mens Flag Football League regular season and the battle for third place could come down to the wire.

The first and second place regular season finishers get a bye through the first round of playoffs, while the third place regular season finisher meets the regular season cellar dweller, Muscle Pit, which has failed to record a win through 11 games.

Muscle Pit has defaulted two games, for lack of players, and with some members getting ready to shuffle off to university, there's no guarantee the team will even be in existence come playoff time.

That would give the lucky third place regular season finisher a clear ride into the second round of playoffs, a situation not likely to be viewed too kindly by other league squads.

In last Sunday's games at GDHS, league-leading Longhorns won by default over Muscle Pit; M&M Pro Sports moved into sole possession of third place with a 17-14 win over Plus Welding, while Meznic Electric moved into sole possession of fourth place with a 29-14 win over second place Dawgs.

Longhorns have 20 points; Dawgs have 16 points; M&M has 12 points; Meznic has 10

points; and Plus Welding has eight points.

M&M 17

Plus Welding 14

The ball-hawking Plus Welding defense collected three more interceptions - by Greg Lawr, Shayne Hillock and Jamie Frank - but without regular pivot Paul Sargent, the offense sputtered under a rusty Howie Jacobs.

The game was knotted 7-7 at the half, and a late-game field goal by M&M's Richard Garden decided the issue.

Garden added a touch-down and kicked two converts for a fine 11-point effort. Horace Thomas added the other M&M major.

Marcus Noel and Lawr scored the Plus Welding TDs with Daryl Weir snagging a two-point convert.

Lawr's interception was his sixth of the year, putting him two ahead of teammate Paul Martin and Mike DeGuidice of the Dawgs and Bob Davey of Longhorns.

Meznic 29 Dawgs 14

Dawgs barely made it to the pre-game coin toss and the seven players who did show up, performed double-duty throughout the contest.

Mutt stalwarts were once again chasing provincial touch football laurels.

Meznic led 13-8 at the half but it wasn't until a Herb Hulme interception about halfway through the

second half, that the eventual winners were able to put the game away.

If Meznic is hoping to make some playoff noise, arrangements should be made to kidnap Gary Lockwood for a couple of weeks.

The blond speedster made another one of his infrequent appearances and simply proved to be the difference in the game.

Lockwood grabbed three scoring tosses from QB Hal Hulme to outscore the undermanned pound crew by himself.

Branco Krivec scored the other Meznic major, while Dale Mieczanec booted a field goal and kicked two converts.

League scoring leader Al Pelland scored two touch-downs for the Dawgs, with Dan Reynolds corralling a two-point convert.

Pelland's two majors pushed his point total to 98. His closest challenger for the scoring title is Jim Lindsay of the Longhorns who has 66 points.

Richard Garden of M&M has 56 points, Rob Walker of Muscle Pit has 50 points and Dave Clements of the Dawgs has 46 points.

Upcoming games

(Sunday, Aug. 29)

08:45 a.m. - Meznic vs M&M

10:00 a.m. - Dawgs vs Longhorns

11:15 a.m. - Plus Welding vs Muscle Pit

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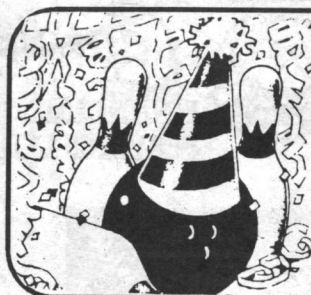
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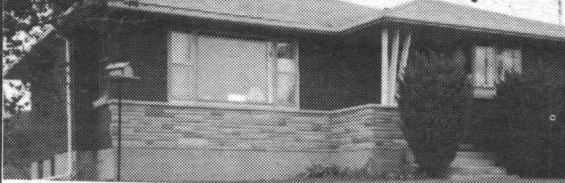
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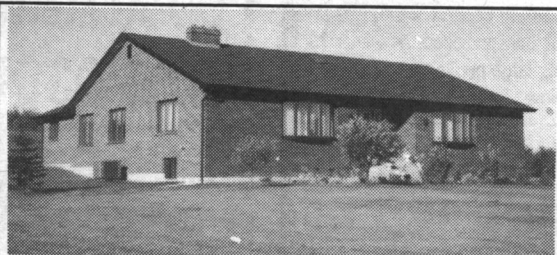
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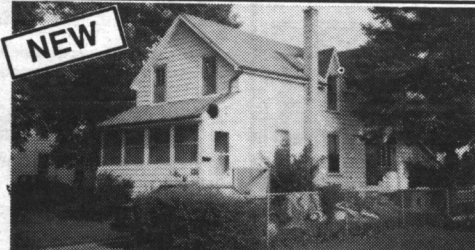
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