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Old rivals meet for league title

By Colin Gibson

The 1993 championship is on the line Sunday (tomorrow) when the Longhorns take on the Dawgs, 10 a.m. at GDHS, in the windup tilt of the Georgetown Mens Flag Football League.

Dawgs are defending champions while Longhorns are the regular season league champions.

The two arch-rivals have dominated the loop over the past few years with challengers best described as second division wannabes, in over their collective depth.

The league finalists were decided last Sunday in two highly-entertaining contests which saw Longhorns down M&M Pro Sports 28-20 and the Hounds from Hogtown eke out a frenzied victory over a gallant Meznic Electric crew, 32-30.

Longhorns 28 M&M 20

From this perspective, Longhorns - despite finishing first over the regular season - have never been a dominant factor this year and could have (maybe should have) been toppled on a number of occasions. Sunday was no exception.

M&M led 14-13 at the half, but the turning point in the game came when the 'Horns sore-legged defender, Don Cousens picked off an errant Stacey Brown pass early in the second half.

M&M came back to score a major, but the earlier interception appeared to have injected new life and new determination into the herd, which allowed them to dominate second half play.

The 'Horns were rolling and two unanswered touchdowns combined with a field goal left M&M rolling in the wake.

Bob Davey scored two

touchdowns for the winners, Billy Taylor scored a touchdown, kicked a convert and a field goal and Gary Hulbert added another major.

For M&M, Stu Hirst scored a pair of touchdowns, while Richard Garden had a major and kicked two converts.

Dawgs 32 Meznic 30

This see-saw battle could have gone either way and if the gridiron gods had any sympathy, should have gone to Meznic.

Dawgs dominated the first half and led 16-8 at the break, but Meznic gamely battled back to tie the game early in the second half.

Defensive lapses, however, allowed the Mutts to put 16 points on the board when Meznic got rattled and this was the difference in the game.

Unlike in past pressure situations, however, Meznic didn't fold offensively and led by QB Hal Hulme - who had a great passing game - mounted a gutsy comeback to move within eight points of the lead.

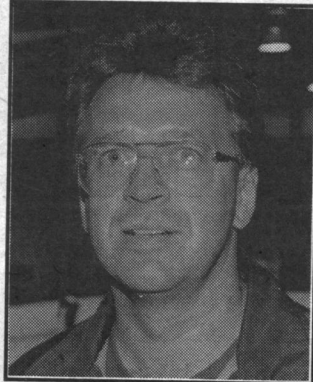
With only three plays left in the game, Hulme hit Randy Lunn in the end zone to move Meznic within two points of a tie, but his toss for a two-point convert, to a leaping Kevin Brown was a touch too high and that was it - game, set, match.

Lunn had eight scoring points for Meznic, Gary Lockwood had 12 points, John LaRose scored a TD and Kevin Brown caught two two-point converts.

For the Dawgs, Duane Wilson had two TDs, Dave Clements and Tim Wysocki also scored majors, Dan Reynolds snared a pair of two-point converts and Terry Enman and Mike Delguidice also had two-point converts.

People's Forum

How will the Raiders do this year?



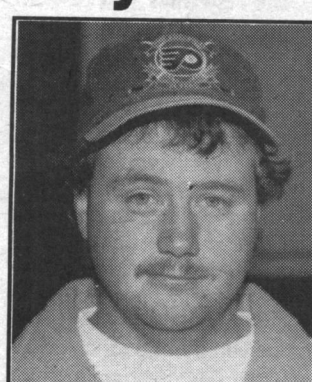
Gary Greenwell, Georgetown: "Hopefully better than last year."



Chris Newby, Acton: "I am looking forward to them having a good season."



Ian McGillivray, Georgetown: "Raiders are going to push for the championship this year."



Lance Reid, Georgetown: "They will do great this year if they play aggressive."

Raiders hope to prune Cougars' claws

By Mike Zrostek

A team expected to challenge for the Provincial Junior A West Division crown makes its first visit of the year to Georgetown tonight.

Burlington Cougars (arch-rivals in Junior B competition) are in town to face the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The Cougars disposed of the Raiders in the first round of last year's Jr. B playoffs but it won't be as easy a task, this year, says Cougars manager Frank Buchanan.

"We seem to have competitive games (with Georgetown), they've had our number and they're not to be taken lightly. I know Gary (Ford, Raiders head coach). He'll keep them disciplined and have them ready."

The Cougars, have won their first two league games (against Oakville 4-3 and Streetsville 4-2) and look solid.

The team has a healthy mix of 12 veterans, some outstanding rookies and strong goaltending.

Expected to do some damage for the Cougars around the opposition's goal are snipers Adam Copeland and Sam Olivera, as well as Barry McDonald, a former Royal York Ranger.

Chris Poshni had a big impact with the Cougars last year in the 15 games he appeared, scoring 11 goals and adding 17 assists.

Add Jason Stewart, who played in Flamborough last season, to the fold and it appears Burlington has plenty scoring potential.

It doesn't stop there. Burlington also has a couple of young bantam guns in Wes Wiseman and Jason Stapanic. If that isn't enough, they have Mike McKnight, a late cut from the Belleville Bulls of the OHL. Jeff Duggan and Fil Pelicciotta, returnees, appear ready to be team leaders.

Their defense has experience. Mike Bryne, Greg Collins, T.J. Inglehart and Mike Rows are all returning. If the defense falters, the Cougars have found two solid goalies to replace last year's tandem of Shawn Silver and Todd Ireland.

Stephen Valequette, a 6-foot-4 under-17 former all-star just resumed skating after recovering from a practice injury and Brent Thombs, who played major junior hockey in Detroit last season, will share the job for now.

Buchanan says the team looks stronger than last year and that they expect to compete with Hamilton and Milton for top spot in the West division.

"I hear that Georgetown has some good young players on the team along with key

returning players, so they might be up there too." Meanwhile, the Raiders may have found the right winger they have been looking in 6-foot-4 210-pound Chris Logue out of Burlington.

Logue, 20 spent March and April with the Australian National Team and before that, he played Junior C in the Niagara District League.

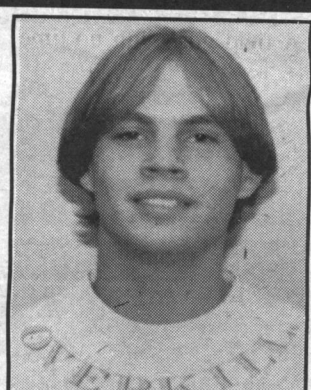
"We're happy to get him, he's a big winger who knows

how to play and has international experience," said Raiders general manger Finn Poulstrup.

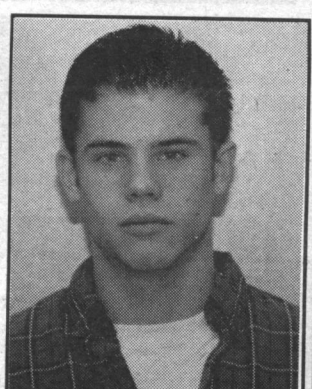
With the signing of Logue, the Raiders now have 23 players on the roster, three more than can dress every night.

Andry Pazauer and Mike Bajurny are sitting out the final game of their suspensions for fighting in the exhibition game against Guelph.

G.D.H.S. Athletes



Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week heralding the start of the 1993/94 school year were Andrea McNeilly, who is a member of the senior girls basketball team and Sean Peasgood, who is a member of the senior boys volleyball team.



Jenn Symmes and Pete Vincett have been selected Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week. Jenn is a member of the senior girls field hockey team. Pete is a member of the boys junior volleyball team and was voted to the all-star team at the Rebel Invitational tournament held at GDHS.

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