

'John Dillinger' Reign Ends, Misfits Capture Grid Classic

By Harvey Thombgirt

A reign of terror unmatched since John Dillinger was going his best is over.

In one of the all-time great sports upsets, Garneau Goofs edged U of A Rams 49-21 in the 1964 Punch Bowl football classic Sunday at Varsity Stadium.

It was the Rams' first loss in 23 years.

The Goofs, the darkest of dark horses, performed tricks all afternoon with a collection of misfits. The talent-laden Rams, meanwhile, wallowed in despair through the first half. A spirited last-half comeback wasn't enough to turn the trick.

The loss was a bitter blow to Ram coach Jim "The Horse" Hockley. Although visibly upset, he managed to shrug it off, saying, "the loss didn't

hurt any more than a spear in the side."

While the Goofs' cheerleading squad, led by Susan Wilson, Krista Kalbach, Maureen Morgan and Pat Razzel, prowled the sidelines, the Garneau gang took advantage of every break that came its way.

John "Crazylegs" Wilson and Dennis "The Toe" Thomas spearheaded the winners with two touchdowns apiece. Single scores came courtesy of Jay "The Mad Scientist" Ingram, Dave "Butterfingers" Gilbert, and Gord "Feeb" Beirnes.

Hockley counted two Ram touchdowns, with John "Mr. Complex" Barclay tallying the third.

Goofs needed several shrill shrieks from Lady Luck, who perched on their shoulders all afternoon.

The Garneau victory set the stage for the Dec. 13 Toilet Bowl classic. The game, the grand-daddy of all bowl games, will be a showdown battle between the clubs. Varsity Stadium has already been sold out for the contest.

Rams opened fast Sunday, scoring on the second play from scrimmage. Hockley grabbed a 35-yard pass from Y. A. "Deadeye" Hardy and fought his way through the entire Garneau team. Key blocks from Ted "The Monster" Seifred and Allan "Moose" Scott helped spring the ex-New York Giant star.

Then, with Wilson performing unexpected sleights of hand behind the line, the Goofs lit out after their heavily favored opponents. They turned two pass interceptions and a fumble recovery into a 42-7 half-time lead.

Rams reverted to their old-fashioned tactics—block and tackle—in the second quarter. The strategy paid off as they rammed home a brace of touchdowns and had several golden opportunities cancelled by unfortunate breaks. It wasn't enough, though, as the Goofs grimly hung on.

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Bowl Hero Hurts Ears

Ear-splitting "yahoos" filled the Garneau Goofs' dressing room after they unexpectedly won football's second highest honor, the Punch Bowl, Sunday at Varsity Stadium.

Amid the din Gordon "Feeb" Beirnes sat by himself in a corner, not seeming to realize he was the hero of the piece.

The power-running fullback had scored the winning touchdown as the Goofs wriggled past U of A Rams 49-21. He scooped up a Ram fumble on the final play of the first half and galloped 111 yards to paydirt.

Beirnes was forced out of the game early in the third period with badly bruised earlobes after his helmet was wrenched from his head in a mid-field pileup.

"Winning felt great," the third-year arts major allowed. "But gosh darn, my ears are killing me. I just hope I'm better in time for the Toilet Bowl Dec. 13. That's the big one, and I'd sure hate to miss it."

Garneau playing coach John "Crazylegs" Wilson was far from optimistic about his team's chances in the Toilet Bowl.

"On a given day those Rams can beat any club . . . and beat them badly. Frankly, I'm worried sick."

Wilson granted he was satisfied with Sunday's game, but Ram coach Jim "The Horse" Hockley called it "a dismal effort" on the part of his minions.

Hockley, not noted for his public tirades, didn't even try to hide his feelings.

"The refereeing was terrible, the field conditions awful," he growled. "But it will be a different story in the Toilet Bowl."



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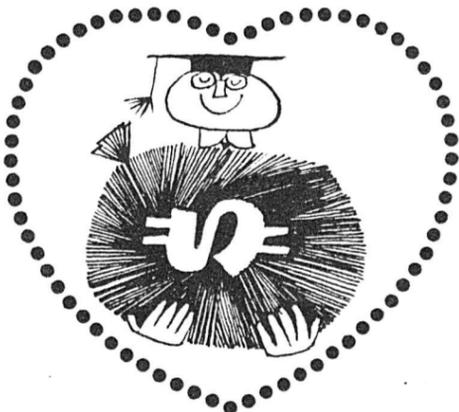
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