

Missons, Dougherty in hall; Balls Deep tops in touch

The Golden Horseshoe Touch Football Association wrapped up the season in all but one division last weekend by crowning playoff champions, honouring longtime players and increasing membership in its hall of fame by two.

Dave Missons and Shane Dougherty were the inductees, two members chosen for lengthy careers at a high playing level who have national and provincial championship wins to their credit. Missons, coincidentally, won his fourth consecutive national AA men's title on the Thanksgiving Day weekend as a member of the Burlington Spartans (watch for more on that story in a future edition of the *Post*).

The association's quarter century club welcomed Brian Hemming, Peter Flatt, Terry Roberts, Tony Roberts, Scott Downs, Dave Sanderson and Roger Hortensius.

The GHTFA, which has been well represented at the national and provincial level for decades, was established in 1980 as an

extension of the Burlington Men's Touch Football League that started in 1967.

Six teams were crowned GHTFA champs in action at M.M. Robinson High School last weekend.

Adam Heath had two touchdowns to lead Balls Deep to a 41-21 victory over Fox 40 in the men's AA final. Following an interception by Balls Deep's Paul Angelopoulos, Tom Keopapant hit Wade Currie for a 60-yard TD that broke open a close game. Other TDs by Balls Deep were scored by Mark Surya, Todd Cooney and Angelopoulos. Brent Hickey picked off an enemy pass.

Tony Roberts, Bob Garside and Roger Hortensius scored touchdowns for Fox 40 and Mark McQuay recorded an interception.

In other finals:

• The Flying Pigs edged Mandingos 24-21 to win the men's A division; • The Spartans defeated the Slow Fat White Guys 26-20 in the men's BB final; • Delta

Squad dumped the Longhorns 34-25 in the men's B championship; • The Offenders crushed the Buffet Assassins 46-6 thanks to two touchdowns each by Mike

Cunningham and Kyle Murchison and single majors by Rob Smith, Andy Warne and Dave Colameco; • In the men's C final, the Pie Rats needed overtime to beat the Angry

Beavers 6-0.

The masters (over-35) championship game will be played Thursday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. at Notre Dame Secondary School.