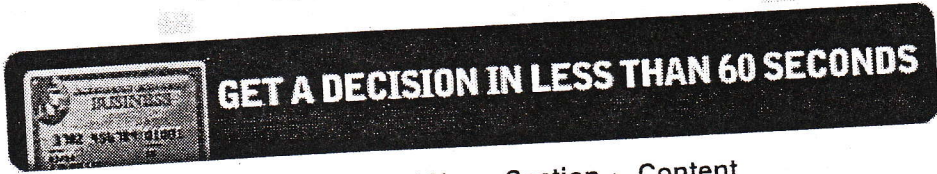




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Mistakes not an option Bay will try to stem tide of Mukwonago's fundamentally sound offense

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Coach Jim Tietjen is not sure what the Whitefish Bay football team can throw at Mukwonago this week.

Even when the Blue Dukes faced the Indians to open the 2002 season in Madison, Mukwonago's fundamentals took over in a 14-6 defeat.

"They are so fundamentally sound they react to everything that you do and take it away," Tietjen said.

The Blue Dukes will have a chance to exact some revenge at 7 p.m. Friday when they visit Mukwonago.

Tietjen said Mukwonago gives Bay a preview of what the Blue Dukes will face later in the year. He said the Indians are steeped in tradition like Homestead, Cedarburg and Germantown.

"They are a case study in option football and mid-line football," Tietjen said. "They are running the same stuff they ran when I coached there (he left in 1985). It's the same staff from when I was there. I said to our kids they are probably one of the top 10 programs in the state."

Bay will have to start the season without one of its starting linebackers. Tietjen said senior Eugene Reese will miss time with fluid in his head as he undergoes tests to determine the source of his ailment.

Reese's replacement was one of the focal points of the Blue Dukes' scrimmages Friday with West Allis Central, South Milwaukee and Milwaukee Custer.

With numerous position changes to make up for Reese's absence, Tietjen said the defense looked shaky.

Tietjen said the offensive line looked good. Joe Klett and Barclay Tylicki at the guard positions and Kevin Kroll and Kevin Layde at the tackles are all seniors who showed they have developed chemistry since the first day of practice.

Quarterback Danny Mehigan has adapted well to offensive coordinator John Brodie's new system, but that came as no surprise to Tietjen.

"It is just a little terminology difference," he said. "And Danny is so bright it didn't matter."

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Delivering an unexpected knockout punch

Mukwonago's 35-point quarter flattens Bay

By ROB REISCHEL
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Mukwonago - Friday was the Hall of Fame Game at Mukwonago High School, as the school inducted 24 former athletes and coaches into its inaugural class.

If the Indians' season opener was an indicator of things to come, Mukwonago's 2003 prep football team might put that many into the Hall itself.

The Indians dominated visiting Whitefish Bay thanks to a commanding effort in the trenches and a monster third quarter. Mukwonago scored 28 points in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the second half and 35 in all in that period.

The result was a ridiculously easy 56-13 non-conference victory for the Indians. The game marked the first time since Oct. 2, 1998, that Mukwonago had scored at least 50 points in a game.

"I've never lost to anybody this bad," said Blue Dukes coach Jim Tietjen, who was an assistant coach at Mukwonago from 1978-'85. "We wanted to come in and give a good showing. But that didn't happen."

Far from it. Whitefish Bay was within striking distance at halftime, trailing by just 14-7. But that's when the bottom fell out for the Blue Dukes.

After Whitefish Bay went nowhere in its first three plays of the third quarter, Mukwonago's Nicholas Hendriksen returned a punt 46 yards for a score. On the Blue Dukes' next offensive play, quarterback Danny Mehigan tried lofting a screen pass in the flat. Mukwonago linebacker Taner Hasanoglu intercepted and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Three plays later, Mukwonago's Bradley Fehly intercepted a pass from Mehigan and returned it 47 yards to the Blue Dukes' 1. That set up a touchdown run by quarterback Kyle Berger. And just three plays after that, Mehigan lost a fumble, and on the Indians' next play from scrimmage, sophomore tailback Bruce Zalud rumbled 35 yards for a score in his first varsity carry.

In the matter of just 4 1/2 minutes, a potential nail-biter turned into a full-fledged rout.














"I've been watching this team for many years, and I've never seen anything like that," Hasanoglu said. "One thing we had trouble doing last year was scoring points, but that wasn't a problem tonight."

Very little gave Mukwonago problems on this night. The Indians averaged 7.0 yards per rushing attempt, including a whopping 11.3 yards per crack in the second half.

On the flip side, Mukwonago limited the Blue Dukes to just 1.6 yards per play before Whitefish Bay drove for a meaningless

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