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Exco Inc. contractor Bobby Renkes rushes for yards as Cisco employee Patrick Hampton defends in the flag football tournament.

Veteran, new teams excel in flag football

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Exco Resources Inc. finished just shy of a medal in the City of Richardson's Corporate Challenge flag football tournament, but that's not bad for a debut team that took its first snap together on opening day of the competition.

"We didn't practice a single bit," said Shane Horner, Exco Inc. employee and flag football coach. "We're very busy at the office, so that was our excuse and we're sticking to it."

The flag football tournament brought out about 40 teams in five divisions for a weekend of competition at UTD on Sept. 25 and 26.

Exco won its first game before losing to Tektronix in a shutout, but after regrouping they beat Cisco to finish in fourth place in Division B. Lennox captured the gold medal, a prize the veteran team has won several times before.

Lennox employee and flag football coach Doug Coulson said his team is comprised of "a lot of old guys" who enjoy playing flag football on a regular basis. After a solid victory to open the tournament, the team struggled to win a close game

with Fossil.

"The last one was as ugly as it gets," Coulson said after the Fossil game. "Our defense played great, but our offense played horribly."

Lennox lost to Tektronix in a shutout before the team's fortunes turned around in the losers bracket, where they beat the City of Richardson to advance to the championship game.

In addition to medals, the Lennox team looks forward to Corporate Challenge every year because they get to play a sport they love while helping a good cause.

"[Corporate Challenge] is about supporting Special Olympics and representing Lennox, but most of the guys just like to play football," Coulson said.

Despite an early trip to the losers bracket, Horner said his team enjoyed the competition and plans to sign up for the tournament again next year.

"More than anything, the fellowship with the people you work with has been awesome," Horner said. "[It's great] getting to meet the other people that you're working around in this area of Dallas."

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