

County Senior League Wants Ball Players Signed By May 4

The Halton County Senior League has set a May 4 deadline for registration of players for the opening of the 1970 baseball season.

According to senior secretary Bill Elliott, the deadline has some flexibility. Players registered after that date may not be processed by opening day.

SCHEDULE DATES

President Len Andrews of the Halton County League is hard at work drawing up the 1970 schedule for the baseball circuit's senior strics.

Andrews started putting together the timetable for the 1970 season after the series' nine clubs filed playing dates at a meeting in Milton last week.

The 24 game schedule will open Thursday, May 15 and wind up early in August.

A complete list of playing dates, with the preferred date listed first and the alternate second:

- Burlington — Sunday 2:00 p.m.; Thursday 6:45.
- Campbellville — Sunday 2:30 p.m.; open.
- Dundas — Sunday 5:45 p.m.; unsettled.
- Georgetown — Wednesday 6:45 p.m.; Sunday 5 p.m.
- Hamilton — Wednesday 8:15 p.m.; Monday 8:15 p.m.
- Leaside — Wednesday 7:45 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 p.m.
- Oakville — Sunday 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday 6:45 p.m.
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Currie, Blundy, Hay Honoured by Sheridan


Bill Currie, who was one of Georgetown Raiders' defense corps this season, has been chosen athlete of the year at Sheridan College and presented with the McAfee Award at Sheridan's Annual Athletic Banquet held recently at the Club Estaminet in Burlington.

Currie is captain of the Sheridan College hockey team. He also won the Athlete of the Year Award in 1968-69. Honourable mention went to another Raider, Steve Blundy,

for his contributions to hockey and soccer; Mike Mahaney for basketball, and Bob Astley for judo.

Among others receiving awards was Dwayne Hay of Georgetown who won the Intremural Golf Championship. He is a first year technology student.

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Real Sportsmen Will Release Rainbow Spent from Spawning

A cold rain is falling as this column is being written. Most of last week a cold wind was bugging us. We can hope that it warms up for the coming fishing season this week end.

The spring run of smelt and rainbow will be later than usual.

In regards to rainbow, many of them will be caught before they spawn. Which means they will be in good condition and heavy with eggs.

A 28 inch rainbow (female) before spawning should weigh approximately 8 or 9 lbs. Approximately one week after spawning the same fish would probably weigh less than 4 lbs. The eating qualities of this type of female rainbow would be very poor.

It would be most sporting to release her, especially after the ordeal she had gone through. In a few weeks her strength would be back. By the time autumn came again she would probably weigh about 8 or 9 lbs. again.

A few years ago on May 11

Elliott Calls It Quits After Seventeen Years

One of the real old pros of Halton County Senior League baseball will be out of uniform when the 1970 season opens.

Outfielder Bill Elliott, who has spent 18 of his 36 summers playing in the league, has given into troublesome knees and announced his retirement.

Elliott is one of the Campbellville team that has been a dominant force in Ontario baseball for close to two decades.

ORIGINALS
Only other originals still with the team are first baseman-manager Earl Cairns, infielder-outfielder Kenny Moore and pitchers Jack Roberts and Harry Hamilton.

The bespectacled Elliott, one of the few Campbellville veterans who still lives in Campbellville, was one of the league's outstanding hitters for years.

His top hitting year was 1959, when he hit .342. He was a first-team all-star once and a member of the second all star team twice.

ALL BUT ONE
All but one of his 18 seasons was spent with Campbellville. When the Merchants withdrew from the league for the 1968 season, he switched to Milton.

Playing for Campbellville, he was a member of 11 or 12 Ontario Baseball Association championship teams, according to his own count. Teams he played for won provincial titles in every intermediate classification.

Although he won't play, Elliott will remain connected with the senior circuit as secretary of that section of the Halton County League.

500 Boys, One Field Soccer League May Go Through Summer

by George Duncan and Jim Lindley

Training for the upcoming soccer season is now in full swing with coaches using the indoor facilities of the high school and many coaches taking advantage of the recent good weather for outdoor training in the town parks.

The Halton and Peel Minor Soccer Association held its monthly meeting in Georgetown last Monday. Items discussed included approval of the association's constitution and formation of the various divisions. The Atom division will consist of teams from Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Streetsville Teams from the same towns will be joined by Bronte in Mosquito, Peewee and Bantam divisions.

ATOM TEAM

The following boys have been selected for the Atom team playing in the Halton and Peel league: David Deere, Ron DeVries, Dave Fendley, Tony Kraus, (capt), Mike Hjalstead, Rick Hewitt, Gordon Miller, Paul Morrow, Neil Lindley, Richard Szczepaniak, Terry Simpson, Bill Taylor, Scott Walker, Don Thompson, Ian Reeks, David Bew and Paul Stevens.

There are now 496 boys registered and with the strong possibility of there being only one field available this year, a decision was made by the executive to allow the season to continue without a break through July and August. The big kick off day is May 13.

Will any coach or manager who has equipment left over from last season please return same to Mr. Bill Gordon.

The next general meeting will be held at Georgetown Legion on Sunday April 28, at 2:30 p.m.

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DEER SAVED BY WINTER BREAK

The Department of Lands & Forests have this to say regarding the deer in Parry Sound district.

The continuous thaw that set in on March 20 has lowered the snow by a foot in the Parry Sound District, releasing yarded deer from their long confinement on packed trails. The absence of night frosts to harden the surface has worked against predators and in favour of deer during the ordinarily critical thawing period. There is no frost in the ground and the snow has little substance because there were no winter thaws to compact it, so it is melting quickly from above, below and within.

Winter is not over yet, but the unusually rapid decrease in snow depths has relieved a critical situation for deer.

In February deer, restricted in their movements by deep, lightly crusted snow, started to run short of food, and by the middle of March some deer that had simply lain down and died, presumably from starvation (carcasses are being examined at Guelph University to confirm or deny this presumption) had been discovered by conservation officers.

Extensive trail-breaking and food cutting operations conducted by the Department of Lands and Forests since the problem became evident, coupled with the sudden thaw which has released deer to wander at will to browse, will leave the herd in better end-of-winter condition than would otherwise been the case.

So... let's hope for nice weather this week, and a fair catch of trout next weekend.

That's all for this week, so tight lines, enjoy the outdoors and above all safe departure and return.

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