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OUTDOORS

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Scientists See A Grim Future For Lake Trout

Some people blame the lamprey for the decline of the lake trout. Others blame the smelt, over-fishing with commercial nets, and of course, bad storms that destroyed the spawning beds. But when lake trout were plentiful, the storms never seemed to do any damage. So the former three must have made the difference, (the above refers mostly to the Great Lakes).

The following is an article about lake trout by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

A SPECIES IN TROUBLE
"Due to the increasing concern about the welfare of lake trout and various statements in the press, we think it advisable to discuss some of the problems relating to this popular species", says the Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Val MacInnis in Kenora district.

When reminiscing about the good old days we often see pictures and hear about tremendous catches of lake trout. Comments such as "we had a sleigh full of trout" or "a few hundred pounds of trout in one fishing trip", are seldom heard anymore.

MORE TIME
Today we live in an ever-changing world. There are more of us fishing and we have more time to fish. Our equipment and means of travel are more sophisticated.

Access and development advance relentlessly - snowmobiles, trail bikes and swamp buggies now poke their noses into the hinterlands. Our trout are under more pressure than ever before - and we should not expect "sleigh full of trout".

Once in a while in some remote corner a trout lake is found that produces limited catches. Word of it soon gets around, though, and after the cream has been taken it becomes (to some fishermen) just another "fished-out" lake. Unfortunately, due to the severely limited production of trout lakes the situation is seldom reversed.

LIMITING FACTORS
The major factors limiting lake trout production are:

1. Lake maturity - females seldom mature before seven years of age.
2. Inconsistent spawning - in some northern lakes females may spawn only every second or third year.
3. Few eggs per mature fish - 700 to 1,000 eggs per pound of mature female. By contrast, yellow perch produce 22,000 to 26,000 eggs per adult female.
4. Infertile lakes - most trout lakes of the pre-cambrian shield are oligotrophic, i.e. cold, deep, clear, nutrient-poor and limited in their capacity to

produce fish flesh. For lake trout the annual production is generally between one-quarter and one-half pound per surface acre of water.

Since only a few trout lakes have been adequately surveyed and their productivity assessed, care must be taken to avoid overfishing them. It may be wise to retain the one-quarter pound per acre harvest - at least until each lake's potential is determined. There are an estimated 2,000 lake trout lakes in Ontario. About 10 percent of these are within 100 miles of Kenora.

Many are small and support populations of slow-growing, plankton-feeding lake trout. Lake trout are especially vulnerable to the angler in the winter and spring when food supplies are low. During these seasons, and for a short time in the fall, they are usually easier to catch. Angler checks disclose that more than three-quarters of all lake trout are taken during these times.

NOW POSSIBLE
The snowmobile has made it possible to fish many hitherto inaccessible lakes, and news of good catches spreads like wildfire. The resultant increased pressure is often sustained as long as catches remain fairly stable.

A decline in angler success, though, is usually self-regulating and is reflected in decreased fishing pressure. A constant monitoring of angler success, fishing pressure and changes in growth rates is necessary to evaluate the status of fish populations.

The survival of hatchery-raised lake trout in many lakes with established fish populations is limited. It seems more practical to think in terms of restricting the harvest before lakes become overexploited, rather than try to maintain them with hatchery stocks in the future.

PREDICT DECLINE
In 1971 a group of fisheries scientists who specialized in oligotrophic lakes predicted a rather grim future for the lake trout.

They concluded that if the present rate of exploitation and interference continued, lake trout populations would be reduced to a level of insignificance within 30 years. Considerable evidence locally discloses quite a few lakes where catches have dropped so low that anglers have given up on them. Additional stresses such as pollution and competition might well shove a lake trout population beyond its capacity to recover. Other evidence suggests that trout lakes may take a minimum of 15 years to recover from overexploitation.

POLLUTION CONTROL
Lake trout are present in only a limited number of lakes in North America. It should be apparent to everyone that pollution control and restrictive legislation is mandatory if present stocks are to be safeguarded. Unless these things are done the deep swimming char, with the flesh as tasty as freshly churned butter, may one day be on our list of endangered species. (Kenora District report).

SPECKLED TROUT
Good catches of speckled trout have been taken recently on bait and flies, the last few days though, we have had to change from large flies to small ones. The best results were obtained when the small wet flies were allowed to sink first before the retrieve was started. When fished this way they represent the small midget sized nymphs that the trout like so well.

The fly I used was No. 16, and the name was Ginger Quill Wet.

The fishing pressure will ease up on the trout now that the season for other species is open.

Black flies are bothersome but not drawing blood as yet.

This has to be all for this week, so, enjoy the outdoors, safe journey and tight lines.

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SECOND SECTION

Citizen Peg Outboots Mayor As Soccer Officially Starts

Opening day of the G.M.S.A. was last Saturday and it could be called quite a success. A big surprise came about when Citizen of the Year Peggy Treahy who kicked off for the girls, kicked the ball further than the mayor. Another point for women's lib. Getting back to the games of the day, they were all good and some of the teams were playing as if it were the end of the season.

All in all, the soccer was terrific. Here are the reports from all the games of last week.

SQUIRT

Eagles 1 Thunderbirds 1
Maurice Dave was the star of this game as he scored the goal for Thunderbirds and played an outstanding game. The goalkeeping was good on the part of both teams.

Stingrays 1 Boomerangs 1
Stingrays started off slowly, as the score was 1-1 at half time. Boomerangs' goal was scored by J. Hack. Stingrays' goals were scored by Greg Muir (2), Tim Panabaker and Paul Quinn.

Giants 7 Golden Jets 0
The goals were scored by J. Clark (4) and S. Selby (3) who were the stars of the game for the Giants.

Boomerangs 5 Wolves 0
This was a great game considering it was played in the rain. Goal scorers for Boomerangs were P. Primorano (2), A. Hack (2), and B. McQueen.

Golden Jets 2 Spittfires 0
A well-played game with both goals being scored in the first half. One by James Becker, the other an own goal.

Stingrays 2 Giants 1
There was no game report with this one.

ATOM

Wildcats 1 Checkers 0
This was a tight game played at Pineview. David Griffiths made the difference as he scored the goal for the Wildcats.

Falcons 2 Colts 0
Even though the Colts did strike once or twice, the Falcons seemed to dominate the game.

Raiders 2 Rangers 1
This was a good game with Rangers scoring the winning goal in the last minute of play. M. Bauer played a strong game in goal for the Raiders. J. Allan and G. Hack scored the Raiders' goals while Craig McLaughlin (2) and Terry Mostard were the Rangers' goal getters.

Rockets 3 Jaguars 0
These were two very well conducted teams, they made the game a very entertaining game to watch. R. Fisher (2) and J. Warmack were the goal scorers.

Hovers 0 Owls 1
This was a good clean game with Carl Bight playing an outstanding game in the nets for Owls. Owls' goals were scored by G. Cunningham (2), B. Diamond and B. McIure.

Rangers 3 Panthers 2
The teams were very evenly matched. Panthers' goals were scored by Marc Oliver and Harry Simpson. Rangers' marksmen were Lenze Kuiper, Bruce Moorehead and Craig McLaughlin.

PEE WEE
Arsenal 1 United 1
Arsenal had it their own way in the first half as they led 4-1 at half time. It was United's turn in the second half as they came back to tie the score at 4-4. Goal scorers for Arsenal were: T. Beckett (3) and A. Ruddell. United's were Rick Knoepfl (2), Mark Jones and Chris Dawson.

Reavers 3 Pineview 0
Reavers absolutely clobbered the Pineview who could not really find their footing at all in this one-sided game. Scorers were M. Cooper (3), D. Hayward (2), B. Larsen, L. Ferguson, G. Bodnar and Gary Stringer.

BANTAM
Celtic 0 Trojans 1
Trojans started fast scoring 3

Phantoms 1 Flyers 1
The Phantoms went ahead in the first half on a goal scored by No. 9. They kept their lead until midway through the second half when J. Harris tied the score.

Bobcats 1 Golden Hawks 3
Golden Hawks scored two goals in the first half. In the second half, both teams got a goal each as the play evened out. Bobcats' goal was scored by Paul Clark. Scoring for Golden Hawks were Greg Lawr (2) and Allan Gillespie.

Spittfires 3 Aces 0
In the second half the Spittfires took over and gave the Aces little elbow room. They scored three good goals but should have got more. The goals were scored by Scott Taggart, T. DeBruyn, and B. Beckett.

Golden Hawks 0 Flyers 8
Flyers started early in the game and didn't finish scoring until the end. The goals were scored by Scott Harris (4), David Allen (2), Glenn Britten and Gary Duncan.

Flyers 2 Spittfires 0
Flyers looked the stronger team in this one. Their goals were scored by David Allen and Gary Duncan.

Golden Hawks 5 Grizzlies 0
Hawks dominated the game from start to finish. Goals were scored by Allan Gillespie (2), Robert Franzyrster, Bill Arthur, and Frank Madden.

Colts 0 Aces 2
Aces won the game by a substantial score but were lucky to do it. Goals were scored by Scott Hewitt and John Enslin.

Bobcats 0 Phantoms 6
Mark Rose played an excellent game for the Phantoms scoring 4 of the 6 goals. John Clark scored the other two.

Dynamoes 0 Wildcats 8
Goals were scored by David Cuero (3), Rick Common (2), David Griffiths (2) and Edwin Biekenhorst.

MOSQUITO
Tornadoes 1 Chargers 1
An extremely well-played and even game. Tornadoes' goal was scored by Willy Wilcox. The Chargers' marksman was Tony Smith.

Girls
Georgetown Spurs 2
Red Rockets 3

This was the senior girls' league first game. Both teams played well and showed a lot of the natural talent for the game.

Beth Kewley and Susan Wilde both played strong games. Rockets' goals were scored by Laurie McLaughlin (2) and Beth Kewley. Spurs' marksmen were Susan Wilde and Cathy Clark.

Rep Teams
SQUIRT
Georgetown 2 Burlington 1

A good all-round team effort was what gave Georgetown the edge in their second game of the season. Mark Waters and Glen Vogts were the goal scorers.

MINOR ATOM
Georgetown 2 Acton 1

This was a well-balanced game as both teams really put their hearts into it. Gary Lockwood and Michael Jones were the goal-getters for Georgetown with Peter Haller and Anthony Oram both playing outstanding games.

MAJOR ATOM
Georgetown 1 Brampton 1

The goal that Brampton scored was wide of the post and the referee still called it a goal. Andrew delbeer scored the goal for Georgetown.

MINOR MOSQUITO
Georgetown 3 Acton 2

Georgetown started very slowly in this game as Acton scored twice in the first 15 minutes of the game. Dave Finlay and Ernie Haller both netted the ball in the first half to make the score 2-2 at the half. Dave Finlay scored again in the 2nd half to win the game for Georgetown.

MAJOR MOSQUITO
Georgetown 4 Milton 1

Georgetown scored their 4 goals before Milton got on the scoreboard. Georgetown's defence played a strong game. Goals were scored by Paul Morrow (2), Ian Reeks, and a picture goal by Fergus Barnes as he let a thunderbolt shot go from about 25 yards out.

Georgetown 2 Burlington 1
The score was 0-0 at half time, which shows how close this game was. Burlington scored first in the second half on a good goal. Georgetown equalized on an own goal which was credited to Ian Reeks. The winner was also scored by Reeks about five minutes from time.

PEE WEE
Game cancelled.

BANTAM
Georgetown 2 Oakville 0

This was the second win in two games for the home team as they handled Oakville with no real trouble. The defence

Sports



Woman of the year Peggy Treahy, receives a reward of flowers for her mighty effort in the kick-off to launch the girls' soccer season.

Saturday, Linda Wilde presented the carnations after Peggy, complete with soccer boots, kicked the ball almost to the goal line.

played a very strong game especially Victor Koch. Doug Thompson got both the Georgetown goals.

JUNIOR B
Georgetown Gunners 1
Forest City Rangers (London) 3

The score does not really reflect the pattern of play in this the second game of the season for Georgetown. Forest City scored in the first minute of play, on a rush which not only surprised the Georgetown defence, but also the London team.

After this goal, play was quite even throughout the rest of the first half with no other goals being scored.

In the second half it was a different story as Georgetown applied the pressure. Charlie Knoepfl made a good play and shot at goal which beat the keeper clearly but the defencemen saved the shot with a handball. Ken Ross made no mistake on the penalty kick.

After this, Georgetown looked as if they would go on and win the game, but an unfortunate defensive mistake caused an own goal by Georgetown.

London made it 3-1 with about five minutes remaining.

The Gunners' next game is in Burlington this Sunday.

Standings
May 27

SQUIRT
North League W L T P
Stingrays 3 0 0 6
Boomerangs 1 1 1 3
Thunderbirds 0 2 2 1
Spittfires 0 1 1 1
Tigers 0 1 1 1

South League
Eagles 1 0 1 3
Bombers 1 0 1 3
Golden Jets 1 1 0 2
Giants 1 2 0 2
Wolves 0 2 1 1

ATOM MINOR
W L T P
Falcons 2 0 0 4
Golden Hawks 2 1 0 4
Bobcats 1 2 0 2
Colts 1 2 0 2
Grizzlies 0 2 0 0
Dynamoes 0 3 0 0

ATOM MAJOR
W L T P
Flyers 2 0 1 5
Phantoms 2 0 1 5
Aces 2 1 0 4
Wildcats 2 1 0 4
Spittfires 1 1 0 2
Checkers 0 2 0 0

MOSQUITO MINOR
W L T P
Rangers 2 0 0 4
Owls 1 0 0 2
Cougars 1 1 0 2
Panthers 1 1 0 2
Rovers 0 1 0 0
Raiders 0 2 0 0

MOSQUITO MAJOR
W L T P
Rockets 1 0 0 2
Kings 1 0 0 2
Tornadoes 0 0 1 1
Chargers 0 0 1 1
Jaguars 0 1 0 0
Olympics 0 1 0 0

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