



It's time to play ball

There may still be the odd snowflake floating around, a rain drop or a few and the wind chill factor may be dipping the Celsius thermometer but, when the Blue Jays come home then - it's time to play ball.

It doesn't seem all that long ago that Jeff Haines pitched his record 26 inning game for his Glen Williams mens team. In fact it was over six months ago. And, that is long enough to go without cracking bats, slapping leather, steeeee-riking umpires, loudmouthed fans and hot dogs.

The 1980 T-ball, softball, fastball, slo-pitch and baseball seasons have hit us again. Georgetown and area sportsmen and women will be standing in the daisies and crouching on the infield waiting for anyone to step up to the plate. There will be big leaguers, little leaguers,

boys and girls, men and women, recreational and powderpuffers, fun and serious players and thousands of keen interested fans.

Close to 2,000 people will be vying for their own World Series' over the next five months, rivalling the claim of hockey as the number one participant sport. More than 20 different leagues will be operating throughout the area this summer.

Registrations and scheduling have not been completed as yet but, several teams have already begun indoor and outdoor spring training workouts.

This week Sports Week will look at who some of these leagues are operating out of Georgetown and the immediate vicinity. Next week Acton and area will be in the line-up.

GEORGETOWN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - This boys and girls hardball league will have 425 players on 28 house-league and three rep teams this season. The mixed teams are for children from five-year-olds right up to 18. The wee lads of 5, 6 and 7 will be put into eight teams to play T-ball at Harrison Public School. The pee wee baseball players will be divided into six teams with their games slated for Kennedy Public. Ten tyke teams will play at the Fairgrounds ballparks and at Centennial Public. Bantam age players will be in a four team league at the Fairgrounds. Tyke, pee-wee and bantam rep teams will play in the Halton County Baseball league. Action is expected to get underway around the 24th of May for a 20-game schedule. More information may be obtained from Dan Guistini at 877-3665.

RADICAL CAR CLUB - Thirty members club get together each Sunday at the Fairgrounds to play a little ball and have some fun. They have a serious side which has them take on all challengers. They play slo-pitch rules. The club has been going for 22 years.

GLEN WILLIAMS BALL ASSOCIATION - Registration has attracted 110 youngsters into the fastball fold so far. They will be put into atom, squirt, pee wee, bantam and midget boys teams and squirt, pee wee, and bantam girls teams. They will play their 20 game schedule, of one home and one away game, beginning May 24th. Their home games will be against Acton, Hornby, Lowville, Limehouse, Milton and Omagh. Future contact is Beth Carmichael 877-8039.

HALTON HILLS SERVICE CLUB LEAGUE - Six teams are entered in this Sunday morning fun and recreational league. Some players may not have even played before. They play at the Fairgrounds and at Stewarttown. Teams are the Jaycees, Jaycee Trailers, Park Lincoln Mercury, Georgetown Firefighters, Kinsmen Club and the Newfoundlanders Club. They begin their third season May 4. Brian Hill has more details, 877-2941.

GEORGETOWN INDUSTRIAL FASTBALL LEAGUE - The first local league to hit the diamond this year, these nine teams will be there on May 5. The teams this year are, C and S Plumbing, Akers-Clark Real Estate, Philp Publishing, Acton Roadrunners, DRG Stationary, Norval, R-S Mufflers, Hornby Greenhouses and Peel Police. They will play a 32 game schedule. Games will be played Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday at the Fairgrounds and Tuesdays in Hornby and Thursdays in Acton. Bryan Lewis is the contact person, 877-9850.

LIMEHOUSE MENS LEAGUE - A 20 game schedule is planned for the six teams in this league. They will play Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Teams playing are Indusmin, Ballinad, two from Limehouse, Huttonville and Petrohaul. More information can be had from Hank Bouwman, 877-1837.

HALTON MENS SLO-PITCH - Once again this league will be operating. Plans have not been completed. Cor Oosterhof will have the details, at 877-7979.

HORNBY MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION - There will be 150 children on five boys teams and four girls teams ready to play May 24th at the Hornby Community Park on Steeles Avenue. A men's and two ladies teams will also be playing there. Don Dupuis is the president, 877-1268.

HALTON LADIES SOFTBALL - This will be one of the first leagues to get started, when they throw out the first pitch on May 11. Ten teams are entered in the fastball league and will play an 18 game schedule. Teams entered are the defending champions from Milton, Hillsburgh, Bramalca, Glen Williams, Hornby Juniors, Hornby Seniors, Georgetown Georgettes, Acton, Brookeville and Mississauga. Linda Brooks, at 878-5208, is the contact person.

LIMEHOUSE MINOR BALL - Over 100 aspiring softball players, from four-years-old to 17, will be playing at the Limehouse Conservation Park. The little ones will play T-ball and the atoms, squirts, pee wees and bantam boys and girls teams will be using a softball. Please call Hank Bouwman at 877-1837 for more information.

LADIES POWDERPUFF LEAGUE - This fastball league has 18 players per team with two players per position, who rotate every other inning. The six teams will play at the Fairgrounds and at Park School Wednesday nights. They get started May 4. Wendy Cotton is in the know, 877-8421.

KINSMEN GIRLS SOFTBALL - Seventeen teams of girls from 10-17-year-olds will be competing in junior and senior softball leagues here in Georgetown at the Fairgrounds. Eight teams of 10-13-year-olds are in the junior division with nine teams in the 14-18-year-old group. Jim Ford, at 877-8171, has the details.

