

# Mustangs and Raiders ready for the basketball showdown

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The clock is winding down on a battle of basketball titans.

Thursday afternoon at Milton District High School, the mighty Mustangs take on the St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders for senior boys bragging rights.

The 5 p.m. showdown between two of the three undefeated teams in Halton promises to be a barn burner.

The Oakville-based school will come equipped with a couple of Toronto Star ranked hoopsters to take on heavily-touted Matt Babel and company.

Heading into this week's competition MD and STA shared top spot in Halton's Volpe Division with identical 6-0 records.

"This'll be the big one alright," said Milton assistant coach Verne O'Neil. "It could be a prelude to the Halton finals, although Notre Dame is unbeaten on the other side and could also be there."

O'Neil credits third-year MD coach Sherwyn Steele with polishing the talented crew, adding that he "does a great job communicating with the players and has

them working a great full-court press."

On the court, the 'Stangs are led offensively by Babel, who's averaging 18.5 points per game in his final season.

As a whole MD has been winning by an identical average point spread. Their biggest win came in their season opener — when they bumped off the now 4-2 Blakelock Tigers 63-49 — while they closed out their first semester with a 61-36 blowout over the lowly Q.E. Park Eagles.

Joining Babel, Dave Winter and Sean Postma on the starting lineup are rookies Rob McCall and Craig O'Neil, a 6'6" centre who averages 10 rebounds a game.

Will Sinnott and Cam Fraser have been steady in their supporting cast roles while Matt O'Brien, Al Dennison, Mike Cerka and Adam Gertzbein complete the roster.

MD will finish up their regular season next Tuesday at Oakville Trafalgar and begin playoffs the following week. "We're definitely capable of reaching the (Halton) finals and with half the team graduating this spring this is our year to do something," said O'Neil.

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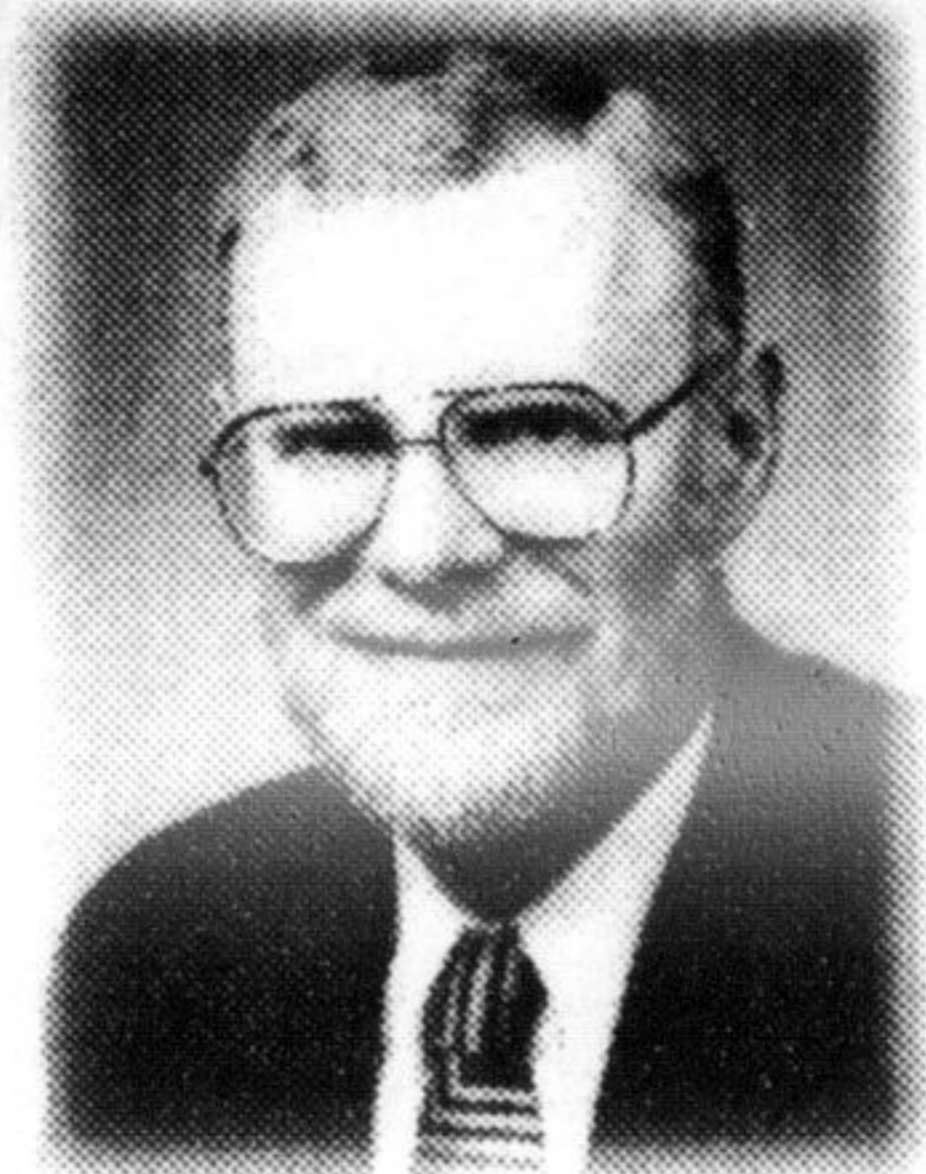
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Notice is hereby given to pursuant to Sections 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 9:30 am to pass a by-law for the intersection improvements at Trafalgar Road (Regional Road No. 3) and Britannia Road (Regional Road No. 6), Town of Milton.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Planning & Public Works Department, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 9:30 am in the Halton Room at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through its Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his/her Counsel, any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk no later than Friday, March 6, 1998 to be heard.

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