

Huskies schedule



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Haliburton Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay is confident his team will be competitive in their inaugural OJHL season. Photo by Mike Baker.

AWAY	HOME	DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	DATE	TIME
Haliburton County	Lindsay	Fri., Oct. 1	7:30 PM	Haliburton County	Wellington	Fri., Dec. 17	7:30 PM
Lindsay	Haliburton County	Sat., Oct. 2	4:30 PM	Cobourg	Haliburton County	Sat., Dec. 18	4:30 PM
Haliburton County	Wellington	Fri., Oct. 8	7:30 PM	Toronto Jr Canadiens	Haliburton County	Mon., Dec. 20	7:30 PM
Haliburton County	North York	Sun., Oct. 10	3:00 PM	Haliburton County	Mississauga	Wed., Dec. 29	7:30 PM
Cobourg	Haliburton County	Sat., Oct. 16	4:30 PM	Caledon	Haliburton County	Fri., Dec. 31	4:30 PM
Haliburton County	Cobourg	Mon., Oct. 18	7:00 PM	Toronto Jr Canadiens	Haliburton County	Sun., Jan. 2	2:30 PM
Haliburton County	St. Michaels	Wed., Oct. 20	7:30 PM	Mississauga	Haliburton County	Fri., Jan 7	7:30 PM
Wellington	Haliburton County	Sat., Oct. 23	4:30 PM	Haliburton County	Trenton	Sun., Jan. 9	7:30 PM
North York	Haliburton County	Tue., Oct. 26	12:00 AM	Mississauga	Haliburton County	Thu., Jan. 13	7:30 PM
Haliburton County	Toronto Patriots	Wed., Oct. 27	12:00 AM	Haliburton County	Wellington	Sun., Jan. 16	2:30 PM
Lindsay	Haliburton County	Sat., Oct. 30	4:30 PM	Trenton	Haliburton County	Fri., Jan. 21	7:30 PM
Haliburton County	Trenton	Fri., Nov. 5	7:30 PM	Haliburton County	Mississauga	Wed., Jan. 26	7:45 PM
St. Michaels	Haliburton County	Sat., Nov. 6	4:30 PM	North York	Haliburton County	Fri., Jan. 28	7:30 PM
Haliburton County	Cobourg	Mon., Nov. 8	7:00 PM	Lindsay	Haliburton County	Sat., Jan. 29	4:30 PM
Haliburton County	Lindsay	Fri., Nov. 12	7:30 PM	Haliburton County	Lindsay	Fri., Feb. 4	7:30 PM
Trenton	Haliburton County	Sat., Nov. 13	4:30 PM	Wellington	Haliburton County	Sat., Feb. 5	4:30 PM
Haliburton County	North York	Sun., Nov. 14	3:00 PM	Haliburton County	Toronto Jr Canadiens	Mon., Feb. 7	7:45 PM
Haliburton County	Caledon	Thu., Nov. 18	8:00 PM	Toronto Patriots	Haliburton County	Fri., Feb. 11	7:30 PM
Haliburton County	Toronto Patriots	Sat., Nov. 20	7:30 PM	Haliburton County	Toronto Jr Canadiens	Sat., Feb. 12	8:00 PM
Haliburton County	Cobourg	Mon., Nov. 22	7:00 PM	Caledon	Haliburton County	Tue., Feb. 15	7:30 PM
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Haliburton County	Wellington	Sun., Nov. 28	2:30 PM	Lindsay	Haliburton County	Mon., Feb. 21	2:30 PM
Cobourg	Haliburton County	Fri., Dec. 03	7:30 PM	Toronto Patriots	Haliburton County	Fri., Feb. 25	7:30 PM
Haliburton County	Trenton	Sun., Dec. 05	7:30 PM	Trenton	Haliburton County	Sat., Feb. 26	4:30 PM
Haliburton County	Lindsay	Fri., Dec. 10	7:30 PM	Haliburton County	St. Michaels	Fri., Mar. 4	7:30 PM
Wellington	Haliburton County	Sat., Dec. 11	4:30 PM	Trenton	Haliburton County	Sat., Mar. 5	4:30 PM
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Huskies aim for playoffs in debut season

By Mike Baker

Expectations are high as the Haliburton County Huskies get set to kick off their inaugural season in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL), with head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay laying down a marker and challenging his young squad to push for a playoff spot this year.

After months of behind-the-scenes planning and preparation, the Huskies are now just a day away from making their competitive debut. The team will take on the Lindsay Muskies in a home and home series this weekend, beginning Friday night on the road and culminating with a match-up at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday.

Ramsay was bullish when discussing his expectations for the season, noting that, having worked with most of his players throughout the summer, he knows they have what it takes to make an impact in the OJHL.

“I really like our team. I think we have a really young, exciting team,” Ramsay said, noting his roster was among the youngest in the league. “From what I’ve seen so far, we’re a team that loves to compete.

“Our goals for this season ... we want to make the playoffs. I [will] judge success on at least making playoffs,” Ramsay added. Pre-season was a bit of a mixed bag for the Huskies. The team started out with a pair of wins over the Aurora Tigers, where their top scoring line – particularly Bryce Richardson

and Oliver Tarr – impressed. The pair combined for 17 points against the Tigers.

This past weekend, the Huskies went head-to-head with the Collingwood Blues – a perennial challenger for the OJHL championship. Ramsay said those games would give a good indication of where his team is at heading into the regular season. On Friday (Sept. 24) in Collingwood, the Huskies battled hard but ultimately succumbed to a 6-1 defeat.

The very next night in Minden, the team rallied and were impressive for large stretches of the game. Despite an improved performance, the Huskies gave up a 3-1 decision.

“I know the game in Collingwood, the score didn’t look too great for us, but we started off that game really well. We out-chanced them the whole first period, but still found ourselves down 3-0 by the end of the first period,” Ramsay noted, saying the Blues scored on their second, third and fifth shots of the game. “By then, the game was pretty much a wash, but I was pleased with our compete level and the speed of our play. Even in that final period, when the game was obviously gone, the boys didn’t give up.

“On home ice, we were better again, but Collingwood is a top team,” Ramsay said. He also reserved special praise for the local community, who came out in droves over the past couple of weekend to support their new team. Both home exhibition games were sellouts, and Ramsay expects



Speeding down the rink during a preseason scrimmage. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

that trend to continue well into the regular season.

Earlier this summer, it was reported that the Huskies had sold well over 200 season tickets to excited fans – giving them access to all 27 home games during the regular season.

“We couldn’t be happier about the support we have received from the community – we’ve seen it from people wanting to buy tickets, businesses looking to sponsor, and families [volunteering to serve as billets]. The Haliburton County community has really welcomed this team,” Ramsay said.

He would go on to admit that, given the level of interest in season tickets and capacity restrictions brought on by COVID-19, single game ticket availability for seats in the rink will likely be limited for the foreseeable future.

The Huskies will compete in the OJHL’s East Division, against the Muskies, the Wellington Dukes, the Trenton Golden Hawks and the Cobourg Cougars. While a playoff spot is the eventual goal, Ramsay said it was difficult to predict where his team would land given the unknowns surrounding some of the other teams.

“Looking at previous seasons, Wellington, Trenton and Cobourg tend to bring in a lot of older players. But it’s tough to predict how everyone is going to look right now – the OJHL didn’t play last year, so there’s not really much to go off. We don’t know if Cobourg is losing five players, or if they’re losing 15 players. I think it’s going to be a bit of a weird year,” Ramsay said. “I think it’s going to take the first month to really judge how we’re going to stack up against some of the other teams.”


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Top left: Riders wheel their dirt bikes from the locked compound to the starting area. After each day of racing, riders can't access their bikes or perform maintenance. Top right: Pro rider Alexandre Legault rockets out of a turn at a course near Salmon Lake Road, south of Gooderham. Bottom left: Friends, family and support crews met up with riders before technical portions of the course to provide gas, snacks and support. Bottom right: Veteran B-Class rider Nathan Stewart climbs a rocky trail near Crystal Lake in the municipality of Trent Lakes. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

The Corduroy roars back into Gooderham

After a year-long hiatus, Corduroy Enduro brought off-road enthusiasts from across Canada and beyond to Gooderham from Sept. 23-26. The race, in its 67th year, is called Canada's toughest enduro.

As per enduro race format, riders sped across the township to each check point. The winner of each class had the combined fastest time of all the test sections at the end of the three-day event, which totals

nearly 300 kilometres. The riders this year contended with roots, rocky hills, river crossings and rain showers. On Sunday, pro riders then took to a motocross track to finish off the weekend. Trystan Hart of Asheville, NC placed first in the Men's Pro Class, with Shelby Turner of Barons, Alberta taking top spot in the Women's Pro Class. *(Sam Gillett).*

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Storm to begin registration for hockey season

By Lisa Gervais

Registrations open Aug. 1 for this year's Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association season.

The Storm said it is accepting players for the 2021-22 playing period until Aug. 15.

"We encourage you to register right away to avoid the late fee of \$100 that will be added on if you have not registered by Sept. 1," the association said.

The Storm said they have had some increases to their programming fees which have bumped up registration fees. These include ice rental up three per cent, referee fees going up 10 to 20 per cent, electronic game sheets and a longer season.

Regular season hockey will be played until March 1. Also during March, rep teams will participate in games with MPS and the Georgian Bay Loop to determine who will move forward to the OMHA playoff weekends. OMHA playoff weekends will take place the first two weekends in April and will be tournament-style.

Meanwhile, development skates begin the week of Sept. 7.

The Storm said all teams will get one practice during the week and one practice or game on the weekends.

See the Storm's website (highlandstorm.org) for more information, or for any registration questions with a new system, reach out to Highland Storm registrar Jessica Lloyd at Jessica.lloyd@tdsb.on.ca



A Storm player in action pre-pandemic. File.

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(Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

July 29
Regular Council Meeting
August 26
Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Highlander sports



The Haliburton County Huskies held fitness training in Haliburton in mid-July as the squad prepares for the upcoming 2021-22 hockey season. Photos submitted.

Huskies offer free tickets to intrasquad game

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies have held fitness training at the high school in Haliburton as they prepare for the upcoming season.

The junior A hockey team will take to the ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for their inaugural season in 2021-22.

The Huskies have also released their pre-season home schedule.

The team said it is offering free admission to fans to watch potential Huskies battle for roster spots during a Blue vs. White game on Saturday, Sept. 11 at noon.

Coach Ryan Ramsay said they have signed 17 of an expected roster of 23 players.

“We are waiting to see what players come to rookie camp on Aug. 28-29” before finalizing the squad, he added.

The team said ticket prices and availability for the other home games, as well as remaining preseason away games, will be announced shortly.

The squad will face the Aurora Tigers on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. and the Collingwood Blues on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

All home games are in Minden. The team has also been finalizing its front

office staff to work alongside Ramsay.

David Lang, a Keswick native, joins the organization in the role of director of hockey operations and director of game day operations. He had been director of recruiting of the OHL and WHL for the University of Prince Edward Island men’s ice hockey team. Lang has also served as an assistant general manager and GM in the OJHL, most recently with the Lindsay Muskies in the COVID-shortened 2020-2021 season.

He joins new assistant GM and director of player relations, Brian MacKenzie. MacKenzie’s most recent role was as assistant GM and coach with the Whitby Fury.

Bradley Townsend is the president of business and hockey operations and the OJHL league governor for the club.

On ice, the Huskies recently announced the signing of winger, Bradley Brunet. He is coming from the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

Ramsay said the only area the club is struggling is finding billet families. He said those taking in a player get a monthly stipend and free hockey passes. If interested, email huskieshousing@hotmail.com.

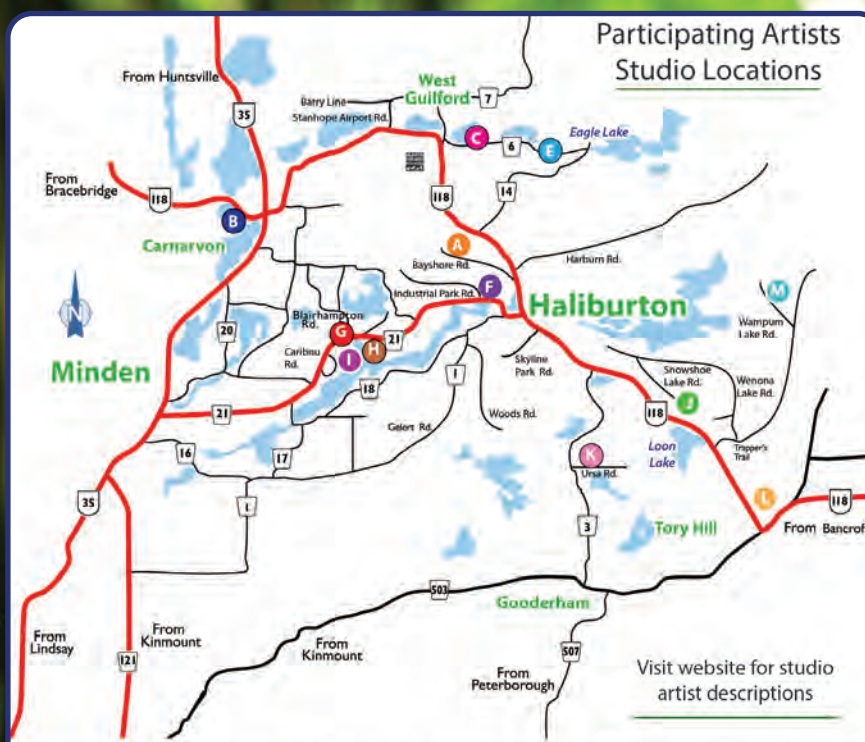
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Sports hall of fame



Ron Stackhouse signs his image on the door of a dressing room at the Haliburton Arena. *File.*

Stackhouse overcame the odds

By Lisa Gervais

When the Pittsburgh Penguins celebrated 50 years in the National Hockey League in 2017, Haliburton's Ron Stackhouse was surprised to be pictured on promotional material with three other Pens: former goalie Les Binkley, Mario Lemieux and Sid Crosby.

To this day, Stackhouse remains puzzled as to why he was featured with the likes of Lemieux and Crosby since he said he was not a fan favourite in Pittsburgh and was occasionally a subject of the boo-birds.

However, it is the first thing he shows on his phone during an interview with *The Highlander*.

He's proud.

In the same vein, although he would have been surprised to be excluded from the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, Stackhouse said he is "honoured" to have been chosen and has the utmost respect for

the creators of the hall and their inclusive vision.

Stackhouse credits Roger Neilson for the start of his playing career when the coach asked him to join the Peterborough Petes. That stint with Neilson led to Stackhouse being drafted by the California Golden Seals in the days when there was no televised draft but a letter in the mail to say he'd been picked.

To this day, Stackhouse said Neilson was "unbelievably innovative and creative" and ran the best practices he ever took part in.

After a year in the minors, he made his Seals debut and believes fate played a role since it took another player's injury and another's contract dispute to deliver him to the show in his second year.

But after a little over a year in Oakland, he was traded to the Detroit Red Wings. A little over two years later, he was "shocked and disappointed" by a trade to the Penguins in 1974.

He put up some good numbers in Pittsburgh but was a "scapegoat" when things were not going well for the team. A big guy, he said there was always an expectation that he would drop the gloves. However, he preferred positioning and skill over pugilism.

He recalled one home game being like a scene out of the movie, *Slapshot*. A fan started chirping him so he raised his stick. Then full sections started in, so he raised his stick at the entire arena. He got tossed from that game.

"I was so unhappy in Pittsburgh. I just wanted out of there."

Despite asking for a trade, he signed a five-year deal for good money since GM Wren Blair said he couldn't get enough for him in a trade. He ended up retiring in 1982, which he said was a sad end to what could have been a longer and better career. However, he has no regrets. His career spanned 889 regular season games. One high included playing with Gordie Howe in an all-star game and scoring a breakthrough goal.

In some ways that 2017 honouring in Pittsburgh was a healing moment for Stackhouse. "So, it was really good for me to go back there."

Stackhouse went on to teach at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School where he also coached hockey. He was also a member of the Haliburton Hockey Haven family.

According to the Hall committee, he was a role model for many young hockey players and inspired a generation of athletes to achieve their own dreams.

Stackhouse said, "I think the whole idea behind this is going to be very good for the Haliburton Highlands. It's going to be very good for things in general in this particular world with all of the stuff that is going on about equality."

He taught some of the young inductees at Hal High and said "the fact they found their way out of a small town like this and into that environment is remarkable."



Ron Stackhouse with memorabilia in his home office. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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**Nominations
for The Business
& Community
Achievement
Awards
Close July 29th**



Is there an organization or individual that helped make your 2020 in the Haliburton Highlands?

Recognize them with a nomination for a Chamber Award.

Nominations are now open for the following awards:

- Innovation & Creativity Award
- Customer First – Employee Award
- Customer First – Business Award
- Skilled Trades & Industry Award
- New Business of the Year Award
- Young Professional of the Year Award
- Tourism & Hospitality Award
- Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Highlander of the Year Award
- Not-for-Profit of the Year
- Business Achievement Award

Find all the details at haliburtonchamber.com/awards

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