

NEWS RELEASE

MURRAY YOUNG

- Born January 18, 1947, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Moved to Toronto at age 6 where he attended elementary and secondary schools
- Is a 1969 political science graduate of York University
- Moved to London in 1970 where he attended Western University taking pre-science courses for 2 years
- Attended Elborn College at Western in 1972 where he graduated as a teacher
- Began 30-year career as elementary school teacher in London where he taught grade 8 at several London elementary schools, retiring in 2001
- First played rugby in second year at York where the swim coach who was also the rugby coach suggested he try rugby
- Was a nationally-ranked swimmer where at the CIAU swimming finals in 1966-67 he finished first in the men's 500 metre free-style event, thus becoming York's first national champion – inducted into the York University Hall of Fame - 1980
- Played rugby for three seasons at Western
- Joined St. George's Rugby Football Club in London in 1970 as a player
- Has held numerous positions with St. Georges over the years, including club president
- In 1984 he coached the St. George men's team to the Ontario Rugby Football finals where they lost to Ontario rugby powerhouse Balmy Beach
- Continues to be active at club as greens-keeper for club's 22 acres of rugby pitches
- Began association with rugby at high school level in London in 1988 while still active as a teacher, establishing rugby team at Central Secondary School
- Established junior rugby team in summer of 1988 with members of rugby programs from Central, Lucas, Oakridge and Westminster
- In 2002 started London Classic Tournament for high school rugby programs which he headed until this year. Prior to COVID the 2-day tournament had 32 girl's teams and 32 boy's teams
- Is a 2004 Rugby Ontario Hall of Fame inductee
- In November of 2022 the field at St Georges was renamed the Murray Young Sports Park
- He created the Murray Young Rugby Bursary at York which is awarded yearly to a member of the York University Women's Rugby team
- Today the St. George's Rugby Club is the second-largest rugby club in Ontario with over 400 active members, including 120 participants in minor rugby