



TO THE SUMMIT — This is the team of Georgetown high school wrestlers who will carry the red and blue colours into the All Ontario championships at North Bay this weekend. In the front row, from left, are Norm Ferguson, Tiger Joe Fobert and Clive Llewellyn; middle row: Jim Breckenridge, Jack Walings, coach Joe Ingarozza, Vince Graham and Dave Hall; back row: Tom Ewels, Sean Bilsborrow, Doug Hiltz, Craig Barkhouse, Bob Bull and Rejean Boulanger. The shield is the W.F. Mitchell Trophy which they won in the CWOSSA championships here. The two day All Ontario starts tomorrow and concludes Saturday night.

Girls' Team Will Compete in National Bowling Test

A team of teen girls from Georgetown will compete in the Ontario senior girls bowling championship.

Gwen Patterson, Marilyn Sigurdson, Janice Gummerson, Lorna Nicholson and Joanne Archibald earned the provincial honours at Plantation Bowl, Toronto, Sunday when they rolled 3097 in three games in the 'third step' of the Four Steps to Stardom youth bowling tournament.

Earlier they had won at the local level and then the Zone crown.

They will go after national honours in the 'last step' in Hamilton April 6, 7 and 8.

Last year, a pair of Bantam age Georgetown boys won national honours in the Four Steps

Tight Race in Hockey Playoffs

R&B Milk Centre scored 3 second period goals and then survived a 3rd period Glen rally to capture their first win of the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League semi-finals Sunday.

Their 4-3 victory left them one game behind the Glen who captured the first two contests.

Glen's Sargent and Milkmen's Lester scored in the first period, and then Goddard, Young, and Boyce notched 2nd period goals to give the Milkmen a 4-1 lead. Dunn scored both Glen's 3rd period goals.

Dodge Brothers and Norval failed to make progress in their close fought series playing to a 4-all tie Sunday. Each team has a win as well.

It was come from behind effort by Dodge Brothers as Telford and Then Morrow scored to give Norval a 4-2 advantage. Morrow was the only goal of the final period.

Steen and Dixon netted the other Dodge Brothers goals.

A hat trick by Cunningham and Riddall's goal accounted for Norval's output.

TYKE HOCKEY

by Doreen Long
In the opener last Friday, Toronto downed Montreal 1-0 in an all out team effort. The second game, as we expected, was a thriller with Detroit and New York tied for 2nd place in the standings — and they still are. The outcome of this one was Detroit 2, New York 2. Winding things up for the evening were Chicago and Boston. By winning this one, 3-1 Boston cinched first place in the standings for this season.

Games for this Friday, March 7th are:
5:00 p.m.: Toronto vs. Detroit
5:40 p.m.: Montreal vs. Boston
6:40 p.m.: New York vs. Chicago
For those who did not get team pictures, they will be available this Friday. Also, anyone who has not yet picked up their crest for this year, please do so this week. Thanks.

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In the Motor City They Call Poul 'Goalie's Friend'

Georgetown's Poul Popiel whose contribution to the Detroit Red Wings of late rated a feature story in a Springfield daily newspaper recently received more accolades this time from Jack Berry in the Detroit Free Press.

Berry's story is headed: "Red Wings Find Defensive Kingpin" It calls Popiel, who toiled for Springfield before going to Detroit in a trade for Ron Anderson, the "goalies best friend."

Poul Popiel is misplaced in the Red Wing Facts Book. The misplacement couldn't have been more appropriate.

Popiel is side by side with Bob Baun in the alphabetically arranged book. The spot originally was set for right wing Ron Anderson, but the Red Wings traded Anderson to Los Angeles for Popiel on Nov. 11, just before the book went to press.

And now not only is Popiel, pronounced PO-peel, playing steady defensive hockey but he's also paired with Baun.

Through five previous years in professional hockey Popiel's main claim to fame seems to have been his first name. Folks just never could get it right, especially typesetters. They always wanted to make Paul. But it's Poul.

Popiel is a Dane, born on Feb. 28, 1943, in Selsted, Denmark. He didn't emigrate to Canada until he was eight years old and didn't begin playing organized hockey until he was 13. By that age the Boston Bruins already were salivating over Bobby Orr.

With that late a start, Popiel is happy to be in the National Hockey League at the age of 25, even though he figures it could've come a year or so sooner.

"I had set a goal for myself, to make the NHL by the time I was 24 or 25" Popiel said.

Popiel came up through the Chicago system — a younger brother is owned by the Hawks and is playing in the Eastern Amateur League — and thought he'd get a shot with the Hawks after being co-winner of the Central Hockey League's rookie-of-the-year award in 1963-64.

All that got him was a trip to Buffalo.

Popiel had a good year and alternated between defense and center and left wing.

"I scored seven goals in about three weeks and was going pretty good but then I hurt my shoulder."

He had three shoulder separations and finished the season with his arm strapped to his side. Boston, recalling his seven goals in three weeks, drafted him the next June.

"I think they figured I could be a utilityman and play defense, forward and kill penalties," Popiel said.

But he didn't make it with the Bruins, either.

"I don't know what it is. I felt I could play in the NHL, but I was all disorganized in training camps. When I came

to Detroit I was terrified for a month."

Popiel overcame it, though.

"Bar Bastien (director of prospecting) knew Popiel from the American League and he went down to look at him again when we started talking with Los Angeles," general manager Sid Abel said.

From reports we got, Larry Regan (LA general manager) wanted to keep Popiel but Red Kelly (coach) didn't want him. Anderson had been going back and forth so we figured it would be a good deal even if Poul played at Fort Worth.

Instead he's come around real good. He's not a big guy but he's playing pretty consistent defense," Abel said.

Popiel complements Baun well. Bobby is the big hitter and takes his man out at the blue line. Popiel, a good skater can cover up if Baun misses. Because he's not exceptionally big for a defenseman — 5-10 and 175 — Popiel tries to pinch his man into the boards.

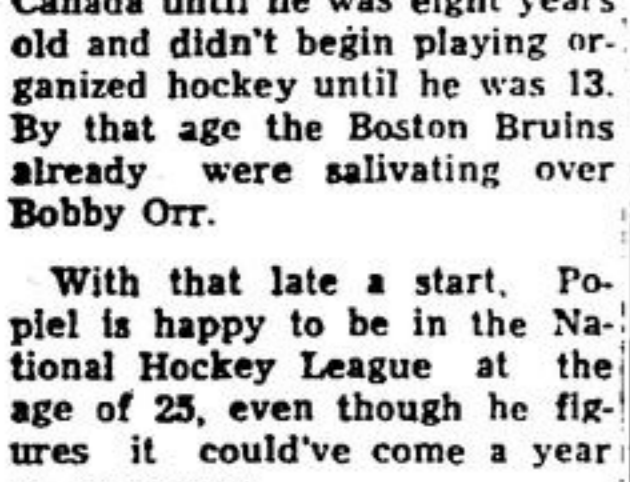
And while he's a quiet type off the ice, he always carried a lot of penalty time — 180 minutes last year in Springfield.

Popiel liked Springfield, particularly because the New England ski areas were only an hour's drive away and Poul who learned to ski in Denmark —

"The club didn't know it — I don't know if they'd have approved. But I love skiing and it gets your mind off hockey for awhile. I think that's why I had a real good second half last season. I felt real good."

Popiel hasn't been skiing yet in Michigan — no opportunity. But Popiel and Gordie Howe, also a skier, were roommates on the last trip and it's a cinch they didn't just talk hockey.

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