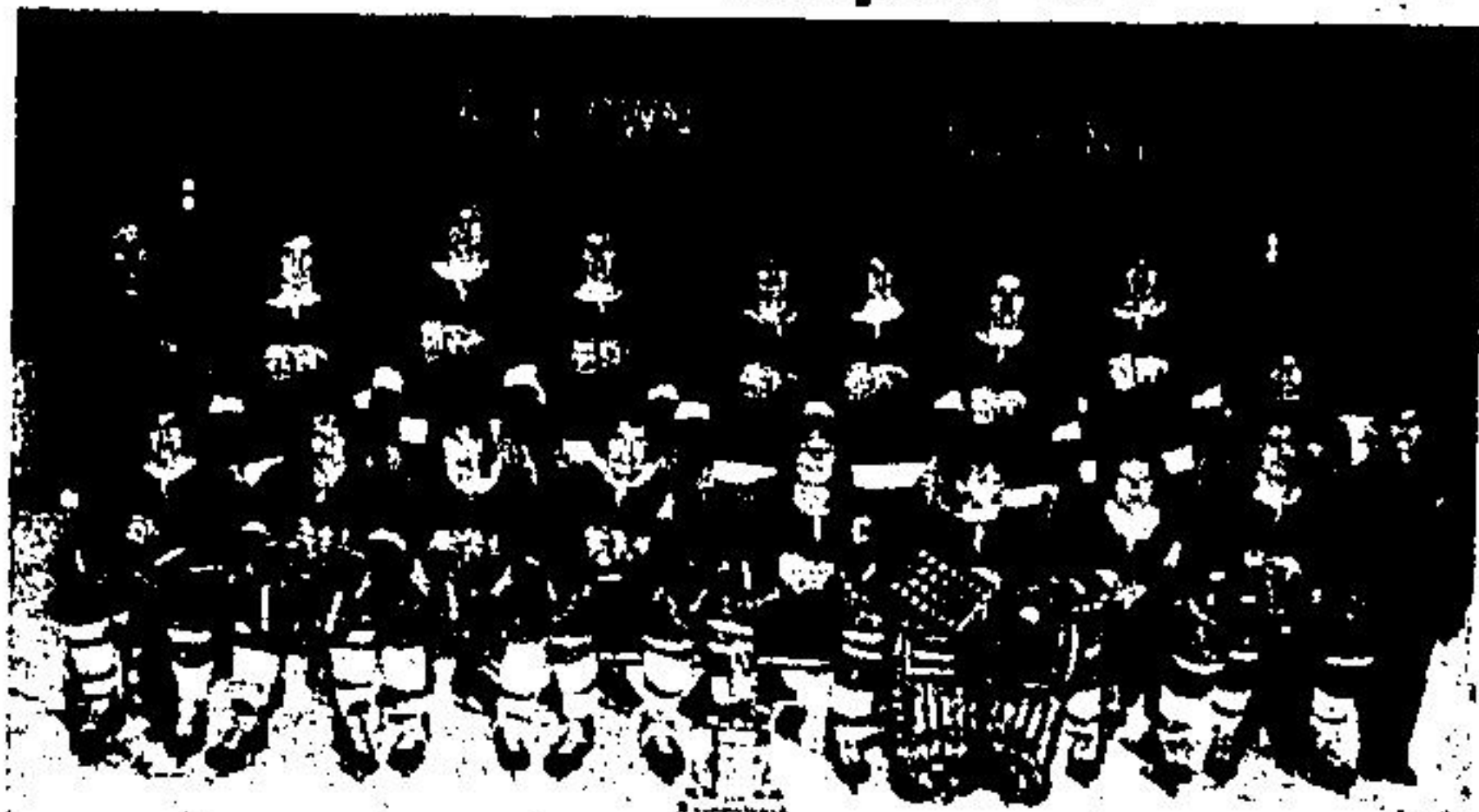


'A' Division Champions 1974



THE TORONTO RED WINGS captured the "A" championship of the 1974 Georgetown Chinguacousy in the championship game to International Bantam Tournament. They, however, ran into stiff opposition against Chinguacousy in the championship game to finish up second.

How to win this tourney

The road to victory is a simple one

Hockey tournaments can turn into very confusing affairs when you are trying to discover just how, why, where and when the team you are following is advancing up the ladder of competition. Many times the master score sheet just adds to the confusion.

The International Bantam Hockey Tournament held in Georgetown is recognized as having one of the best and simplest competition formats in North America. This is a necessity, as over the previous 14 years an average of 40 teams per year have entered from points as distant as the northern United States and northern Ontario. In years past, teams have also been entered from Quebec and the Prairie Provinces and the Georgetown format has always come through with flying colors.

The teams competing are entered in four categories, determined by population size: Class "A" teams from areas with a population of 35,000

or more; Class "B" teams from areas with a population of between 15,000 and 35,000; Class "C" teams from areas with a population of between 5,000 and 15,000 and Class "D" teams from areas with a population of 5,000 or less.

Each team in each division is guaranteed a minimum of two games. The tournament is held on an elimination basis. The teams begin, in their respective divisions, by playing a two-game, total-goal series. This continues until a winner is determined in each division. The winner of "A" division then meets the winner of "C" division and the winner of "B" division meets the winner of "D" division. The winners of these two games then meet in the Grand Championship.

Unlike other tournaments, Georgetown prides itself on the fact that once a team has won its division, regardless of how far it advances, awards are made available both for the team and the individual

players. The Class "A" division winner receives the Rotary Club Trophy; the Class "B" division winner receives the North Halton Sports Trophy; the Class "C" division trophy sponsor has yet to be decided; the Class "D" division winner receives the A&W Trophy.

In addition, the players receive crests, donated by the town of Halton Hills.

The runner-up in the Grand Championship receives the Town of Halton Hills Trophy, while the Grand Champion receives the Georgetown Jaycees Trophy. Players on the runner-up team receive crests, again donated by the town of Halton Hills and the players on the Grand Championship team receive individual trophies donated by the local Kinsmen Club.

In addition to team awards, outstanding players are in line for special recognition. Henry's Clothing donates the Most Valuable Player award, the Georgetown

Referees Association has a trophy for the best goaler and the player judged the "Most Gentlemanly" receives the Red and Jean Asseline Trophy donated by Tyke Hockey.

Our red carpet is out

Six hundred Bantam hockey players will find a warm welcome in Georgetown next week, when the town rolls out the red carpet to the 15th Kinsmen International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Private homes will be opened to young boys from all over Ontario and some nearby states. The Georgetown Kinettes, the women behind the Kinsmen, are organizing and arranging the billeting of about 180 kids a day and transportation to and from the arena for their games. Kinette Donna Diegel, who has been in charge of billeting for the past five years said many people look forward to hosting out-of-town boys for the school break.

"We start off by phoning all the people who put up boys last year," she noted. "We place the boys in pairs and billetees only have to supply breakfast. The kids go off to the arena early in the morning, get lunch and supper at the Legion Hall, and usually don't return home 'til after the last game at night."

She said the nice part of having boys is you can just treat them like your own kids. Sleeping arrangements are the only responsibility of the billetees. If transportation is not possible that too will be arranged by the Kinsmen with the help of other local groups.

Many homes are still needed. If you would like to host some of Canada's future hockey stars, next week, from Friday night to the following Friday night, give Mrs. Diegel a call at 877-3454 and help to make Georgetown's 15th annual Bantam Hockey Tournament the "biggest and best ever."

Past graduates fill NHL, WHA

Future stars shine in this tournament

To be judged successful, even to the point of being prestigious, a hockey tournament must gain recognition. The Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament held this coming week has gained this recognition and prestige. The major news media

centres in Toronto have been providing coverage for years and the governing body of the OMHA has granted the Georgetown tournament its number one rating in the Bantam Division.

The success of the Georgetown tournament is due in the most to the tireless work of men behind the scenes. However, outsiders tend to view the importance of a hockey tournament in terms of the number of players who advance in organized hockey. In this respect, also, the Georgetown tournament is held in high regard.

The NHL sports 20 players who participated in the Georgetown tournament; the WHA features nine players; the AHL and IHL show six graduates on their rosters and many more Georgetown tournament alumni have gone on to star in Junior hockey.

In the NHL, the Detroit Red Wings have Marcel Dionne and Bill Lochead; the Vancouver Canucks have Gary Smith, Chris Odleifson and John Grisdale; the Los Angeles Kings have Gary Edwards and Butch Goring; the New York Rangers have Rick Middleton, Bill Fairbairn and Brad Park; the Montreal Canadiens have Doug Risebrough; the St. Louis Blues have Chuck Lefley; the Toronto Maple Leafs have Darryl Sittler and Tom Martin; Chicago has Dick Redmond; Atlanta has Randy Manery; Kansas City has Bryan Lefley; Philadelphia has Rick MacLeish; California has Joey Johnston and Pittsburgh has Syl Apps.

In the WHA, Vancouver has Mike Pelyk and Ken Murray; Chicago has Jan Popell and Darryl Maggs; San Diego has Brian Morenz; Edmonton has Ron Climie; Toronto has Steve Cuddle and Houston has Mark Howe and Bill Prentice.

The majority of these players have competed from out of area teams, however, Georgetown is proud of the local boys who have continued with their hockey careers after competing in the tournament. They include, Jan Popell of Chicago of the WHA; Ron Fogal, playing for Winston Salem; Neil Korzack, playing for Charlotte; Juri Kudrasova, playing for Toledo. These are the local professionals.

The Junior system also has its contingent of local products. In Junior "A", Mike Forbes with the Junior Canadiens, Ray Love with Gander Newfoundland and Gary McFaden with Hull, Quebec. In Junior "B", Dean Popell, Tom Fenley and Dick Popell with Bramalea Blues; Rick Becker, Rick Miecznic, and George Cousins with Brampton; Vic Woods, Brad Butterworth and Alec Ovenden with Streetsville Derby's and finally, in Junior "C", Brian Beaumont, with the Acton Sabres.

A tremendous amount of hockey talent has participated in the Georgetown tournament and, needless to say, this year's tournament will prove no exception. The future stars are in minor hockey and the Georgetown tournament has always had more than the usual tournament quota.

The Championship Trophy 1974



1974 was the year that Chinguacousy came through in flying colors to capture the overall championship of the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament. Here Ching's captain, Rich Hall, receives the championship trophy from Junior Beaumont.

Most Valuable Player 1974



THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER in the 1974 Georgetown International Bantam Tournament was Rich Hall, captain of the Toronto Red Wings. Here he is presented with the MVP Trophy by Roy "Bungy" Ward. Hall joins a long list of well known names many of whom have made it into the NHL and WHA.