

# Georgetown Bants need support

The hometown entry in the 17th Annual Georgetown International Bantam Tournament will be the DRG Gage Stationery Major Bantams. The Gage Gang, coached by Bill Richmond and Jim McNiven has had a very trying and oft-times frustrating time of it during the 1976-77 season.

Their main problem has stemmed from their failure

to play consistent hockey. When they are on top of their game, they are a very talented squad, but when things don't jell, problems arise.

The Georgetowners finished in last place in their Tri-County League and took part in three tournaments. They were eliminated in the early going in both the Lindsay and Silver Stick Tournament, but hit the high point of their year, when they won a bronze medal at the Hespeler Bantam Tournament. The Gage lads last out to Dundas in the first round of OMHA play and are currently involved in Tri-County playoffs with Oakville.

Team Coach, Jim McNiven feels that his squad has solved many of their early season problems and are just now beginning to hit their stride. "It's been an up and down season," commented McNiven "but I feel that we can do well in the George-



The Georgetown DRG Gage Stationery Major Bantams.

town Tournament, if only the hometown crowd will get behind us."

This has been a problem that other Georgetown entries have run into as well and it's hoped that local hockey buffs will rally round the Gage boys, with loud and prolonged cheering when they take to the ice.

Team members include in goal; Brian Bombolt and Scott Muir. The defence corps includes, Rob Ripley, Glenn Cunningham, John

Lehman, Mark Bingham, and Rick Knight. At the forward positions, Georgetown will feature, Kevin Thompson, Herb Kewley, Steve Robins, Barry Simpson, Brian Simpson, Mike Kitts, Danny Reynolds and Scott Osborne. Two members of the team, Chuck Moffat and Dave Veitch will not be able to compete in the tournament because of injuries. Hal Hulme and Grant Bodnar are the team's trainers.

## Homes for players

Eight hundred bantam hockey players will find a warm welcome to Georgetown this week, when the town rolls out the red carpet for the 17th Annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Private homes will be opened to young boys from all over Ontario and some nearby states. The Georgetown Kinettes, the force behind the Kinsmen, are organizing and arranging the billeting of approximately 180 players a day and transportation to and from the arena for their games. Kinette Donna Diegal, who for five years, was in charge of billeting arrangements, noted that many people look forward to hosting out-of-town boys during the tournament.

People who have billeted boys in previous years are contacted first. The youngsters are billeted in pairs and billetters are only required to supply bed and breakfast. The players head off to the arena, early in the morning, get lunch and supper provided and usually, don't return to their billets until after the last game of the evening.

Many homes, however, are still needed for the visiting players. If you would like to host some of Canada's future professional stars, from Friday night to the following Friday, it is suggested that you get in touch with someone from the Kinsmen Club and help make the 17th Annual Bantam Tournament the biggest and best ever.

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