

# Hockey team reunites after 20 years to reminisce about Swedish trip

It had been 20 years since they conquered the world.

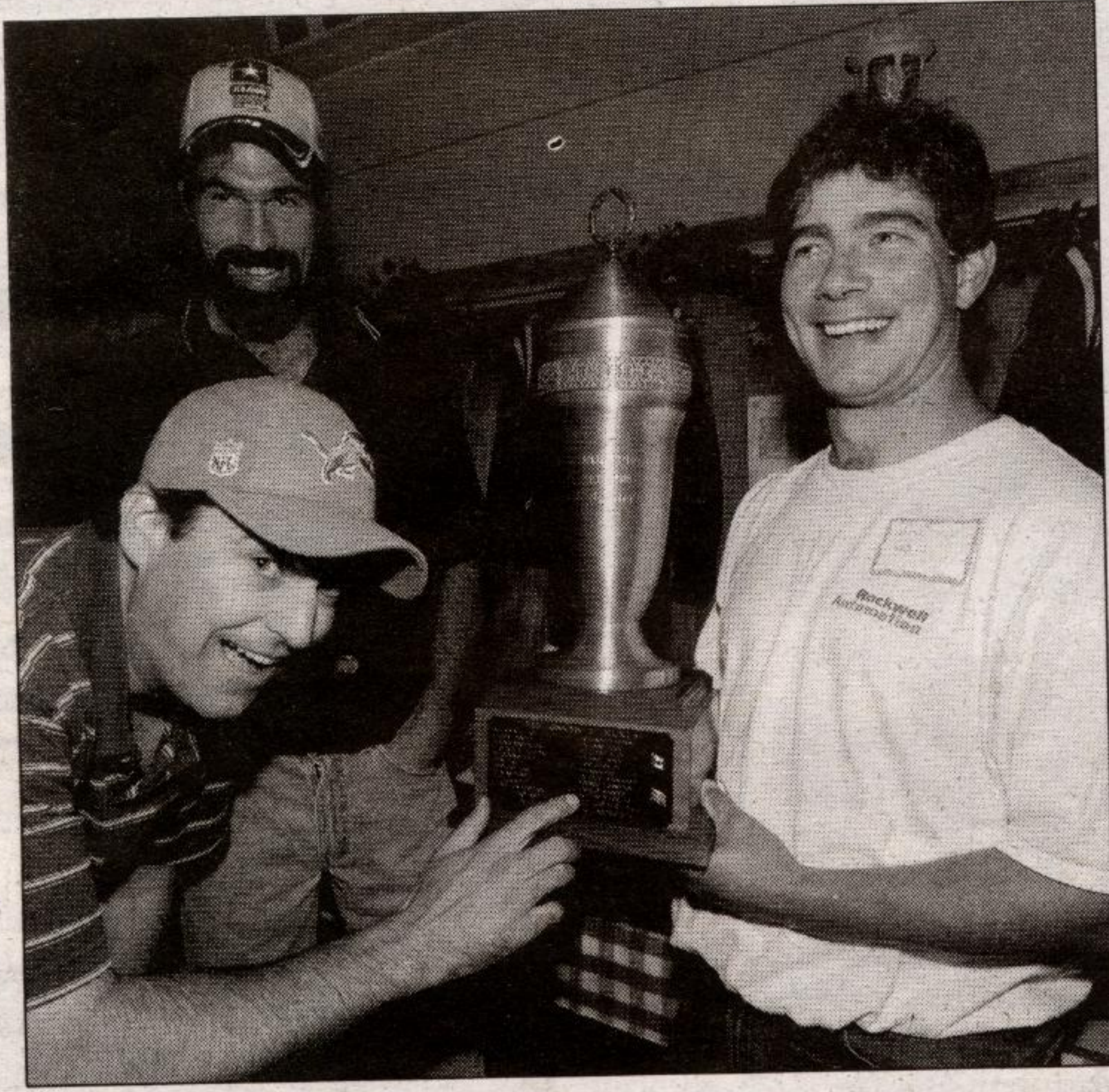
The Georgetown Major Bantams set off for Sweden in 1985 and recently they got back together to not only reminisce about the tournament they won but also catch up since their hockey careers and their lives took them in different directions.

"It was a good bunch of guys but as you get older you drift apart so it was good to see everyone and see how they were doing," said Bill Tutt, who played centre for the Georgetown squad.

"It was a lot of fun," said defenceman Adam Bennett. "And once you get together with them it's like you haven't even been away. Although we all felt we were too young to be celebrating the 20th anniversary of something."

Bennett went on to play in the NHL with Chicago and Edmonton but said the Sweden trip was special because it was his first big trip for hockey. And even in the NHL, he never got the special treatment the players received in Sweden.

"Each guy came back with a different memory that they loved. We played on outdoor rinks and I was fascinated with the hot



Travis Gardiner finds his name on the championship trophy the Georgetown Major Bantams won in 1985 at a tournament in Sweden. Looking on are former teammates Doug Kent and Bill Tutt (holding trophy). The team reunited at the Ballinafad Community Centre to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their trip to Sweden.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

chocolate they served us in the penalty benches. It was almost worth taking a penalty just to get some hot chocolate."

"Just getting to experience the different cultures was a lot of fun," Tutt said. "It was definitely a highlight in my hockey career,"

Bennett said the reunion also had another purpose-giving the players an opportunity to thank the

coaches and parents that undertook a large fundraising task that enabled the players to make the trip.

"As players we got to go along for the ride. The reunion was just as much to say thanks to those people because without them we wouldn't have gone."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



The Georgetown Girls Under-12 Mustangs defeated London 1-0 to win the OSCAR soccer tournament in Oakville. Team members are (front, from left) Danielle Atienza, Amanda Knoepfli, Sheena Glen, Nicole Waters, Jaden Todd, Rebecca Dickinson, (middle, from left) Amanda Larade, Jacqueline Lence, Richele Greenwood, Leslie Hale, (back, from left) coach Richard Greenwood, manager Cathy Larade, Shannon Plant, Melissa Morgan, Daniella Campana, Maggie Darling, Natasha Green and coach Tony Glen.

## U-12 Mustangs edge London to win Oakville soccer tourney

The Georgetown Under-12 Mustangs edged London City 1-0 to record their fourth consecutive shutout and capture the championship at the OSCAR soccer tournament in Oakville.

After several good scoring chances by the Mustangs, Jaden Todd capitalized for what would be the game's only goal. Georgetown continued to push for more but were held off by the London District premier division champions. London City staged a final push of their own but Richele Greenwood turned them away to record her fourth straight shutout.

The Mustangs opened the tournament with a 2-0 victory

over Oakville, the first-place team in the South Region premier division. Nicole Waters capitalized on a first-half penalty kick and Shannon Plant added an insurance marker in the second half.

Waters again opened the scoring for the Mustangs and Daniella Campana also scored as they defeated Ottawa 2-0 and earned a bye to the semifinals.

Ottawa defeated Gloucester to earn a rematch with the Mustangs but Georgetown quickly took advantage of their chance to rest. Amanda Knoepfli scored early in the first half. Before Ottawa could mount a comeback, Waters had added two more to secure a 3-0 victory and a trip to the final.

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