

1933: University of Maryland Dental School “Dents” Baltimore Amateur Hockey League Champs

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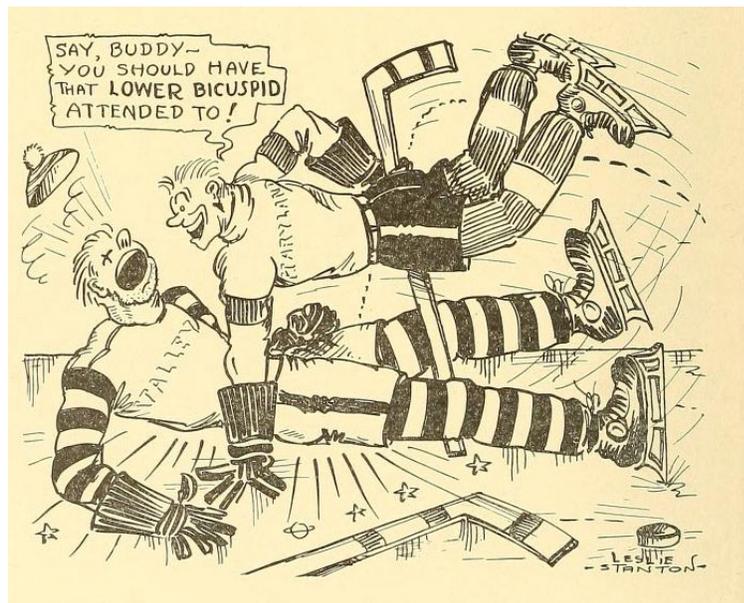
The Stanley Cup Final is heating up with the Las Vegas Golden Knights headed to the Washington Capitals this week. The Capitals are looking to bring the Stanley Cup to the D.C./Maryland area for the first time in their history.

Eighty-five years ago the University of Maryland Dental School’s ice hockey team (the Maryland Dents) made their own history by bringing home the Baltimore Amateur Ice Hockey League championship. While the University of Maryland, Baltimore does not currently have NCAA sports teams, the school has had its share of sports teams in the past. The Maryland Dents, though short lived—they played from 1932 to 1935—enjoyed a whirlwind of success, earning the title in their second year of play.



CHAMPIONS OF THE BALTIMORE AMATEUR ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE, 1932-33

Photograph of the 1933 Baltimore Amateur League Champions from the Mirror Yearbook.



Cartoon from the 1934 Mirror.

Perhaps it was a search for job security that led to the success of the team, after all hockey players tend to need a lot of dental work. More likely, it was the group of students who lead the team, which included players from traditional hockey outlets like New England and Canada. Perhaps the most important player for the Dents was Captain, Fred Cuddy, class of 1935. Cuddy was from Providence, Rhode Island and had played in the Rhode Island Amateur League, Cranston High School and Hebron Academy before attending the University of Maryland. In their championship season, Cuddy lead the league in points. Perhaps not surprisingly after Fred Cuddy graduates

hockey stops appearing in *The Mirror*, the Dental School’s yearbook, as a sport.

While short-lived, Ice Hockey at the University of Maryland, Baltimore was hugely successful and popular. The Dents appeared in the playoffs/championship game three out of four seasons. At the conclusion of the first season a testimonial dinner was given in the team's honor and instilled in all a sense of school spirit.

Want to know more about the Maryland Dents? Check out the following links to *The Mirror*:

1932: <http://www.archive.org/details/mirror1932univ>

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