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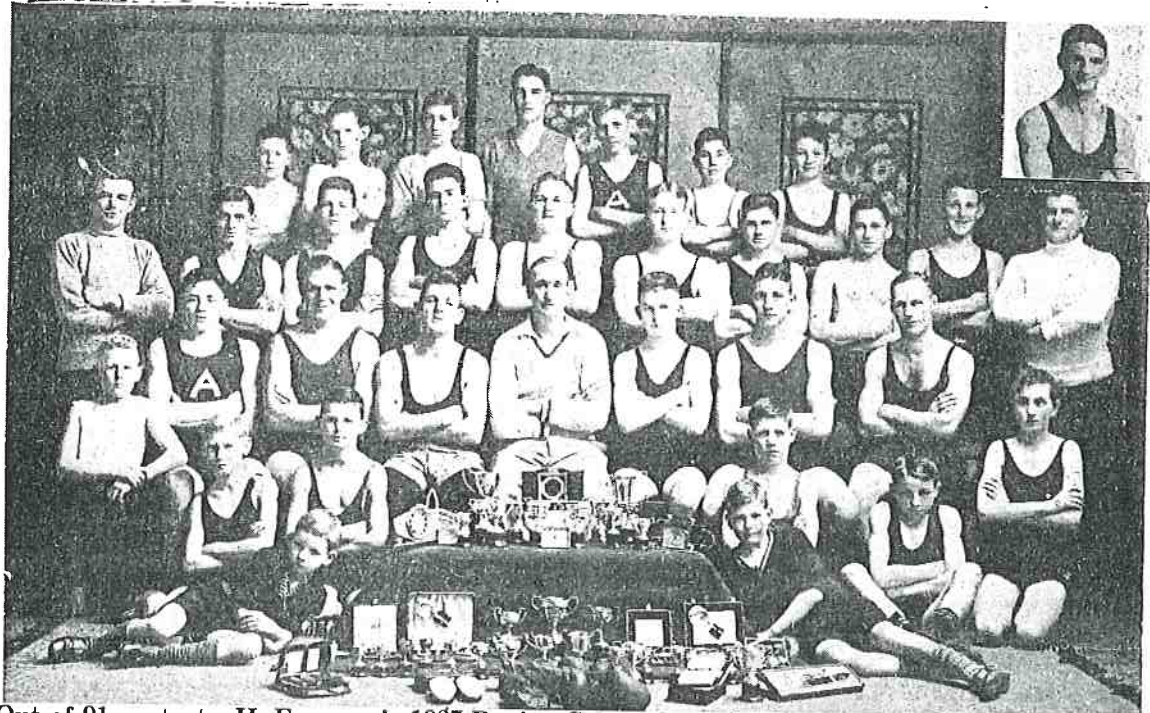
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# DOWN MEMORY LANE



Out of 91 contests, H. Freeman's 1937 Boxing School from Ashburton, took 70 trophies. Back row, from left: A. Brool.s, P. Connolly, J. Robinson, L. Lister, R. Tonks, W. Tonks, F. Hill. Second row; I. McGrath (second), E. Ward, R. Hunt, C. McCandlish, G. Melrose, D. Hanrahan, J. Ward, R. Plunket, C. Horsburgh, R. Hawke (second). Third row: J. Horsburgh, R. Tonks, R. Withell (NZ heavyweight champion), Les. Adams (professional welterweight), H. Freeman (instructor), R. Smith, F. Hill, A. Melrose, R. Vincent. Front row: D. McDougal, I. McDougal, J. McDonnell, T. Tonks, B. McDougal, G. Aldridge. Inset is T. Lister (New Zealand light heavyweight champion).

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