



Midget boys start at the Halton/GHAC cross country championships at Bronte Creek Provincial Park..

## Cross Country: Take One

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PETER MCCUSKER

There were no surprises at the Halton and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Cross Country Championship at Bronte Creek Provincial Park recently as Burlington's Notre Dame Irish and Oakville's Abbey Park Eagles continued their rivalry.

Abbey Park won three divisions and was second in two while Notre Dame captured two. Loyola of Oakville will also send a team to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSSA).

Cameron Shortt of Acton Bearcats won the Halton midget boys title and finished second in GHAC, finishing the 5kms. in 18:25 sending him to Kingston for OFSSA Sat. Nov. 5. He trailed St. Mary's (Ham) runner Anthony Romaniw 17:40:45 and led Ryan Lepine of Notre Dame (Burl) in third. Nicolas Harster of

Academie Meme-Teresa also qualified.

Midget girls saw Oakville Trafalgar's Karina Sils 11:29 lead Loyola's (Oak) Paulina Maher and Julia Friesen of Abbey Park in third. Also qualifying was Alicia Knox of Loyola (Oak). Abbey Park and Notre Dame male and female teams will attend OFSSA. For Milton Jenna Bray was 11, and Georgetown's Christ The King runner Katrina Green 23rd.

In the Jr. men's finish Notre Dame harriers David Arango 22:38.28 and Thomas Faulker ran side by side until the late sprint where Faulker was edged out by his teammate by less than two seconds. In third was Patrick MacKinnon of St. Thomas More. Acton's Matthew Biggs finished second in Halton and fourth GHAC and qualified for OFSSA for his second year. Georgetown's Christ The King run-

ner Sean Bower placed fifth and Milton's favourite Brad Hoy 12th.

Junior girls competition saw Megan Nederveen of St. Mary's (Ham) claim her third undefeated race at Bronte Creek in 15:34.4. Robert Bateman's Wild (Burl) Erin Makins second and Alison Berzins of Notre Dame third. Stephanie Macneill of Iroquois Ridge (Oak) also qualified. Notre Dame and Abbey Park teams to OFSSA. Northern runners of mention are Marie Keenie of Georgetown in 8, and Danielle Clarke of Bishop Reding.

The senior girls were dominated by Rebecca Hallam of St. Jean de Brebeuf (Ham) as Lauren Hockin of Oakville's White Oaks and Melissa Bigg of Acton DHS, running her best ever, qualified. Notre Dame's Alisha Dunn and the French Connection Jennifer Perrault, Beth



Danielle Clarke of Bishop Reding finished 9th. in GHAC jr. girls.

Derouin, Chantal Mayotte and Cleo Beaulieu placed well. Georgetown's Christ The King team was third. The Loyola girls to OFSSA is led by Laura Adamarczuk 9, Jillian Kurtz 12, Emilie Leonard, Jacqueline Difilippo and Andrea Miklavic.

Oakville's Abbey Park runner Danny Frances was alone when he crossed the tape for the senior boys titles, followed by Chris Romaniw of St. Thomas Aquinas (Oak) and Alex Doma of Notre Dame (Burl). James Grice also qualified for OFSSA as an individual. Both Abbey Park and St. Mary's Sr. boys teams will compete at OFSSA.

### Featured athlete: Melissa Bigg

Melissa Bigg of Acton High School captured her best time in the Halton/GHAC cross country championships recently and is running in the provincial championships this weekend in Kingston. The 17-year-old grade 12 student plays on the school volleyball, badminton and soccer teams.

Besides an active school life, Melissa plays on the Erin Mills Eagles rep soccer squad which won the Canadian Championships in Sydney NS. this month. She scored seven goals in that tournament.

Her sports is her hobbies and is an unabashed Toronto Maple Leafs fan. She'll be heading to the USA on a soccer scholarship.

Acton coach "Spike" Adams said "Melissa is a terrific kid. Responsible and that's why she's successful. She also has great family support. Her mother helps out with the team and her parents attend her meets."

### Sports Shorts

By PETER MCCUSKER

Talk about goals. Milton Icehawks shellacked Burlington Cougars Friday night 11-3 at Burlington's Central Arena. Georgetown Raiders were not to be outdone and trounced Bramalea 12-2 Saturday night.

The Icehawks still lead the west division (13-1-1) for 28 points followed by Raiders in second (11-7-1) 24 points. Burlington Cougars inhabit fourth (8-5-1) for 17 points and the Oakville Blades trail the Halton teams in 8th with (6-7-2) and 15 points.

Milton jumped into an early lead in Burlington opening the scoring from Adam DeJong at 1:16, taking a two goal lead at 14:07 from Cody Goloubef before Cougar C. Downey put Cougars on the board just before the minute warning in the opening frame.

Six more were added in the second period and two quick goals midway

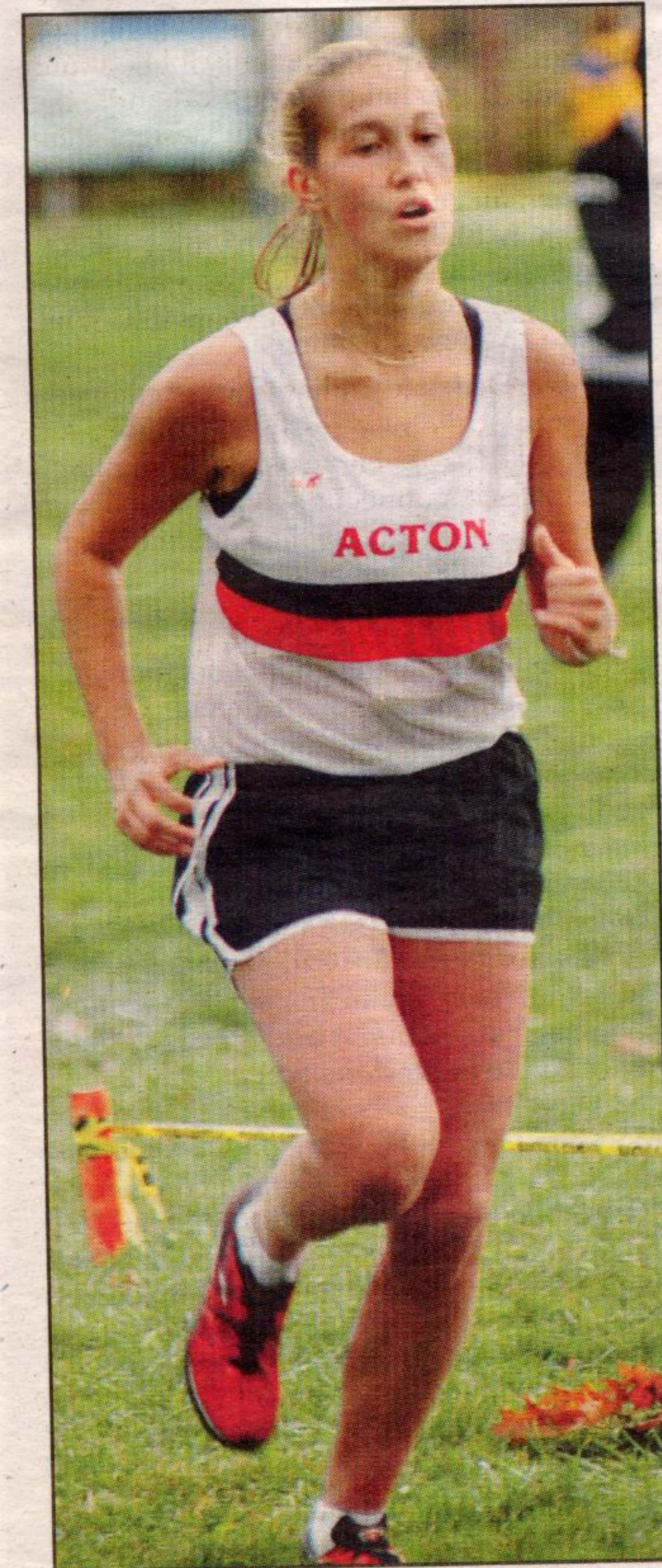
through the third before Downey netted his second of the night for Burl.

Raider Mike Gurtler leads the team with 25 points after a two goal and two assist performance against Bramalea. This places mike 20th in the entire league. Dan Grespan also had a two-goal night. Raiders outshot the opposition 62-21 and also led the sin bid parade with 42 minutes.

The Blades had a 2-2 tie Friday at home and lost to Hamilton 5-2 Saturday.

Upcoming games this weekend finds Hamilton in Burlington, Streetsville in Oakville and Brampton in Milton. Saturday will see the Blades at Mississauga and Streetsville at Georgetown.

In OHL Major A standings, Evan McGrath of Oakville is third in scoring points with 31. He has 14 goals, 17 assists in 13 games with the Kitchener Rangers.



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