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Local runners shine in GHAC cross-country

Mike McGill ran his way into his school's record book.

McGill not only became Christ the King's first Halton champion, he also captured the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) title Tuesday at Churchill Park in Hamilton, a race which served as both the regional and conference championship.

The victory in the junior boys' race qualifies McGill for the provincial high school championship for the second year in a row. McGill will be joined at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) meet, to be held next Saturday in Port Hope, by Georgetown's Sadie McClure, who won both titles in the midget girls' race, Acton's Ashton Roza, who placed third in Halton and fourth in GHAC, and the Georgetown's senior girls team which won the Halton championship and was second in GHAC.



MIKE MCGILL

McGill improved on his third-place finish at Halton last year when he was at Bishop Reding.

"His overall pace is so good," said Christ the King coach Slavko Ray. "Over three kilometres someone might be able to outsprint him at the end but over six kilometres I haven't seen him even need a final kick."

The Grade 11 student won his race by 20 seconds but said, despite moving up an age group, he feels he can improve upon his 50th-place result at OFSAA by as much as 20 spots.

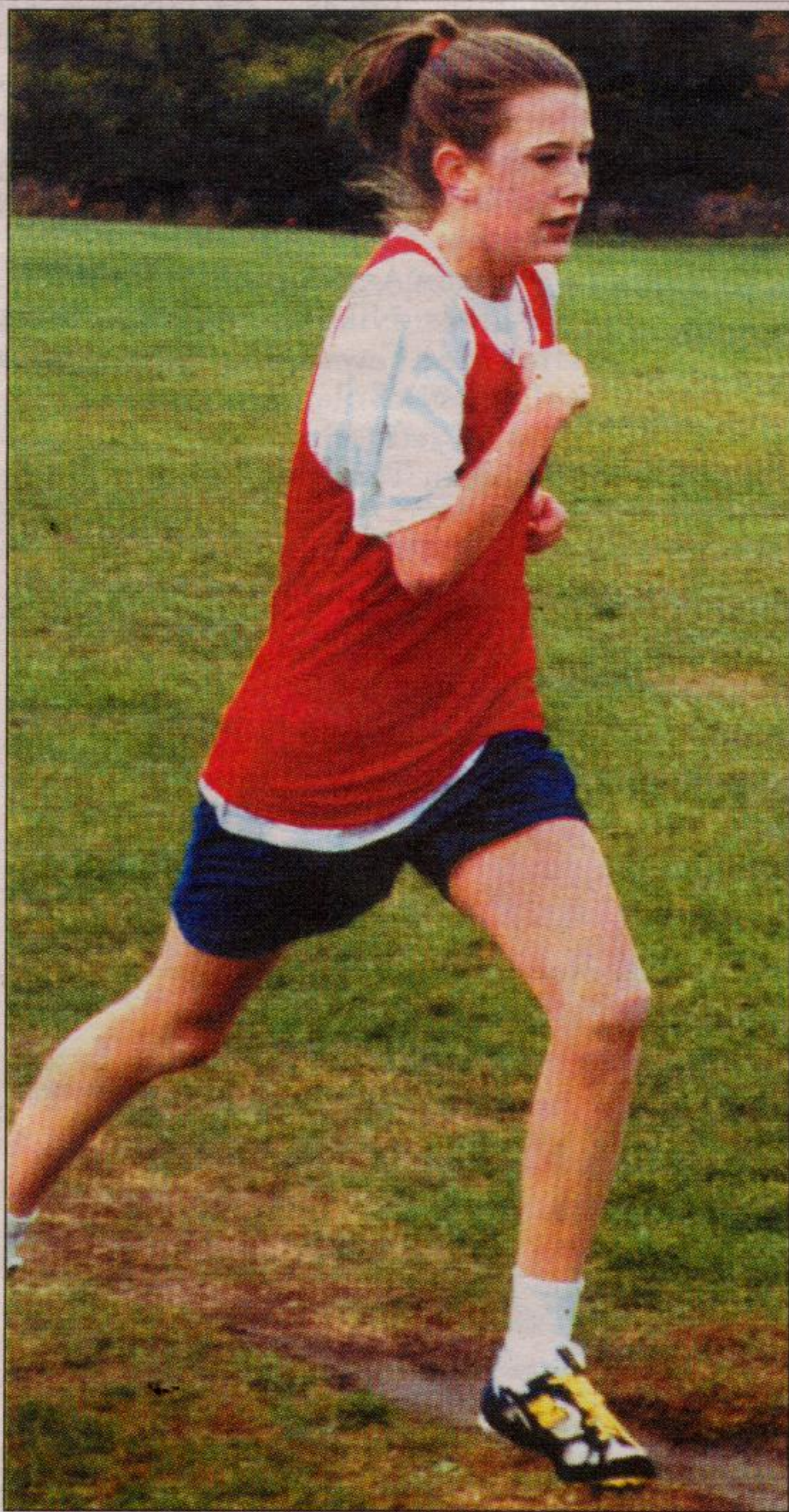
"Last year I got off to a bad start. I have to get closer to the front at the beginning of the race."

McClure became Georgetown's first Halton/GHAC cross-country champion in three years. The Grade 9 student easily outdistanced the field by about 200 metres.

"I paced myself really well," said McClure, who has been running cross-country since she was in Grade 3. "When I got to the top of the last hill (with about 500 metres left), I was a little bit surprised there was nobody close to me because I still had a little bit left."

"We had big hopes for her after a fifth and fourth-place finish at the invitationals, with runners from outside the region," said Rebels coach Shirley White. "It's still always a pleasant surprise when you see your runner emerge from the trees first."

The Rebels senior girls team qualified for OFSAA for the second year in a row, although last year an eligibility ruling prevented them from participating. This time, led by Jenny



Sadie McClure, of Georgetown, sets the pace in the GHAC midget girls' cross-country race in Hamilton. Submitted photo

Adams' seventh-place finish, the Rebels will be there. Joining Adams will be Arla Latto Hall who was 11th and Natalie Terry, who was 16th. Liana Wright (25th) and Betsy Bond (30th) round out the team while Claire Latto-Hall (48th) will serve as the alternate. Terry, Wright, Bond and Claire Latto-Hall are all junior runners who moved up to the senior division to help the team qualify.

Acton's Melissa Bigg just missed out on going to OFSAA. The top three runners from a non-qualifying team advance. Bigg finished fourth in GHAC but surprisingly none of the top three runners were from qualifying teams. That left Bigg as an alternate.

Three local teams also just missed out on advancing. Roza led the Acton midget boys team to a third-place finish. The team also included Sanford Mick (21st); John Derochie (26th) and Shawn Walker (57th).

The Georgetown senior boys team placed third, led by Scott Korzack who will be an OFSAA alternate after finishing 12th. Other team members were Richard Boyce (15th), Chris Henderson (16th), James Pilkington (22nd) and Dave Hyde (38th).

Christ the King's midget girls team of Terri Doell, Kayla Gonchar, Allison Stacy, Natalie Stacy and Miko Uy were also third.

Rep hockey roundup Late goal sparks Raiders

Derek Kessel's goal with 50 seconds to play lifted the Georgetown Minor Atom Raiders to a 3-2 victory over Brampton. Kessel followed that up with a five-point night in a 7-3 win over Guelph that extended the Raiders' unbeaten streak to four games.

The Raiders then extended their unbeaten streak to five game with a convincing 9-1 win over Orangeville.

Georgetown 3, Brampton 2: Kessel (2G, 1A); Tyler Nieuwendyk (G); Brendan Krivec (2A); Dylan Auty, Nolan Lutes, Tyler Shippel (A).

Georgetown 7, Guelph 3: Kessel (3G, 2A); Auty (1G, 1A); Ryan Hunter, Kyle Speers, Andrew Smith (G), Lutes, Shippel (2A) Dustin Hanzelka (A).

Georgetown 9, Orangeville 1: Jordan Dance (2G, 1A); Andrew Smith (1G, 1A); Ryan Hunter, Tyler Shippel (1G) Brendan Krivec (2G 1A), Thomas Pottruff (1G 1A), Tyler Nieuwendyk (1G 1A), Kyle Kutlesa (3A), Nolan Lutes (3A), Matthew Muirhead (1A).

Midget AE Raiders

Highlight: Goalies Dan Cammick and Janson Gunn earn MVP honours as the Raiders make it to the final of the Toronto Avalanche Thanksgiving Tournament.

Georgetown 4, Toronto 2; Georgetown 4, Oshawa 0; Georgetown 8, New Jersey 1; Schomberg 2, Georgetown 1; Semifinal: Georgetown 3, Toronto 1; Final: Schomberg 5, Georgetown 1:

Mike Zelek (7G, 4A); Aaron Kirk (1G, 5A); Lanny Detoro (2G, 3A); Ryan Fines, Justin Worby (1G, 4A), Alex Ingangaro (3G); Greg Kapitan, Matt Chisholme (2G, 1A); Jordon Jacobs (3A); Chris Laroque (3A); David Bryce, Ryan Clost (1G, 1A); Chad Neville, Dan Cammick (2A); Eric McClure (1A); Janson Gunn (SO).

Caledon 4, Georgetown 2: Zelek, Fines (G); Jacobs (A).

Georgetown 4, Flamborough 2: Worby (2G), Laroque (1G, 1A), Chisholme (G), Neville, David Bryce, Matt Brassard, Ingangaro (A).

Major Bantam

AE Raiders

Highlight: Brady Gingras scores twice as the Raiders down Arthur.

Arthur 5, Georgetown 3: Mike Clost, Brady Gingras, Andrew Cannell (G); Putnam (2A), Peter Bailey, Matt Davies, Lee Thomson (A).

Georgetown 6, Orangeville 2: Gingras (2G, 1A); Cannell, Kyle Bolton (1G, 2A); Dan Rankin, Thomson (1G, 1A); Clost (2A); Ryan Peacock, Davies, Billy Chapman (A); Darren Moorecroft (W).

Burlington 6, Georgetown 1: Clost (G); Gingras (A).

Georgetown 2, Erin 2: Lee Thomson, Ryan Putnam (G); Matt Davies, Rob Chrzaszcz (A).

Georgetown 5, Acton 1: Cannell (2G, 1A); Clost (1G, 1A); Rankin, Ben O'Leary (G); Putnam, Bolton, Thomson (A); Curtis Sargent (W).

Minor Bantam Raiders

Highlight: Craig Syme's three-point game paces a 6-2 win over Orangeville.

Georgetown 6, Orangeville 2: Syme (2G, 1A); Reid Parker, Jordan Thompson, Kyle Lockwood (1G, 1A); Michael Gillham (G); Michael Black, Michael Weber (A); Garrett Mott (W).

Ron Wilkins Thanksgiving Tournament in Burlington:

Tecumseh 7, Georgetown 4; Georgetown 2, Ancaster 0; Burlington 3, Georgetown 0: Jesse Modzelewski, Weber (2G); Parker (1G, 1A); Syme (G); Byron Hackett (2A); Lockwood, Nic Grasby, Black (A); Mott (SO).

Major Bantam Raiders

Highlight: The Raiders earn a 3-3 tie with Guelph.

Georgetown 3, Guelph 3: Brett Maltby, Mike Drake, Mitch Thompson (G), Chris Paonessa, Byron Hackett, Adam Castle, Justin Bolton (A).

Orangeville 5, Georgetown 2: Ryan Robertson, Drake (G); Mike Clost, Thompson, Castle (A).

Guelph 7, Georgetown 5: Castle, Simon Deering (2G); Jordan MacKinnon (1G, 1A); Drake (A).

Caledon 3, Georgetown 1: Maltby (G); Paonessa, Patrick Black (A).

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