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Rob Sgarbossa of the Georgetown Raiders battles his way to the net while Milton goalie Alex Evans snares a shot in Tuesday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game won 7-2 by Georgetown.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Raiders climb into second with romp over Merchants

This time last year Shane Remenda was trying to convince the Milton Merchants that he deserved more ice time. Now the Merchants wish he was getting even less.

The Georgetown Raider winger had a four-point night to help sink his former team 7-2 Tuesday night.

"I wasn't too happy there," Remenda said. "I felt there was no respect for me."

The Raiders welcomed Remenda last January and he instantly proved his value with five goals and 11 points in nine games. This season, the 20-year-old is making his final year of junior hockey one to remember. He has 20 goals in 20 games (six in his last four) and with 38 points is just under a 100-point pace.

Remenda aside, there was no shortage of motivation for the Raiders.

Raider assistant Peter Mavroudis was a member of the Brampton Capital coaching staff that moved over to Milton this year. The Raiders' newest assistant, Jeff Currer, jumped from the Merchants to the Raiders this week.

Throw in the fact second place was on the line in the Provincial Jr. A League's West Conference and all the elements for a classic battle were in place.

"That's a club that's up there (in the standings). They're a good hockey team and that was a good challenge for us," said Raider coach Bill Purcell.

The Merchants came into the game with the best goals against in the conference but the Raiders took a 2-0 lead into the third before exploding for five goals. The Raiders are finding that lowering their own goals against is also paying dividends. After allowing 55 goals in their first 13 games (a 4.23 average), Georgetown has surrendered only

Provincial Jr. A Hockey League									
Western Conference									
	GP	W	L	T	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
Hamilton	21	18	2	1	0	125	73	37	
Georgetown	20	13	3	2	2	122	74	30	
Milton	19	13	5	1	0	95	59	27	
Burlington	19	12	5	2	0	103	80	26	
Oakville	22	12	9	1	0	94	97	25	
Mississauga	19	11	6	1	1	78	66	24	
Streetsville	21	5	13	0	3	82	124	13	
Buffalo	20	4	12	1	3	64	85	12	
Bramalea	20	6	14	0	0	69	118	12	
Brampton	19	5	13	1	0	88	125	11	

19 in its last seven matches for a 2.71 average. Not surprisingly, they are 6-1-0 in those games.

Reliable goaltending from Daniel Bellissimo, who stopped 23 shots against Milton, and David Wilson as well as improved defensive zone coverage under Purcell have been the biggest differences.

Still, the Raiders know a loss in Friday's rematch would take the shine off Tuesday's win.

"We talked about it before the game, we knew this was a huge game and we rose to the occasion," Remenda said. "But if you go in and one game goes each way, why bother? Everything's exactly same way as when you started."

RAIDER RAP: The Raiders are selling last year's game sweaters for \$40. Anyone wanting to buy one should go to the trainer's room either before or after Saturday's game....The Raiders play in Milton tonight (Friday) and host Streetsville Saturday at 7:30 p.m....Brent Hughes extended his scoring streak to six games. He has 12 goals in that span....Ryan Busby had a goal and three assists. Also scoring Tuesday were T.J. Manastersky, Kyle Aitken and Ryan Angelow....Former Raider Mike Knoepfli scored twice in Cornell's 3-1 win over Ohio State. It was the sophomore's first two-goal for the Big Red, who are ranked eighth nationally.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

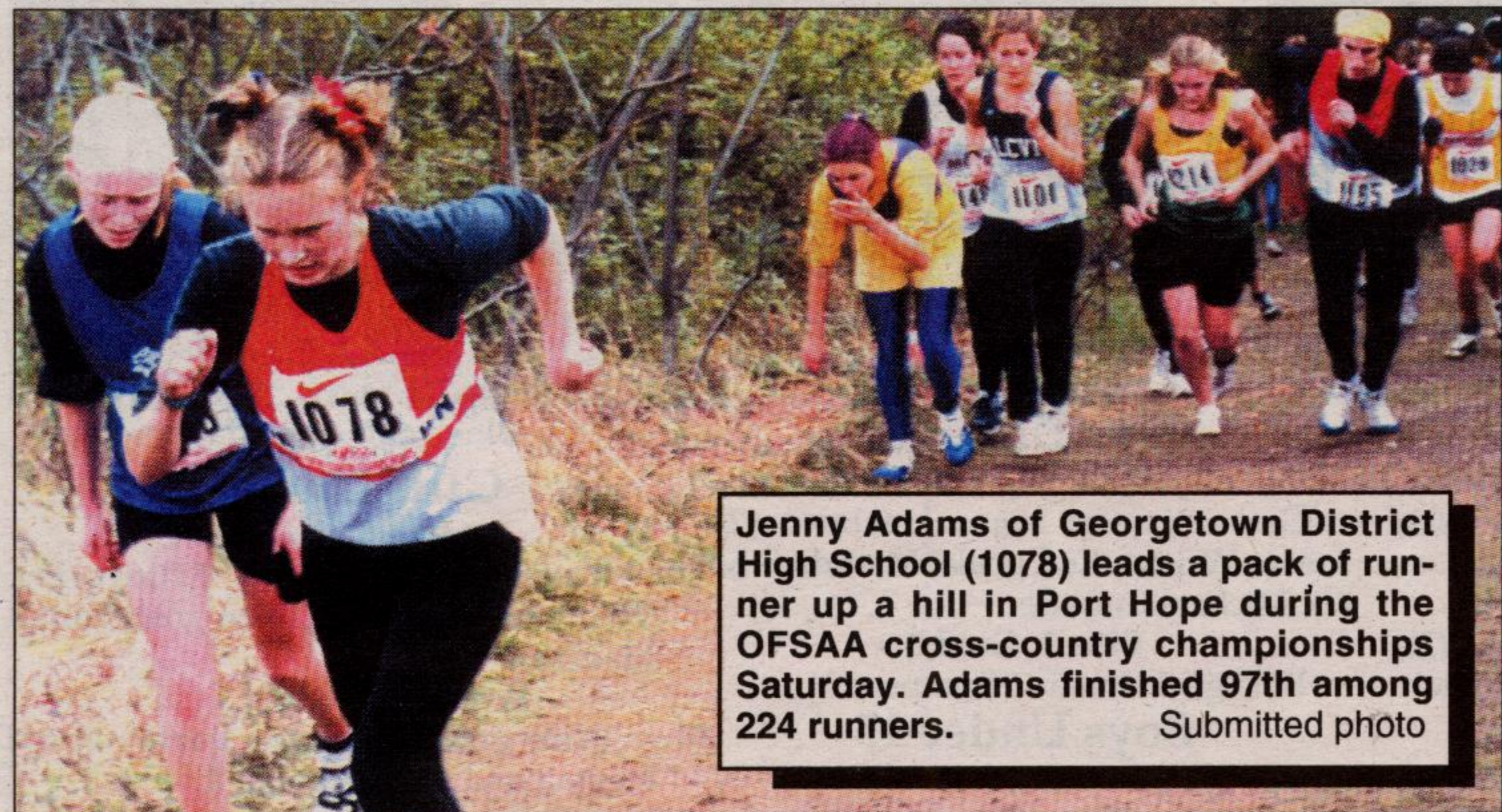
At OFSAA cross-country McClure tops among local runners

Sadie McClure turned in the top finish among local runners at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) Cross-Country championship.

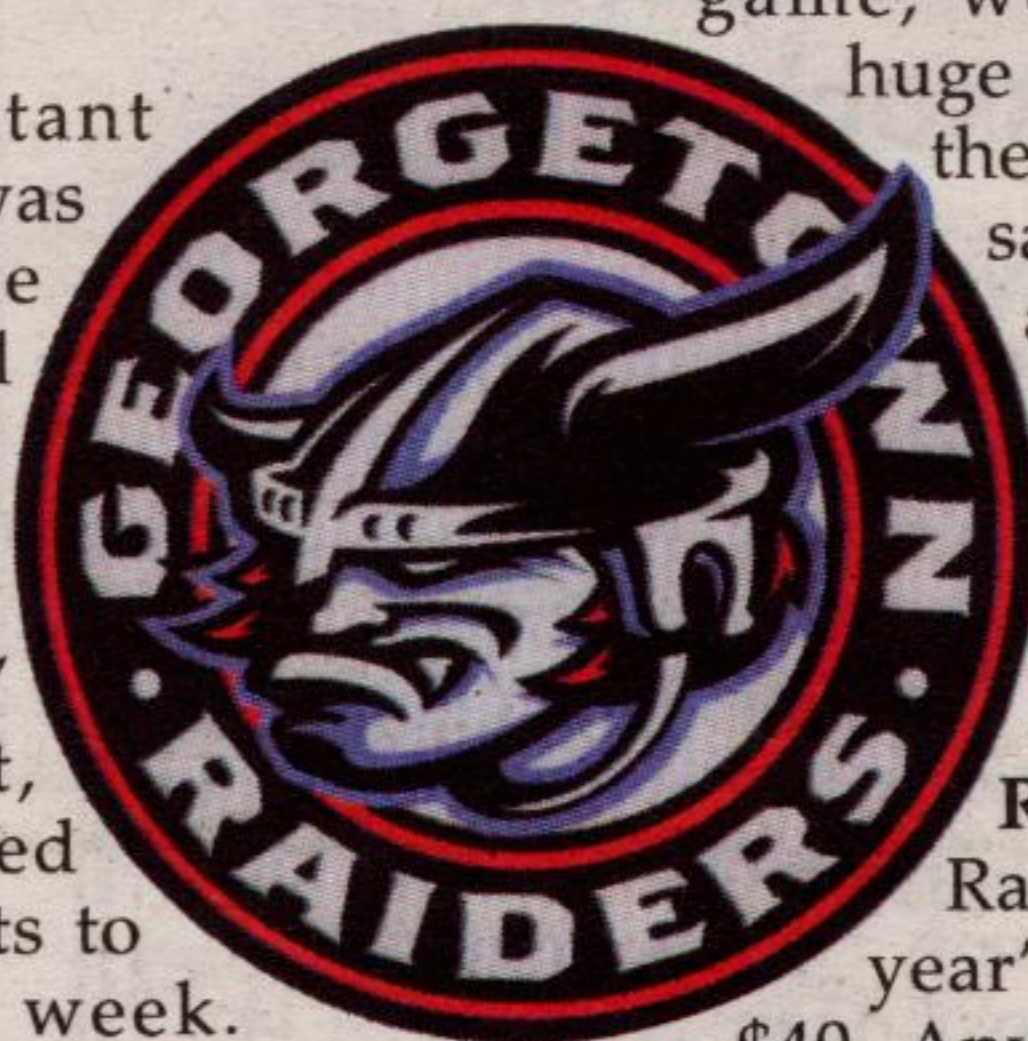
The Grade 9 student at Georgetown District High School finished 27th among 226 midget girls division runners at Saturday's provincial high school meet in Port Hope.

Christ the King's Mike McGill placed 63rd out of 228 in the junior boys event while Acton's Ashton Roza was 90th in the midget boys field of 218.

The Georgetown senior girls team placed 24th out of 35 teams, led by Jenny Adams who placed 97th. Natalie Terry was 133rd and Arla Latto Hall was 137th. A total of 224 runners competed.



Jenny Adams of Georgetown District High School (1078) leads a pack of runner up a hill in Port Hope during the OFSAA cross-country championships Saturday. Adams finished 97th among 224 runners. Submitted photo



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