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High school roundup Bigg effort not enough for Cats

Melissa Bigg scored 16 points but the Acton Bearcats came up on the short end of a 55-37 decision against Iroquois Ridge in Halton junior girls basketball Wednesday.

Nicole Gilbert had seven points and Kaitlyn Andrews contributed four.

A fourth-quarter rally by the Bearcats in their previous game came up just short in a 33-25 loss to Georgetown. Bigg again led the Bearcats with 17 points while Gilbert and Sara Doolan each had three.

The Bearcats lost another close

game, 39-35 to Holy Trinity. Bigg had 22 points and Vicky Cosulich and Amy De La Franier each had three.

The Georgetown Rebels won their second in a row, downing the Christ the King Jaguars 28-21 Monday. Sherelle Sheppard led the Rebels with 12 points while Joanna Meltzer and Bobbi Forbes each had five. Melissa Sabatini paced the Jags with eight points while Britney McDonald had five.

In senior girls basketball, St. Thomas Aquinas defeated the Georgetown Rebels 57-21 Wednesday. Adrienne Thompson led the Rebels with eight points.

Christ the King's Miko Uy (right) and Oakville-Trafalgar's Barbara Kaars Sijpesteijn fight for control of the ball in Monday's Halton senior girls' field hockey game. Oakville-Trafalgar won 8-0.

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Acton duo race to win

An Acton duo led Armbro Approach to the winner's circle in Monday's Gold Final at Mohawk Racetrack.

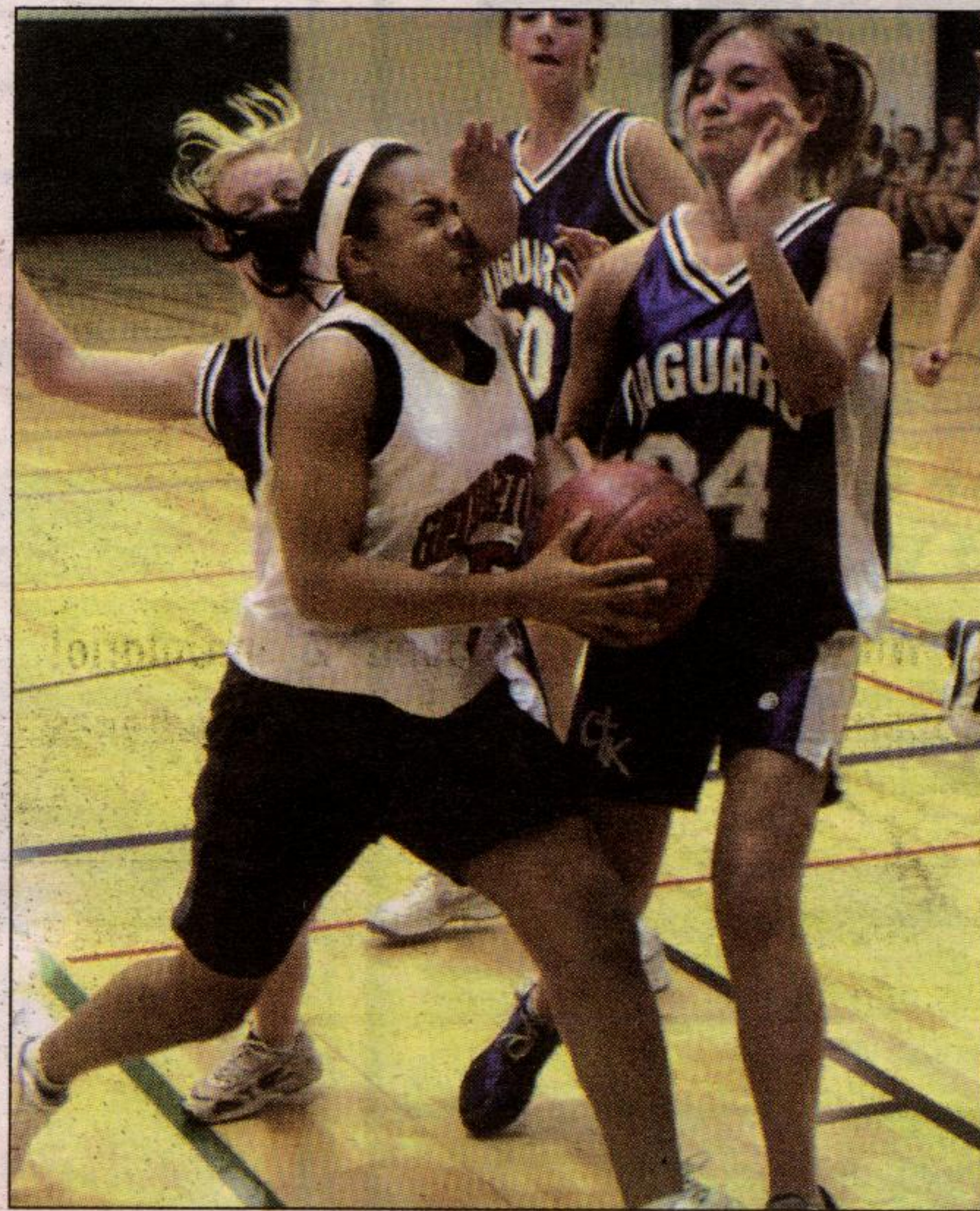
Trainer Geoff Maltby and driver Trevor Ritchie helped Armbro Approach earn \$130,000 in Monday's victory for three-year-old trotting colts.

Armbro Approach sat third through much of the mile. Heading around the final turn Ritchie sent Armbro Approach after the leader and the fan favourite took command of the race and fought off a determined challenge from Achieved Victory to win in 1:55.3.

"At the head of the lane it looked to me like he was going to get beat," Maltby said, who trains the colt for the Jeff Miller Stable of Haviland, "but as soon as he saw that other horse coming he put his head down and went right at it."

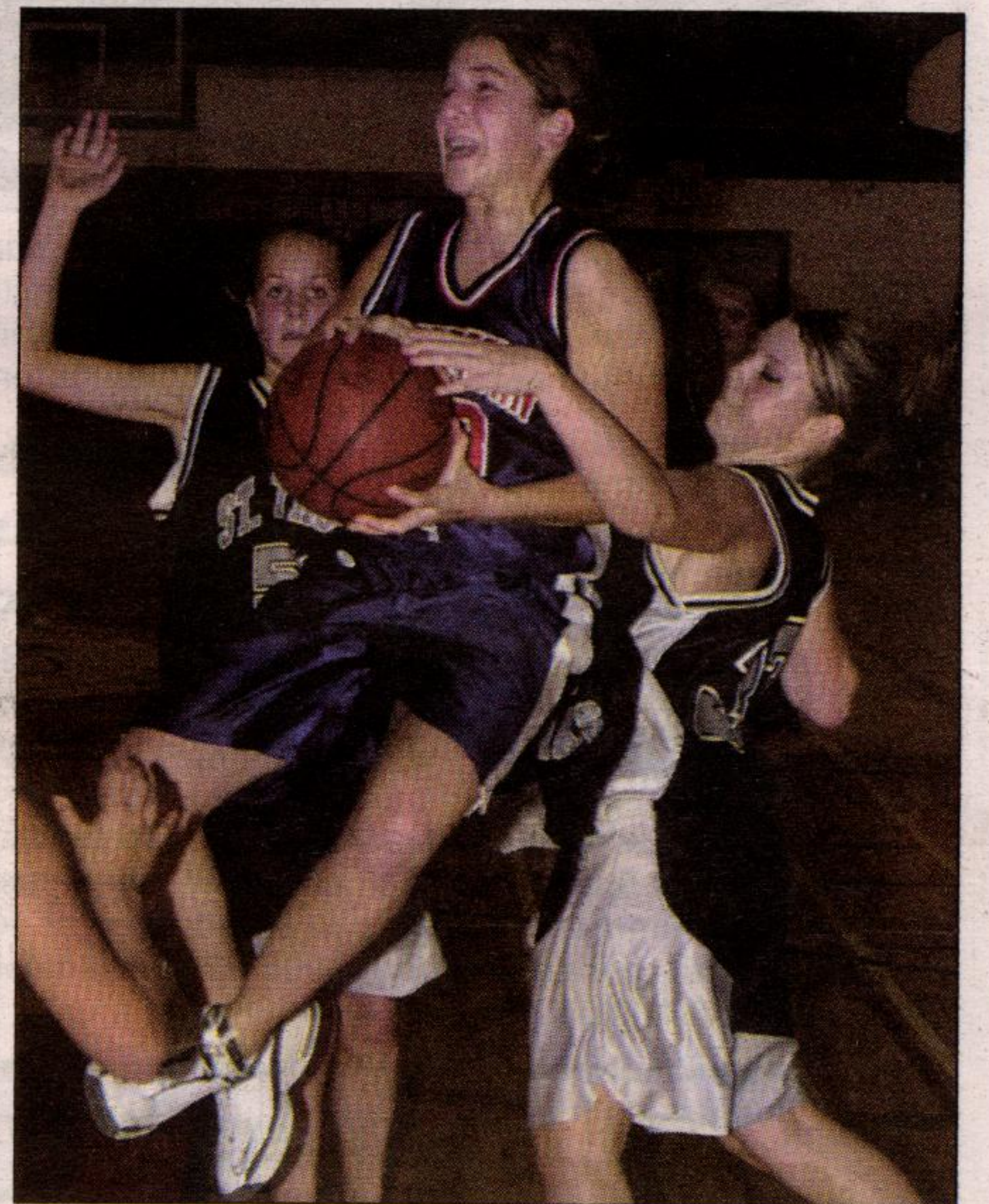
The win boosted Armbro Approach's 2003 record to four wins, three seconds and two thirds in 13 starts and elevated his career earnings to \$218,440.

Heading into the last regular season Gold Series event, Maltby is hoping Armbro Approach remains healthy and can compete at Rideau Carleton Raceway on Oct. 16 and 23. The colt has a perfect score of 100 points from his elimination and Final victories at Mohawk, but to start in the \$300,000 Super Final on Nov. 8, contestants are required to have at least two starts in Gold Elimination action.



Georgetown's Keisha Powell gets a non-helping hand from Christ the King's Jordan Hutson while Casey Ferguson (34) also blocks her path to the basket in Monday's Halton senior girls basketball game. Cristy Nurse scored nine points for the Georgetown, who won 37-20. Kasia Sitarz had 10 points for Christ the King.

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Joanna Meltzer of the Georgetown Rebels runs into some opposition on her way to the hoop in Wednesday's Halton junior girls basketball game. St. Thomas Aquinas topped the Rebels 43-36. Bobbi Forbes had 10 points for the Rebels and Sherelle Sheppard added eight.

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