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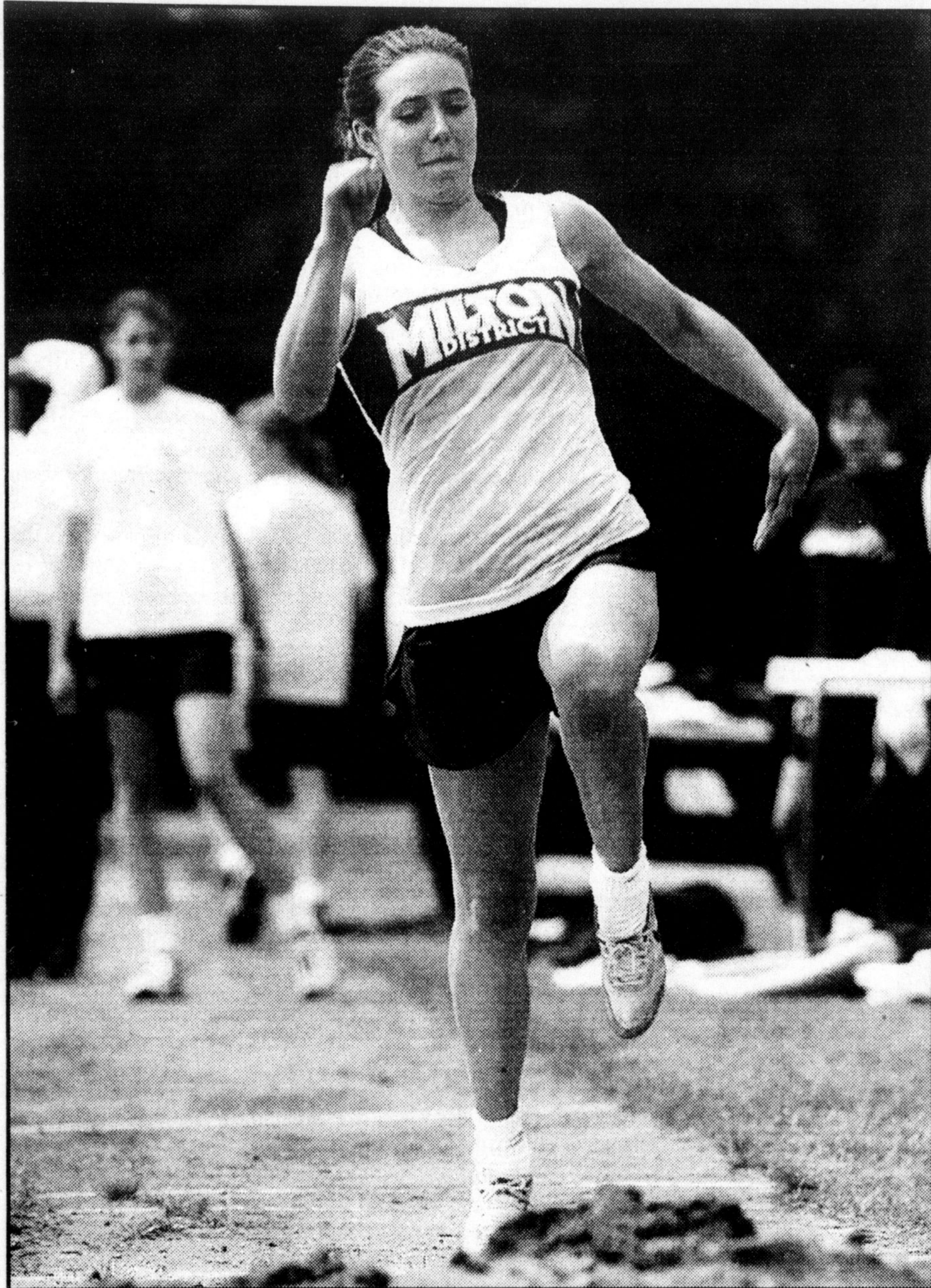


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Touchdown

Milton District High School's Showna Turner puts her all into a leap at the Halton Track and Field Championships. See story on page 24.

Coach tears into Mavs for effort despite the win

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

On a night when they should have stood head and shoulders above the competition, the Jr. B Mavericks ended up feeling about two inches tall.

Not so much from the final outcome at Georgetown's Alcott Arena Sunday but because of the post-game tirade they endured from head coach Jim Leworthy.

Milton's bench boss tore a strip off his players for what he felt was a non-existent effort and an embarrassing performance.

Out-hustled throughout the last two periods, the Mavericks escaped town with a 6-4 win over the mediocre Bulldogs, who were missing number one gun Peter Veltman.

"We were a joke tonight," shouted Leworthy, following a 15-minute scream session behind closed doors. "These guys might as well not even have shown up."

While the veteran skipper could have easily blamed a whistle-happy referee who killed any kind of momentum on the night, he instead focused on his team's lack of desire and discipline.

Leworthy was especially critical of captain Andrew Hartholt — usually the most composed Maverick — for taking five penalties and getting tossed early in the third when the game was still up for grabs.

The one bright spot on the night, besides Milton improving to 5-1 and remaining atop the Ontario Lacrosse Association's West Conference, was the continued strong play of sophomore goaltender Kevin Eansor.

The 17-year-old Oakville native turned aside 27 shots while surrendering just one goal in the first two periods before rookie Mike DeBoer got some much needed work in the third.

"I worked on my passing and stickhandling more over the winter and came into camp with a lot more confidence," said Eansor, who sports a 7.50 goals-against average (which, for novice lacrosse fans, is quite impressive).

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JIM LEWORTHY

it's easier for me to play well when they're playing well."

Milton was highly ineffective on special teams play Sunday. They scored just once on a dozen powerplay opportunities and were beaten by a couple of short-handed goals.

The first of these was potted by Bulldog sophomore Scott Young, who added two more in the third to throw a late scare into Milton.

Shawn Thompson scored Georgetown's other goal while replacement tender Ken Larsen stood tall over the final 40 minutes to keep the hometown boys within striking distance.

Leading the way for Milton with two goals and an assist was Cory Leigh. Hartholt, Graham Darling, Jimmy Leworthy Jr. and Darryl Brown chipped in singles.

Veteran defensive specialist Craig Hedley was involved in a car accident on the way to Sunday's game and was unable to compete. Luckily he suffered no serious injuries as a result of the crash.

Maverick notes: Goalie Andrew Dowdell has just one game left on a four-game suspension while Billy Byron is halfway through an eight-game suspension that goes back to last season ... Hartholt and Leigh are both on six-game scoring streaks, with Leigh posting multi-goal outputs in every contest so far ... The Mavericks begin a home-and-home series with the winless Brantford Posse tonight (Friday) at Tonelli Arena. Game time is 8 p.m.

Lucky Lecky catches defence looking

Ryan Lecky saved the best for last. The 10-year-old novice lacrosse player waited until the tail end of Monday's home opener to spoil the shutout bid of the overpowering Guelph Regals.

He did so with arguably the best-looking tally of the night. With just over three minutes remaining he undressed the last two defenders and beat cager Patrick Wallace with an over-the-shoulder blast.

Maverick teammate Michael Sullivan came

awfully close to cracking the goose egg two minutes earlier but rang one off the left post.

Lecky's goal marked the only blemish for the visitors, who utilized their seemingly bottomless well of speed and stick-handling ability to win 9-1.

Milton netminder Patrick Brisebois faced an onslaught in the hour-long contest and turned aside at least half of the Regals' shots.

He was particularly effective in the middle stanza, holding Guelph to two goals. His

biggest defensive supporter was Eric Taylor.

Leading the hit parade for the visitors was Andrew Marcoux, who lit the lamp five times and added three assists while Shea Kerwin contributed a hat-trick and a single helper.

Daryl Brinke, Cole Madansky and Ashley Rutz showed plenty of hustle up front for the hometown Koski Glass-sponsored crew. Missing were Alex Berndt and Mac Fillman.

The novice Mavs' next home game is May 21 at Tonelli Arena against Acton at 7:30 p.m.

Bowling season starts outdoors

The Milton Lawn Bowling Club is open for another summer.

The Commercial Street facility offers special events for corporate functions, social groups and neighbourhood gatherings.

Free lessons are being offered this month while a singles day will be held next Sunday, May 24 starting at 1:30 p.m.

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