

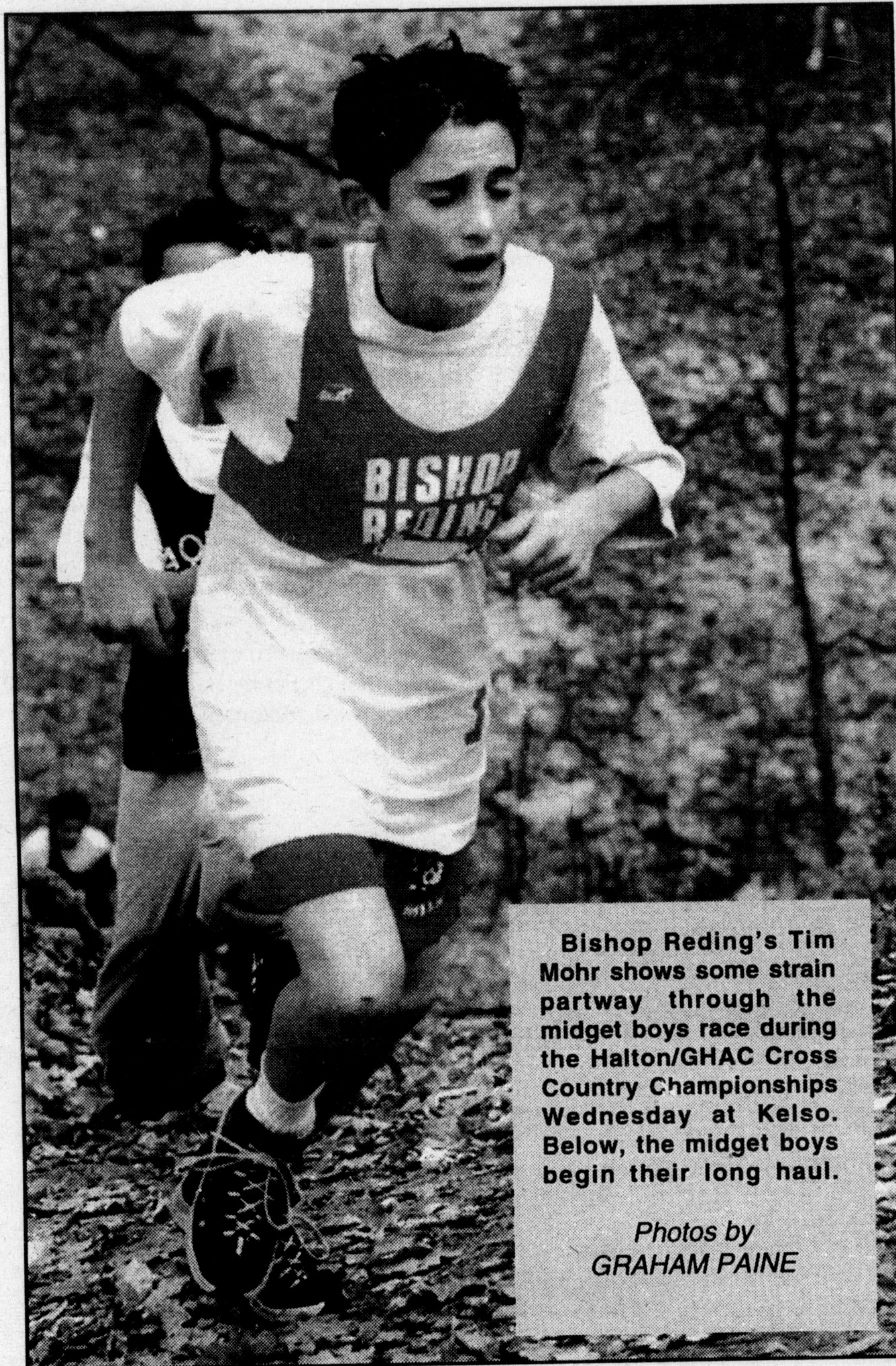


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## ✓ Reding's Doell goes the distance for victory



Bishop Reding's Tim Mohr shows some strain partway through the midget boys race during the Halton/GHAC Cross Country Championships Wednesday at Kelso. Below, the midget boys begin their long haul.

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*The Champion*

Michelle Doell is back in the winner's circle. The Bishop Reding 10th grader — a regional champion in three track and field events last spring — raced to victory at the combined Halton/GHAC Cross Country Championships Wednesday.

Amid the picturesque surroundings of Kelso Conservation Area, Doell turned back each and every challenger in the junior girls division.

She completed the 4,245 metre course in a blistering 17:39, finishing more than half-a-minute ahead of Oakville Trafalgar's Jennie Green.

The up-and-coming star runner was her school's lone qualifier for OFSAA, which will be held next Saturday (November 6) at Etobicoke Centennial Park.

Six Milton athletes in total — all females — advanced to the provincial finals.

The only other individual qualifier was E.C. Drury High's Melissa Logue — who took a wrong turn on

the 3,000m midget girls course last fall but this time around stayed on path to finish fourth in 12:16.

She was less than a minute behind the winner and a mere four seconds off a top three placing.

Meanwhile, Milton District High would not be denied representation at provincials either. Their senior girls took a strong second and qualified as a team.

Leading the way was Chrissie Henderson, who tamed the 4,639m course in 20:37 for 11th spot. Melanie Casson came 18th while Rebecca Meltzer and Lee Carson were neck and neck — placing 26th and 27th respectively.

Drury's Fiona Silcock took sixth spot in 20:14 — but narrowly missed qualifying as an individual. Also edged out of an OFSAA berth was BR's Candace Nogueira, who placed ninth in the midget girls race with a time of 13:13.

Among male runners from Milton, BR's Tim Mohr was the top finisher. He was 16th among the midget boys with a time of 18:59 on the 4,639m course.

Schoolmates John McDougall and Scott Birnie were 21st and 22nd in the senior boys race — which featured a course of 7,094m.

## October supremacy goes missing for Jr. Merchants

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October has taken a frightening turn for Marty Williamson.

His Merchant teams have always done exceptionally well through the first full month of the season. However, this year's edition is currently struggling just to keep their heads above water.

They've lost four times so far this month — twice as many as during the previous three Octobers combined. Since September's 6-0 showing, the club's offensive output has tapered off significantly and made them look rather mediocre.

"We just can't bury anything," said Williamson.

But Milton's skipper was much more concerned with a lack of team play in their latest defeat at Streetsville's Vic Johnston Arena Tuesday.

The Merchants exhibited little cohesion over the course of the evening and absolutely none in the final few minutes — when they suffered a complete collapse on the way to being humbled 7-4.

It was their first regulation loss

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this year and (including overtime) second in five nights to the Derbys.

"They were all too individualistic out there," fumed Williamson, who went as far as to question whether personnel changes were in order. "Nobody wanted to play together or back each other up."

About the only positive part of their game was a 3-for-4 showing with the man-advantage — which was somewhat surprising for their first game without suspended scoring leader and powerplay point man Phil Barski.

Ryan Carrigan, James Coleman and Rob Martin made deposits while their team had the extra attacker before Ryan Eby notched his seventh season goal late in the middle stanza to put the visitors ahead for a third time.

Milton would hold this lead until the last four minutes of play, when

they had their biggest breakdown of the year and allowed four goals in 3:23.

Larry Moniz — who traded some extra curricular stick work with defenceman Chris Kerr in the recent home-and-home series — delivered the game winner on a cross-ice redirect while Eric Burling sealed the deal by going upstairs on Luc Lamothe.

The Derbys added insult to injury with an easy empty netter in the dying moments of the game.

Again, Terry Lenyk was between the pipes for Streetsville. Moniz and Jimmy Tudor each tallied twice. The Derbys not only came out on top on the score sheet but also in terms of shots on net and overall physical play.

Meanwhile, Milton sank further into their rut leading up to tonight's clash with second place Georgetown. With neither club currently playing up to their capabilities and each side missing one top performer — Barski for the Merchants and number one goalie Jeff Hladysh for the Raiders — the highly anticipated showdown has already lost some of its luster.



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