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**MD juniors dominate playoff clash**



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Milton District High's Greg Van Es is hauled down by a pair of Burlington Central defenders in junior football playoff action Wednesday.

• from **MUSTANGS** on page 24 and reversals to keep the visitors' defense guessing.

Burlington Central trailed 20-0 at the half but showed a lot of heart down the stretch in continually fighting for yards. However, they just didn't have the speed or game-breaking player to make any kind

of a rally. During the second and third quarters they found some holes for initial gains, but couldn't carry it through and kept turning the ball over on downs.

MD — now 4-2 on the season — will now battle the White Oaks Wildcats in the semifinals next Thursday, October 11 in Oakville. Game time is 2 p.m.

**Mustang hoopsters remain atop division with big win**

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

*The Champion*

The Mustangs' senior lady cagers wrapped up their cross-town conquest by blasting Bishop Reding 52-17 Tuesday.

Milton District had a rather slow start, but was otherwise impressive in the win — which pushed their league record to 6-1 and kept them tied for first place in Halton Region's Richardson Division.

"It was a good game to work out some of the kinks," said coach Martha Gleeson.

Fresh from a consolation championship victory at Niagara's A.N. Myer Tournament Saturday, MD was especially effective at outside shooting — with standout performances in this area delivered by co-captains Anne Gleeson and Jen McManus.

They combined for three field goals and a handful of other baskets from just inside the perimeter. McManus — whose offensive contributions have been much more consistent this season — was the top scorer on the afternoon with 14 points, includ-

ing nine in the second quarter.

Jessica Simpson collected a dozen points while Sharalee Dempster, arguably the team's top two-way player overall this year, chipped in 10.

Meanwhile, Anna Gori led the way for Bishop Reding with six points. Her team — while clearly overmatched — actually moved the ball well and for the most part didn't panic once they fell behind.

Amy Prisiak and Jaclyn Hunt showed strongly for the Royals, who remain in the playoff picture with a record of 4-5.

MD, who held their local rivals to just a single basket in the first and final quarters, was still running for a top two finish and an opening round by heading into yesterday afternoon's game at 6-1 Nelson.

With 6-1 M.M. Robinson now minus their top star, the 'Stangs still stand a chance of avoiding a dreaded round three crossover battle with highly ranked St. Thomas Aquinas and making it to the regional finals.

They close out regular season play at Burlington's Lester B. Pearson Tuesday.

**Keeping hope alive**

Bishop Reding's junior girls basketball team kept their playoff hopes alive by outlasting the Mustangs 31-21 Tuesday.

They gave up some ground in the final quarter but were dominant until then in winning for the third time in eight games.

Meredith Murphy enjoyed the lion's share of the scoring pie with a dozen points while teammate Nicole Gooding had seven.

MD couldn't get any first half scoring from anyone other than Laura Thistle — who finished with seven points — which severely stifled their bid to upset the visiting Royals. Mustang Veronica Vijay drained four foul shots down the stretch to make the final tally a little more respectable.

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