

Local equestrian sits fifth in series

Miltonian Heather Manbert-Serniuk recently made her greatest leap in quest of a top-five finish on the Jump Canada Series.

The 34-year-old show jumper delivered a sensational second-place performance and collected 42.9 points at the September 24 Tournament of Champions in Ottawa.

As a result, she and trusty mount Just Julia — a nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare — overtook Frankie Chesler and Hanastasia for fifth spot in the season standings.

However, Chesler remains the overall leader with another

horse, 11-year-old Hannoverian mare Ravenna Z. She also sits second with 12-year-old bay Holstein gelding Sylver 2.

Chesler's first and second place horses boast 183.2 and 151.2 points respectively.

Meanwhile, Manbert-Serniuk's 113.55 points still give her an outside shot at placing top three on the 16-event tour. Assuming that is, she enjoys a strong showing at the series-ending Audi Quattro "World Cup" November 8th at Toronto's Royal Horse Show.

'Hawks win twice

Milton's AA minor bantams opened regular season play by taking two very different paths toward the same destination — namely, the winner's circle.

The Halton Lift Truck Winterhawks got rolling with an offensive juggernaut that allowed them to pummel host Orangeville 7-0.

Mark Galick and Robbie Wilson stood out with two goals and one assist apiece while also tallying twice was Matt Freckleton.

Contributing a goal and an assist was Nole Coutrouzas

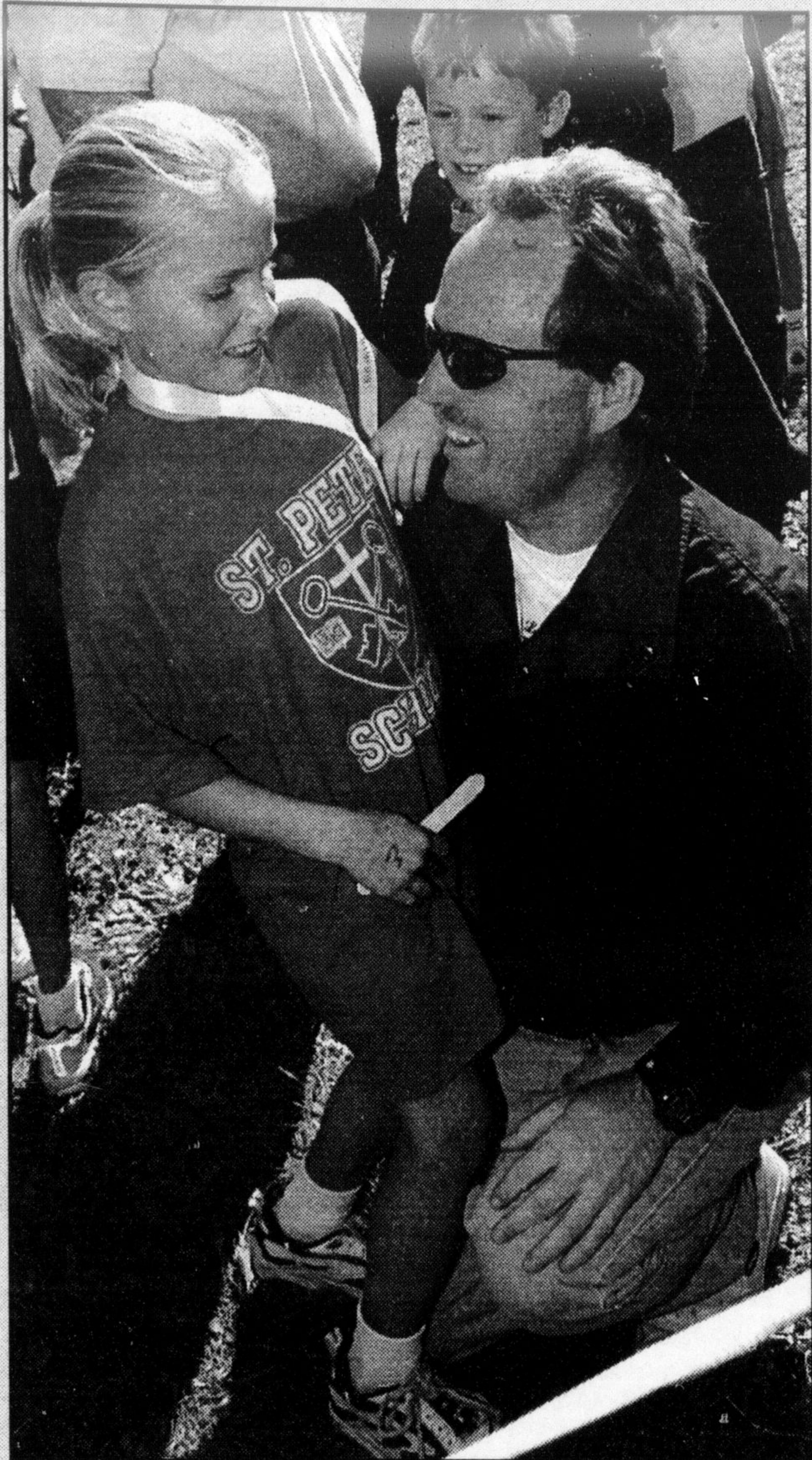
while chipping in with a pair of helpers was Matt Reed.

Troy Squance was rock-solid in net to earn the shutout.

The following night at Memorial Arena, Milton needed a late scoring surge to out-distance Flamborough 5-3.

Kyle Strong sparked the club by potting a couple of goals and delivering a robust two-way effort while also lighting the lamp were Wilson, Steve Ellison and Nathan Keith.

Putting his mark on the comeback with two assists was Grant Taylor.



On the run

St. Peter's School student Danielle Clarke gets a congratulatory hug from father Dave for her bronze medal during the Halton Catholic District School Board's Cross Country Meet at Burlington's Bronte Creek September 30. Meanwhile, a couple of runners make their way along the course. For event results, see Friday's Champion.

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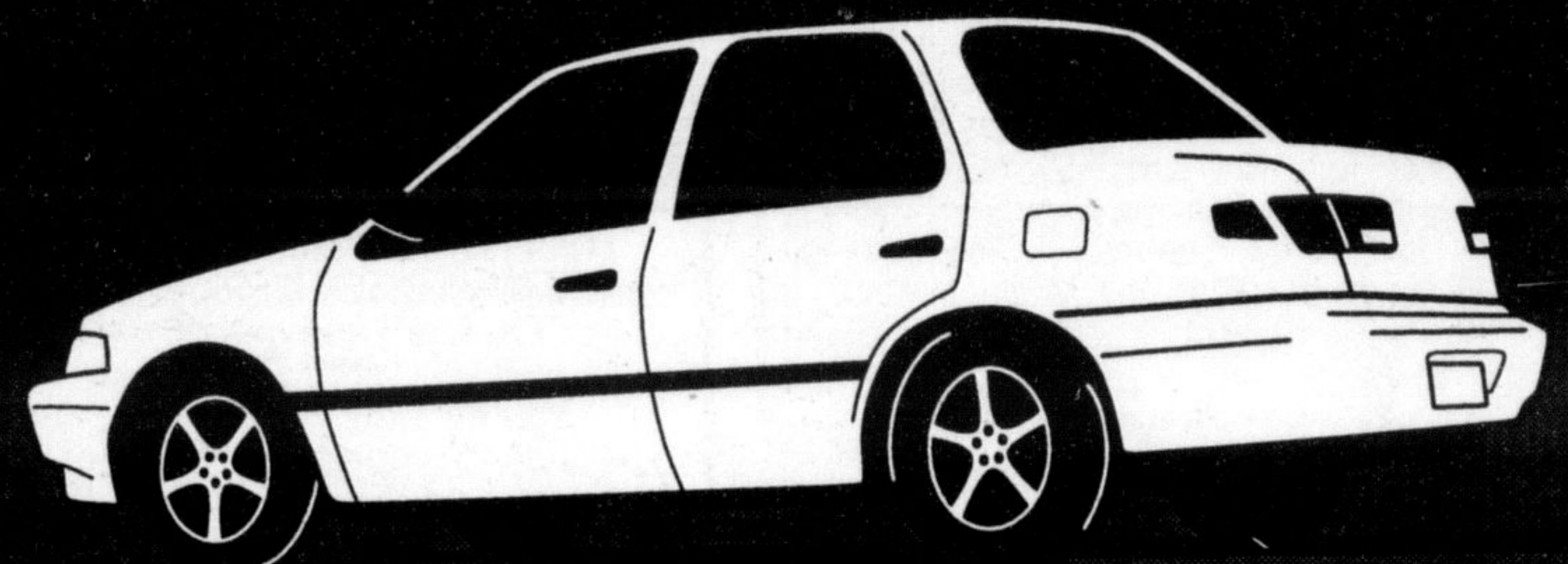
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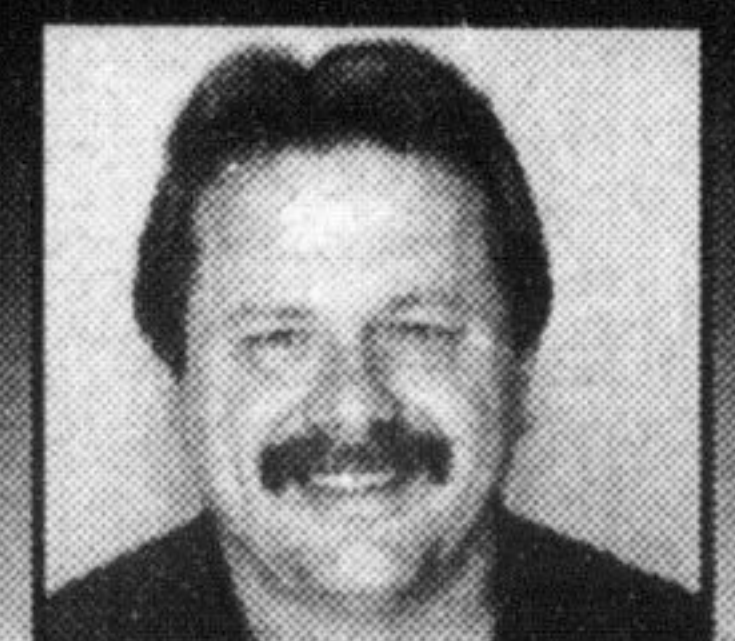
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