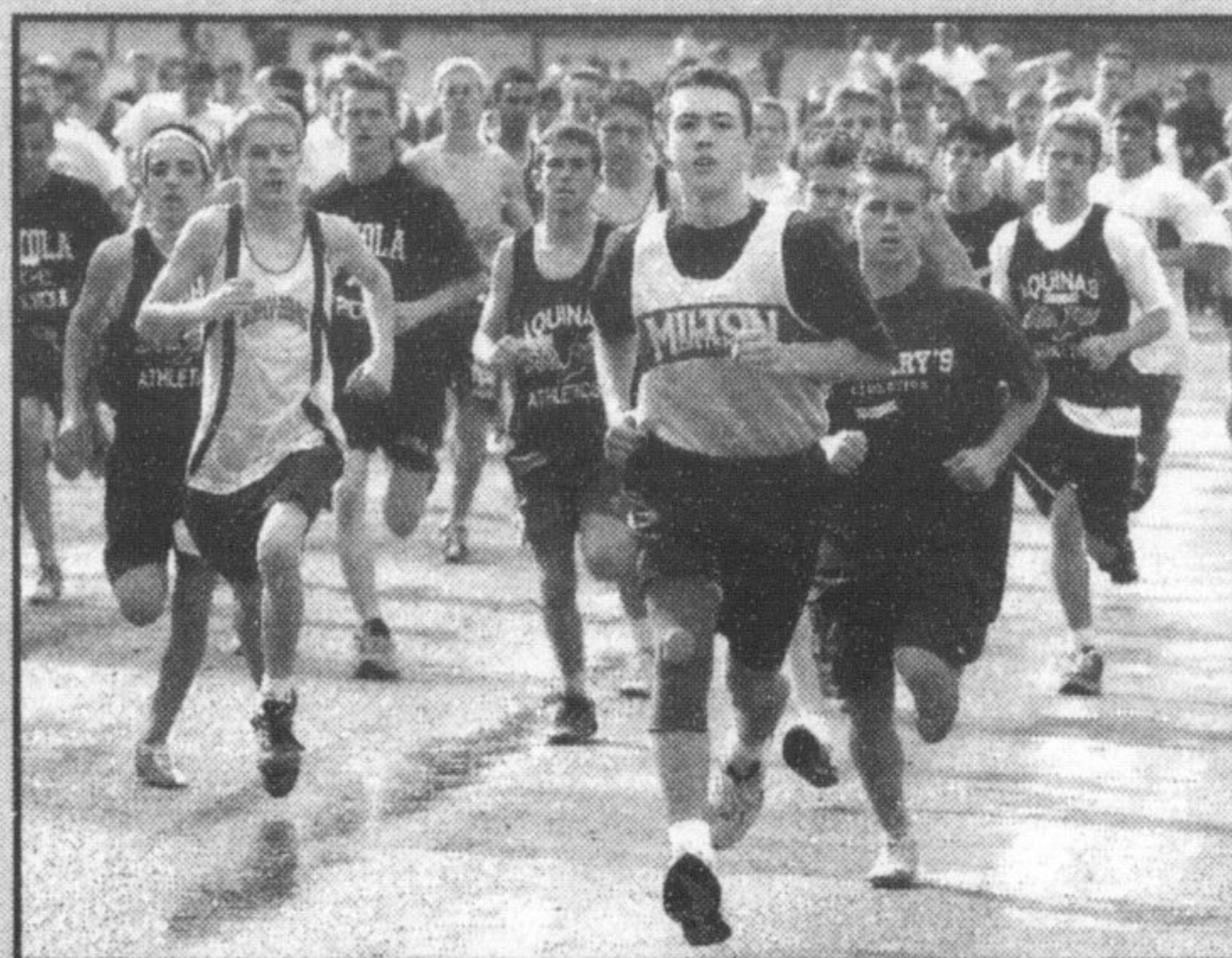
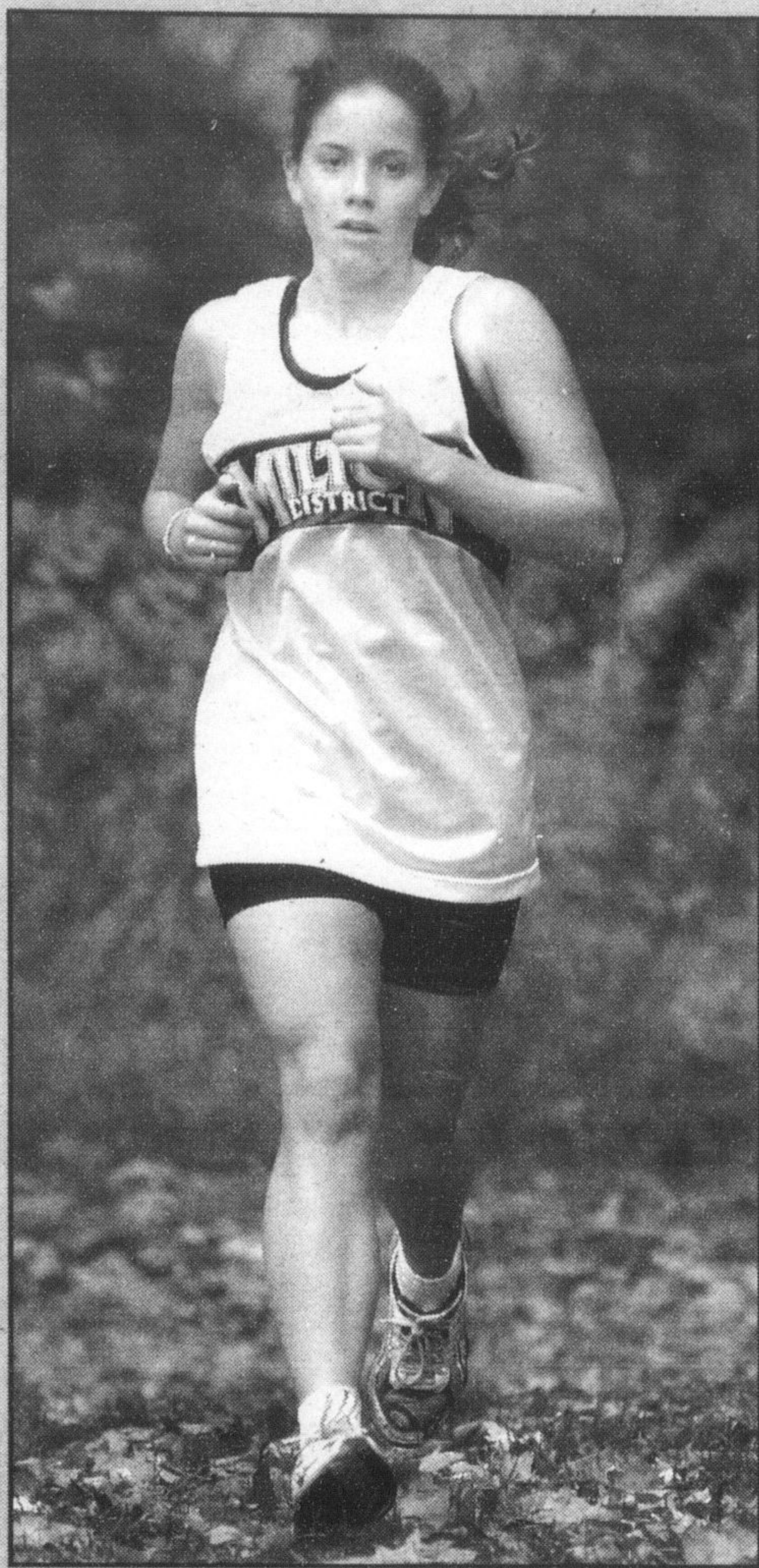




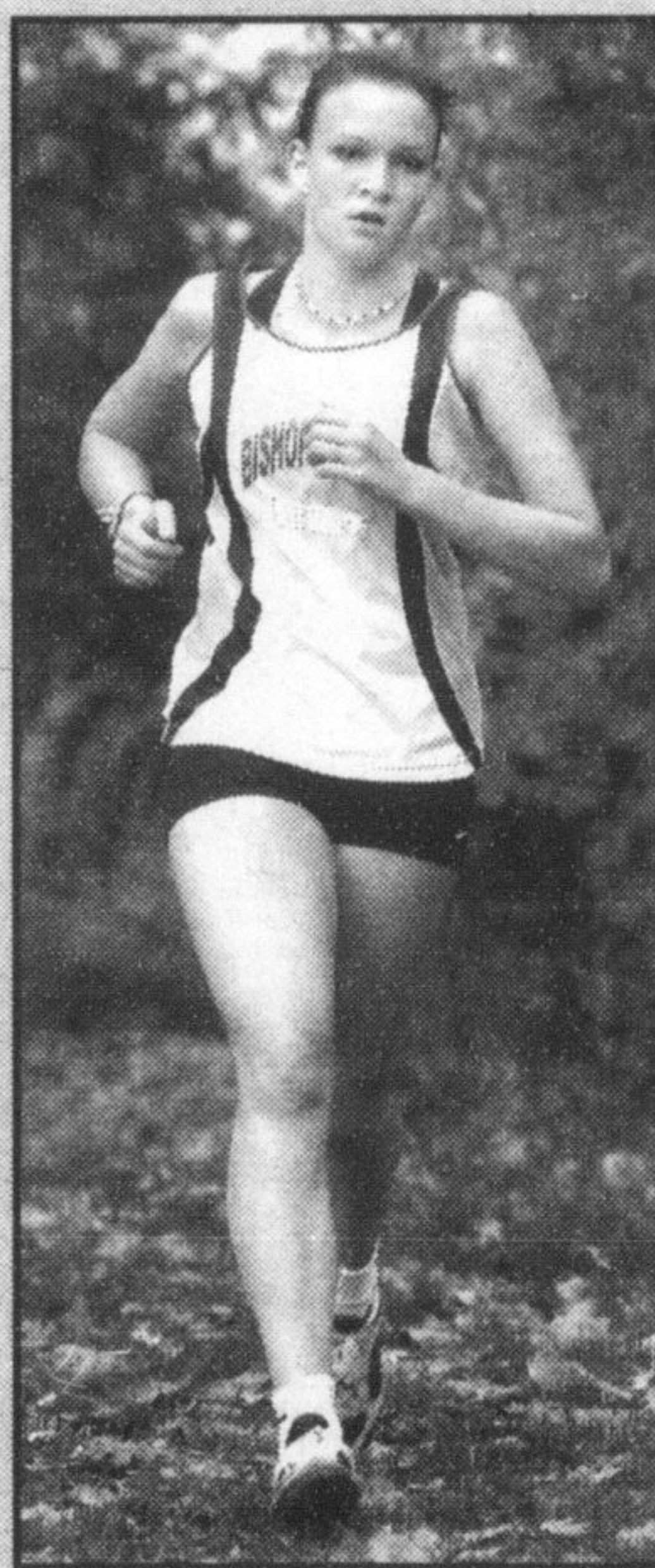
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Milton District's Ashleigh Snow (left) and Bishop Reding's Michelle Doell (right) race to fourth and sixth-place finishes among the senior girls while (above) a group of midget boys head out on the course during Wednesday's Halton/GHAC Cross Country Championships at Kelso. See story below for event results.



Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

Runners qualify for OFSAA

And then there were two. Milton matched its number of provincial cross-country qualifying runs from last year during Wednesday's Halton/GHAC Championships at Kelso Conservation Area. Bishop Reding's Mike McGill advanced among the midget boys. He negotiated the five kilometre course in 16:54 to finish third and move on to OFSAA. The Royal racer was a scant six seconds behind winner Dave Telzeira of Oakville's St. Thomas Aquinas. Milton District's Ashleigh Snow snuck into a senior girls qualifying spot when a transfer student was disqualified. As a result, the MD runner moved up a spot to finish third over the five kilometre course

BR's Michelle Doell made a solid but unsuccessful qualifying bid in the senior girls division — coming in fifth. Also cracking the top 10 was midget girls competitor Jamie Greenfield of Reding — who finished ninth on the three kilometre course to gain alternate status for OFSAA. Milton's other top finishes went to MD's Seth Ferguson and BR's Ian Butcher — who were 13th and 14th respectively among the midget boys. Reding's junior boys and junior girls each finished sixth as a team for the best collective efforts of the day. McGill and Snow will represent the town at the provincials next Saturday, Nov. 3 in Gloucester.

Minor baseball still in need of new blood

Poor turnout at annual general meeting

By STEVE LeBLANC
The Champion

Milton Minor Baseball has already had an influx of new players from the town's initial phase of expansion.

And hopefully parent volunteers won't be far behind.

To date, however, that's not been the case. In fact just three new volunteers stepped up to the plate for board of directors duty earlier this month at the association's annual general meeting.

That's cause for concern — especially with a handful of longtime members recently leaving their posts.

The most notable names on the list are rep convenor Paul Perrott and chief umpire Paul Ewing, who've cited increased work and personal commitments as the reasons for their respective departures.

"These are big holes to fill," said a frustrated association president Sandy Tellier, who due to a lack of new blood will assume the mantle of leadership for a third straight season despite the position traditionally being held for two-year stints.

"It was a poor turnout (at the meeting). We've got a board of directors, but there's definitely not enough members. And people can only hold these positions for so long before they start losing their effectiveness."

The MMBA appeared to have turned a corner in its fruitless search for new board

of directors last fall when more than a dozen people came forward to boost the thinned-out ranks.

Unfortunately, only half of them went the distance this past season — in essence, nullifying the optimism created by the initial show of support.

Didn't follow through

Remarked Tellier, "When it came down to crunch time, you never saw them. We've got players coming in from the new subdivisions. The question is 'How do you appeal to the parents?'"

On a more positive note, rep baseball is set to deliver a full lineup next year after taking a significant hit this past summer. Early last month new coaches committed to next season's rookie, mosquito and bantam teams — all of which were on temporary hiatus through 2001 due to a lack of coaching.

Junior, midget and peewee rep teams — which survived last year's downgrade — will once again be offered.

"They all came forward at the end of the season, which is great," said Tellier.

The veteran president can only hope a similar response for much-needed board of directors will be made during the association's next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street's Nascar Pit.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to attend.

Sign up now for ski racing

The Milton Heights racing club, which skies out of Glen Eden, is gearing up for another season.

The regular travel leagues are back this year, including:

- Nancy Green league (6 to 13 years);
- Mackenzie league (11 to 13 years);
- Hershey alpine league (14 to 19 years);
- Masters adult league (20 and up)

As well, both youth and adult house-league teams will be offered for a second straight season.

New members, regardless of experience, are invited to join.

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