

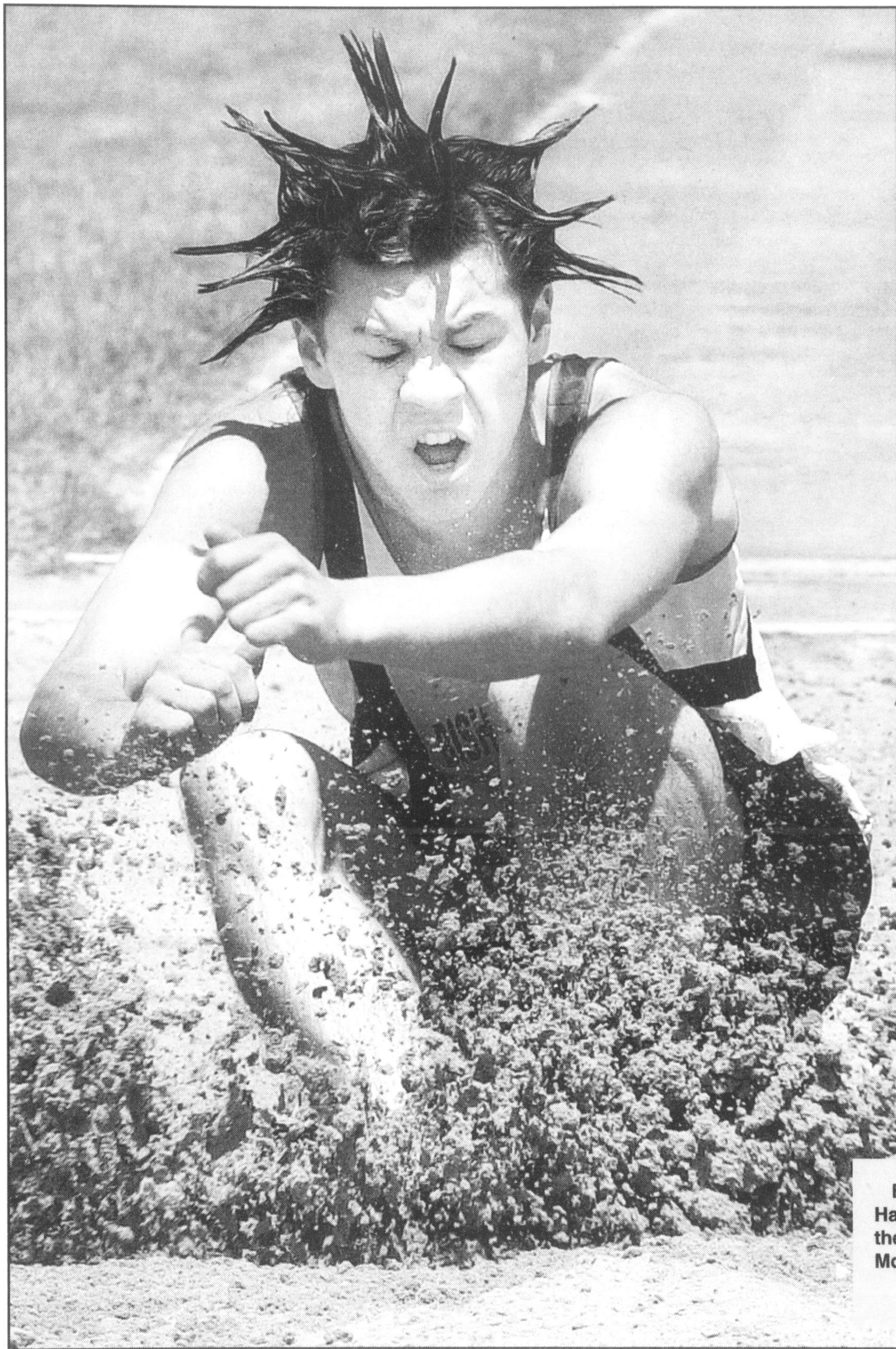


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Bishop Reding duo golden at Halton/GHAC



Three-time champs Butcher and Cargell lead the way for Royals

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Bishop Reding will be sending another healthy contingent to high school track and field's second round.

Led by a pair of triple-threat performers last week in Hamilton, 13 Royals moved on to tomorrow's South Regionals with impressive efforts at the combined Halton/GHAC Championships.

As expected, midget boys ace Ian Butcher stole the show in both the 400 and 800-metre races — prevailing with finishes of 50.81s and 2:09.34.

This marked the second time this spring that he dipped under the 51-second mark in the 400m — a promising sign so close to OFSAA. Butcher — a genuine provincial medal contender in both the 400 and 800m — also set a new school record of 23.4s in the 200m and helped Reding's 4x100m relay team secure gold with an overall time of 48.23s.

Meanwhile, BR now has its legitimate star in the field with returning transfer student Chris Kargel. The well-rounded senior matched Butcher's victory count with Halton/GHAC triumphs in the javelin, high jump and shot-put.

His javelin throw of 57.06m established a new benchmark for Bishop Reding. He cleared 1.85m in the high jump and registered a 14.62m mark in the shot-put.

Among BR's 11 other qualifiers, three were Halton champions and one was a two-time Halton/GHAC gold medalist.

That latter distinction went to midget Mike Rubino — who along with being part of the winning relay team turned back all 100m challengers with a 12.08s finish.

Midget Darren Izumi was first in Halton

and second in GHAC in the long jump — clearing 5.30m.

He was also a relay team member and qualified in the 200m with a 27.01s effort that was good enough for fifth.

Among the girls, midget Julie Iantorno bested all Halton long jumpers and took the runner-up spot in GHAC with a leap of 4.51m. She was the busiest of all Royals last week — advancing in a total of five events including the 200m (4th, 28.94s), 400m (5th, 65.52s), junior girls 4x100m relay (4th, 57.12s) and open girls 4x400m relay (5th, 4:44.52).

Senior Michelle Doell — looking to make her third trip to OFSAA in four years — qualified in the 800m (3rd, 2:38.41), 1,500m (4th, 5:43.07) and open girls 4x400m.

Equally busy this week will be junior Megan Burke and midget Mike McGill.

McGill advanced with a second-place mark in the grueling 3,000m and a third in the 1,500m — stopping the clock at 10:23.07 and 4:44.18 respectively. He was also part of the winning relay foursome.

Burke was a member of both girls relay teams and finished fourth in the 400m with a time of 1:07.89.

Other South Regional qualifiers include Megan Ames, Mike Cam, Carly Doell, Mark Gribbon and Milva Sarpong.

Milton District sent just a handful of athletes to the Halton/GHAC showcase — none of whom managed to advance. Andrew Basso came the closest with a seventh-place showing in the midget boys long jump. E.C. Drury did not have a track and field team this year.

The South Regionals will be held tomorrow and Thursday at Hamilton's McMaster University. Top four finishers move on to OFSAA June 6 to 8 in Belleville.

BR's Darren Izumi delivers an impressive long jump during last weekend's Halton/GHAC Championships in Hamilton. He was one of 13 Royals to qualify for the next round of track and field competition — this week's South Regionals at McMaster University.

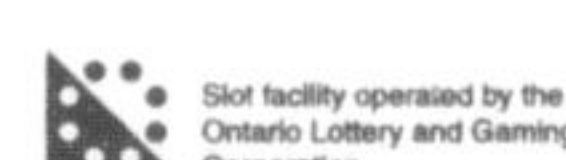
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