



**SHOWING THEIR SPIRIT:** At left, Bishop Reding Royals Zach St. Jacques (#23) and Mike Szmudrowski take down a Holy Trinity's Ashton Rochester during senior football play that was part of Reding's Pink Day in support of breast cancer research Thursday. Reding lost 31-0. Above, superfans (from left) Hanna Moher, Alyssa Dodson and Katie Croft do a little cheering on the sidelines. Below, the players wore pink socks in support of the fundraiser.

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## Reding cagers head into D-1 playoffs on a roll

If momentum counts for anything, the girls basketball playoff picture looks quite bright for Bishop Reding.

Since suffering their only loss of the season, the junior Royals have reeled off five straight victories — to finish at 9-1 in Halton's Division 1 — and won each of those by a minimum of a dozen points.

That was the final margin in Thursday's 39-27 regular-season finale over the Corpus Christi Longhorns, although it was hardly indicative of just how thoroughly dominat-

ing the Royals were.

Sporting great chemistry this fall — with most of the team having played together at either the club ranks or during championship runs with Holy Rosary — BR mounted a 23-1 stranglehold by half-time before easing up and liberally cycling in its bench.

The Longhorns didn't hit double digits until the final frame.

Adina Moodie was particularly impressive on defence and finished with eight



points, as did Danielle Vis and Natalie Samuels.

Marina Furik counted seven points.

Also showing great cohesion since an 0-3 start, the senior Royals head into the playoffs on an eight-game win streak — having toppled Corpus Christi 52-34 Thursday.

Reding jumped out to an 18-5 lead in the opening quarter and enjoyed formidable play from guards Lauren Furik and Marie Maranan, who led with 14 points.

Furik fueled the early surge with a couple of three-pointers, while Felicia Samuels stood out with 13 points overall.

The Royals worked the ball inside well and kept a decisive margin between themselves and the visitors throughout the contest, which allowed them to finish 8-3 in Division 1.

Both Reding teams host the quarterfinals this afternoon, with the seniors taking on Georgetown and the juniors facing Assumption.

The semifinals are set for Friday.

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