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Karen Connors, one of Bishop Reding's midget girls cross-country runners, is helped across the finish line by one of her coaches (right) and an official at the Halton meet won by her school.

Photos by GRAHAM PANE

## Reding Royals run away with Halton cross country crown

The Bishop Reding Royals have captured both the boys and girls over-all team titles in the Halton Cross Country Championships.

Reding girls turned in consistent efforts to finish third in each of the midget, junior and senior categories last Wednesday (Oct. 21) at Kelso Conservation Area. Reding's midget and junior boys finished first, while the senior boys were second to Burlington's M.M. Robinson.

Reding collected 46 points, while crosstown rival Milton District High School was second with 28 and Nelson of Burlington was third with 21. A field of 284 runners took to the course.

The event forms a solid foundation for the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championships in Hamilton, the qualifier for the provincial Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association title round to be played out at Brampton's Heart Lake Conservation Area on Nov. 7.

Maureen Morrison, one of the Reding coaches, said the victory "has only fired the team up even more. Hamilton will be tough, but somehow the team always seems to pull through."

Reding's Mike Stefanac captured gold in the midget boys event while Rory Sneyd pulled off a second for the Royals in senior boys action.

Graham Darling collected a sixth for the midget boys, while Enzo Lomanto was 11th and Kevin Connors 12th. Gord Kenney was fifth for Reding in the junior boys, Willi Hollett ninth, Jeff Plasschaert 14th and Rob Wands 15th. Todd Fuller was 12th, Phil Jakob 15th and Matt Thompson 22nd for the senior boys.

Erin Wigglesworth was seventh in the midget girls competition. Corrie Parton, Amy Mohr and Karen Connors also added team points. Marisa Capobianco, Catherine Kemp, Kathy Motton and Julie Seeds added points for the junior girls. Jackie Shaw was seventh for the senior girls, with Kathleen McDonald, Tara Green and Noreen Ortilla chipping in for points.



## Merchants stretch unbeaten string to four games

However, Bince is worried because his team is 'winning ugly'

By STEVE LEBLANC  
Special to The Champion

Despite posting a 7-4 victory over the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders Friday evening at Memorial Arena, problems continue to concern Milton Merchant head coach Rick Bince.

The team has gone undefeated in their last four outings and now hold a 5-2-1 season record. However, the team's goaltending has been shaky in their last two match-ups as has their defensive efforts.

"We're winning ugly, it seems as though we're playing just good enough to get by and that's not good enough for this organization," stated head coach Rick Bince.

"All four of their (Georgetown's) goals came on critical mistakes by our players. We also need to have some consistent goaltending on this team."

Bince said that while the team has been scoring pretty goals lately, the management and fans deserve to see quality hockey all around.

He said that if things don't improve in the coming weeks, some changes will need to be made.

"This play is uncharacteristic of this organization."

Georgetown gave the Merchants some strong competition in the opening period and took a 1-0 lead at 2:04 with a well marked slap shot from Jim English, assisted by Ian Ellis.

Milton quickly came back with two goals from Damer Finn (assisted by Pat Heneberry) and Jason Ritchie (shorthanded with the assist coming from Clancy Seymour).

However, Georgetown's Todd McKee drove in a shot after a scramble in front of goalie Aaron Beals and went to the dressing room tied at two after one.

Milton picked up the pace in the second with some strong skating and better defence

but couldn't stop Georgetown from netting two more tallies and trailing by only one by the end of the second.

Second period action saw Clancy Seymour bury two early shots past Raider netminder Carmelo Guirleo. His markers were assisted on by Sean Lindsay, Mike Murray and Jason Ritchie.

Lindsay netted one of his own in the second, assisting were Steve Rocco and Seymour.

Goals for Georgetown in the second were netted by Jonathan McKee and Ian Ellis.

Milton took control early in the final stanza and shut down Georgetown's offensive attack with some solid defence led by veteran rear guards Steve Rocco and Mike Murray.

Seymour and Ritchie combined for a pair of goals in the third. Also earning assists

were Lindsay and Murray. Milton played tight checking hockey in the final 20 minutes and kept Georgetown from mounting any kind of serious comeback.

Top honours for Friday evening's match-up go to forwards Seymour, Lindsay and Ritchie.

Seymour scored six points on the night (two goals and four assists) while Ritchie netted a hat-trick plus an assist and Lindsay scored one and earned three assists.

Unhappy with his playing time, Merchant Sonny Cardillo has been given permission by Milton's management to look for another Junior A hockey squad to play for.

While he hasn't been released yet, he skated with the Raiders during last night's practice and could soon become a Georgetown player.

The Merchants will face some tough competition this week. They first travel to Brampton to take on the first place Capitals Thursday evening and then return home Friday to do battle with the Mississauga Derbys, start time 8 p.m.



Clancy Seymour