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## There's a little bit of everything early on for Mustang cagers

With a cushy rout in their season debut and a hard-fought, come-from-behind squeaker in their home opener, the Milton District High School senior girls basketball team is finding out there's more than one way to put themselves in the win column.

The senior 'Stangs — favored to be one of Metro's top contenders this season — opened their 1996 campaign Monday in Burlington with a 69-36 pounding of Lester B. Pearson. While trailing to Notre Dame through most of Wednesday's home opener, not even the luck of the Irish could stop MD from staging a late rally and winning 58-50.

"We ran into foul trouble and were behind for much of the game," said head coach Martha Gleeson. Her daughter Mary Ellen and teammate Nicole Walker led Wednesday's scoring attack. Walker collected 19 points, while Gleeson sank 17. Kelly Douglas' 13-point showing also contributed to the win.

"The girls showed a lot of character in

coming back to win," coach Gleeson added.

Monday's contest featured MD's scoring depth, with Mary Ellen Gleeson, Walker and Crystal Johnston hitting the double-digit mark and Anne Gleeson and Lisa Brown adding eight points each.

While the senior team is chalked full of veterans, the junior 'Stangs are now suffering through the growing pains their senior counterparts experienced last year. A lack of experience and a lacklustre inside game cost them a 58-57 heartbreaker to Pearson and a 45-37 loss to Notre Dame.

"Too many turnovers and missed shots cost us the game," coach Ulana Price explained, after Wednesday's defeat.

Highlighting her team's efforts this week were Amy McLaughlin and Melanie Casson, who each hit double digits in both contests.

The MD teams travel across town Monday to battle Bishop Reding and host Burlington Central Wednesday.

### At Kelso

## Wrigglesworth gets a seventh for BR in cross country meet

With more than 700 participants representing 30 schools throughout Halton, Peel and Toronto, last Thursday's Bishop Reding Cross-Country Meet at Kelso Conservation Area was one of the biggest of its kind in recent high school history.

Reding senior female runners Erin Wrigglesworth and Sarah Brownell were the top finishers for the host team. Wrigglesworth crossed the finish line at 19:23 for seventh place in the 70-participant senior class while Brownell was next to complete the 4,800 metre course at 19:37.

Karen Carson of Milton District came in 21st with a 22:39 finish while fellow MD runners Elly Jo Dolan and Sarah Vingoe

placed 35th and 36th respectively.

George Kerr finished ninth in the junior boys division, and was the top male finishers for the Royals. He finished in 21:34 minutes.

Jesse St. John was the next Reding finisher in 42nd position.

Jarrod Blinch of E.C. Drury was the top local finisher in the midget boys class. His time of 18:35 placed him 15th in the 113-participant drawing.

MD's Rob Skinner and Ken Drummond were less than 30 seconds behind, with Skinner taking 21st spot and Drummond finishing 23rd.

E.C. Drury's Tom Baynton placed 25th

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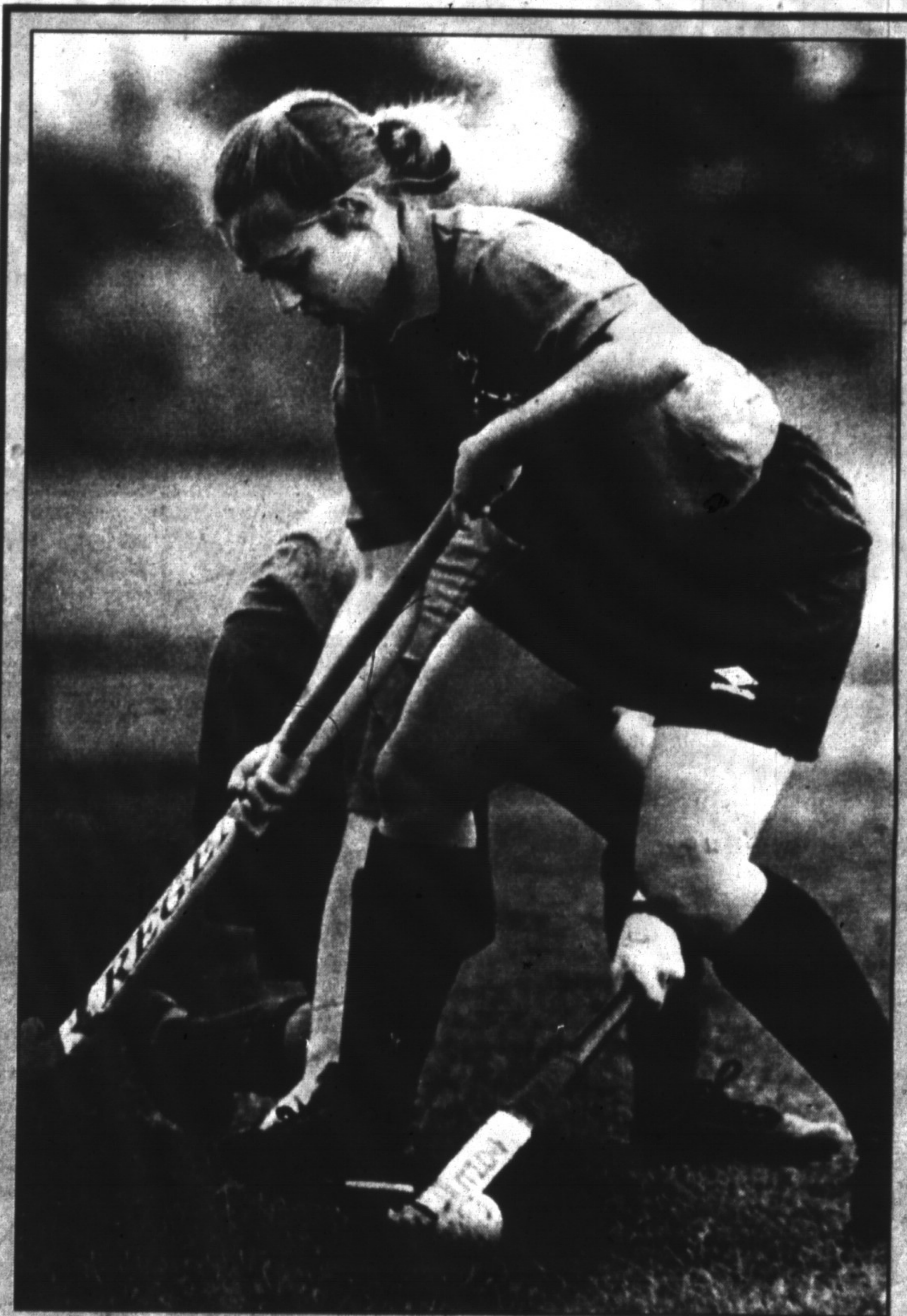


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## A sticky situation

Bishop Reding's Jackie Aalbers tries to stickhandle by her Georgetown opponent in Monday's junior field hockey game in Milton. The host Royals shaded Georgetown 1-0.

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