



# SPORTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1996

21 - The Canadian Champion, Friday November 1, 1996

## Jr. girls basketball

### Milton teams disappointed

*Lack of consistency  
lack of players dog  
the two local schools*

The Bishop Reding Royals and Milton District High School Mustangs faced different obstacles that led to similarly disappointing endings at last weekend's Reding Invitational Junior Girls Basketball Tournament.

The host Royals suffered from opening game jitters in their first round-robin match against the Loyola Hawks, particularly with the noon-hour contest drawing extra supporters and causing what head coach Bob Surge felt might have been too much pressure for the local squad.

The Hawks capitalized on this with a 53-37 victory. "We should never have lost by that much to Loyola," said Surge. His team recovered in game two with a solid 43-28 triumph over the Assumption Crusaders. Despite a solid effort in their final round-robin game, the Royals fell 46-37 to the Notre Dame Irish. The loss also dropped them from playoff contention.

Although his team showed glaring signs of inconsistency as well as tournament jitters, Surge cited big performances from a trio of players, including top shooter Jaclyn Hunt.

The second-year junior turned in a mini offensive clinic all weekend with 41 points, 22 of which came in a stellar effort against Assumption. She was particularly strong from the foul line with over a dozen baskets.

Alana Ramsay was another veteran who led the team's scoring efforts. She sank 13 points in the loss to Loyola and collected eight in the first half of the Irish game to keep them in the hunt. Rookie Joanna Sitarz was also impressive, especially in the final game when she chalked up eight points.

The Mustangs didn't so much suffer from a lack of consistency as they did simply from a lack of players. With star point-guard Melanie Casson unavailable all weekend and teammates Chrissie Henderson and Jen McManus out for their final game, MD couldn't quite mount the type of firepower that has made them successful in the league play.

They started off with a relatively easy 42-13 win over cross-town rival E.C. Drury, but then went down to both Lester B. Pearson (47-42) and Father Michael Goetz of Guelph (41-28).

"We had trouble shooting in the Pearson game and missed lay-ups throughout. We simply had a lack of offense this weekend," said Mustangs skipper Ulana Price.

Anchoring her team's scoring punch was Amy Hall-McLaughlin, who hit for double-digits in all three games while Sam Kindree provide great defensive pressure and Henderson, Mandy McCollum, Carmen Smeitink and Erin Walsh also came up with solid efforts.

Pearson went on to win the tournament with a 43-28 decision



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

**Bishop Reding senior Candice Ceelen found it tough going against a Notre Dame defender, but Milton prevailed 48-36 over the Irish.**

over Father Michael Goetz in the finals. They had downed Loyola 46-40 in semi-final play while Father Michael Goetz edged Notre Dame 48-45 in overtime on the other side.

E.C. Drury meanwhile, went winless on the weekend with losses to MD, Father Michael Goetz and Pearson.

### Drury volleyballers tear up the league

E.C. Drury's boys volleyball teams have been on a season-long tear in both tournament and league play. While they've excelled throughout Halton and elsewhere, their latest efforts came on their own home court.

Both junior and senior teams reached the finals of the Drury Invitational last weekend, but only the seniors were successful in the tournament finale.

They beat T.A. Blakelock, Nelson, Acton and Highland Park of Dundas in pool play before downing Acton in semi-final action and then scoring a convincing 15-9, 15-3 triumph over Nelson for the championship.

Power Steve Roy took MVP honors for the tournament while setter Pat Palidino and middle Brett Lewis were stand-outs as well.

The junior Spartans had an equally impressive round-robin tour, turning back challenges from Aldershot, Brampton Centennial and cross-town rivals Bishop Reding before dumping BR and Kitchener's Grand River in the quarterfinals and semifinals, and losing

a heartbreaking 9-15, 15-7, 15-12 match to Acton.

Chris Hunt and Jeff Morgan collided on the court during the semifinals and each sustained injury. Morgan with a nasty forehead bruise and Hunt with a cut lip. While Hunt was rushed to the hospital and Morgan saw limited playing time through the rest of the match, coach Linda Bobor said they returned in fine style for the finals and were "real troopers".

She also cited strong efforts from Ross Smith, Bobby Hicks, Mike Maynard and Brent Van Loosen.

Both teams took gold at the previous weekend tournament at Reding, each with final victories over the host teams. Prior to this the junior Spartans captured silver at a 20-team showcase in Guelph while the seniors were victorious at the Acton tournament.

Both teams ended up in second-place in regular season play, which ended Monday afternoon. The seniors finished up 7-1 while the juniors went 6-2. They begin playoff action this coming Monday.

### Best 'D' is good 'O' for Hurricane atoms

The phrase 'the best defense is a good offense' was never more true than earlier this month when the major atom AAA Hurricanes squared off against the Chinguacousy Blues.

Halton's snipers wreaked havoc on the Blues' goalies, and came away with 19-0 and 13-0 triumphs in back-to-back onslaughts.

All that scoring meant very little work for 'Canes netminder Tim Johnston of Milton.

He nevertheless stayed focused and stopped the shots he did face for two flawless performances to kick-start his 1996/97 regular season in fine style.

The 'Canes needed time to refuel after their initial victory over Chinguacousy, and as a result were edged 4-3 by the feisty Grey.

• see STRONG on page 23

**GNUCKLES SPORTSHOP**  
 NEW • USED • REPAIRS • SKATE SHARPENING

Are you ready for Hockey?

We have a LARGE selection of STICKS & EQUIPMENT in stock!!

**SKATE EXCHANGE**

18 THOMPSON RD. MILTON. 878-7422

Wilson • Invex • Hogan • Armour • Cleveland • Callaway • Titanium Driver All Brands

**GOLF!**

**Clarke's Golf**

NOW AVAILABLE!

Full line of Open Edition and Limited Edition Golf Prints!

*"The Riviera Golf & Country Club"*  
 (from the original oil painting by Graeme W. Baxter)

18 Thompson Rd. Units 7 & 8 Milton  
 (905) 878-1818

Wilson • Invex • Hogan • Armour • Cleveland • Callaway • Titanium Driver All Brands