

# Rough ride for Lynch

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shoulders and sub-par starts.  
He said a much more demanding schedule with the rookie league Medicine Hat Blue Jays plus his over-eagerness to impress eventually caused him to burn out in August.

He finished with a 3-3 record and an earned-run average around the 6.00 mark.  
"I did try to do too much too early but it was really the schedule that did it," Lynch explained. "In the minors you're on the field from 3 to 10:30 p.m. every single day. High school and even junior ball doesn't even compare to that."

"I started off strong but nagging injuries and fatigue caught up with me. Getting taken out of the rotation in August was of course upsetting, but I understood that it was for my own benefit."

Blue Jays instructors aren't too worried about the Milton chucker's less-than-spectacular rookie campaign, mainly because of his age.

Lynch is still one of the youngest pitchers in their ranks, although he's eager to prove a maturity beyond his 19 years.

Former coaches such as Jim Ridley, a Blue Jays scout, have already attested to this — insisting a genuine willingness to learn is one of his greatest assets.

Remarked Lynch, "I think Mr. Ridley

deserves credit for this. Once I saw how much I'd developed under him in high school, I really started absorbing all the advice I could get."

In an effort to learn from the past and influence the future, Lynch has embarked on a more intense off-season regimen that includes frequent weight training and cardiovascular exercise.

He's also been down to SkyDome three times a week since late January, swapping pitches with two other area hopefuls — Clint Lawrence of Oakville and Brampton's Matt Logan.

"I've just been working on my fastball and change-up, which I've got much more control over now," he said.

A more effective change-up might be just what Lynch needs to change surroundings this season and progress up the minor league ranks.

Up for grabs are single A assignments in either St. Catharines or Hagerstown, Maryland.

He'd prefer the slightly higher level of play available south of the border, but since either would mean advancement from rookie ball he's not particularly choosy.

"My goal is to move up a level each year. If I continue to work hard and learn, I think that's possible and realistic," said Lynch.

# Spartans stellar yet again

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Estevan.  
This set up Baker-Beaulieu II — which ended in a 10-point triumph for the visiting grappler.

Earning silver medals and trips to OFSAA were Jeff Alderton (112), Justin Billingham (119), Graham Carroll (90), Brad Madden (169), Andy Wadson (97) and heavyweight Garrett George.

Rounding out the medal haul with

bronze were Chad Merritt, Dan Martin and Jeremy Chuchmach — who had two Spartan teammates holding him back in the 119 lbs. class.

Merritt's third-place finish marked the biggest disappointment of the day. His semifinal loss came in a 2-1 overtime decision.

Nick Barkley, Ryan Faria, Keith Dunn, Chris Holmes, Will Van Duyn and Kaegen Sherriff all had top five finishes Thursday.

# Monarch Basketball

**Knuckles/Bomar 10  
Gallinger Ford 8**

This battle was just as close as the score would indicate, with ties after both the second and third quarters and no more than a four-point deferential at any point.

Highlighting the game with great passing and shooting were Knuckles/Bomar's Yolante Charles and Joshua Ward of Gallinger Ford. Each took top marks for their respective teams.

**ACC (10-12 Boys)  
Bruce Hood Travel 36  
Marinaro Construction 28**

After a slow start and a slight first-quarter deficit, Bruce Hood Travel sent Marinaro Construction packing.

They built quarter leads of 16-12 and 28-20 before salting the game away.

Graham Michaelson sank 10 points and was named Bruce Hood's best player while steady defensive play earned Michael Rego the nod for Marinaro Construction.

**NBA**

**Milton Graphics 43  
State Farm Insurance/Cutaia 24**

Consistently steady Milton Graphics led through all four quarters en route to another impressive win.

Milton Graphics' Michael Thompson and Jordan Bassett of State Farm Insurance/Cutaia took player-of-the-game honours as strong two-way performances.

**Thursday, February 19  
Big East (Co-ed)  
Gallinger Ford 36  
Wallace Pontiac 12**

Gallinger Ford struck early and often, dominating play from the opening tip-off to the final buzzer.

Among those contributing to the convincing win were Kristen Casselman, who scored just her second basket all season and was named player-of-the-game.

Steady defence earned Tanya Presse top marks for Wallace Pontiac.

**Knuckles/Bomar 12  
Charley Fitzwhiskey's 6**

Knuckles/Bomar sank the only basket of the opening quarter and gradually built their lead throughout the evening.

Katherine Greaves got the player-of-the-game nod for the victors with strong team leadership while hustle and effective shooting drew Katherine Gifford the award for Charley's.

**ACC (10-12 Boys)  
Marinaro Construction 30  
Bargain Tire 24**

Bargain Tire closed the gap down the stretch but couldn't make up for a lack-lustre third quarter during which Marinaro went from a two to 10-point lead.

Bryan Beaudoin of Marinaro and Bargain Tire's Daniel Walker highlighted this tilt with key rebounding and defensive play.

Each grabbed player-of-the-game honours for their respective teams.

**NBA**

**Milton Chrysler Dodge 47  
State Farm Insurance/Cutaia 46**

This see-saw battle had each team enjoying at least two separate leads before it was all said and done.

State Farm Insurance/Cutaia led as late as the fourth quarter, thanks to player-of-the-game David Buck and his fierce offensive attack.

Milton Chrysler Dodge's top player was Paul Leon, who intercepted numerous passes throughout the night.

**Tuesday, February 17**

**Big East (Co-ed)  
Knuckles/Bomar 18  
Wallace Pontiac 8**

Knuckles/Bomar took the lead early in the game and maintained it the entire way.

Mark McNeil was named Knuckles/Bomar's player-of-the-game for competing with a broken toe.

Michael Kaiser meanwhile, got the nod for Wallace Pontiac for his superb play making.

**Gallinger Ford 18  
Charley Fitzwhiskey's 16**

Charley Fitzwhiskey's just couldn't catch up to Gallinger Ford in this tightly contested battle, trailing by a basket or two after each frame.

Great position play earned Alexander Mazzorato player-of-the-game honours for Gallinger Ford while Charley's Kim Smith was named top player for her three baskets.

**ACC (10-12 Boys)  
Bruce Hood Travel 20  
Bargain Tire 14**

Aaron Mark salted away Bruce Hood Travel's victory with two late baskets and grabbed player-of-the-game marks for himself.

His team held the lead throughout the night.

Bargain Tire's Neil Woodcock was their top player with great hustling and ball handling up front.

**NBA**

**Milton Chrysler Dodge 71  
Milton Graphics 30**

Leading a supercharged Milton Chrysler Dodge crew was Robert Moore, who paced his team to another big win with two-way dominance.

Andrew Goure was named Milton Graphics' player-of-the-game for solid rebounding, in his team's spirited yet unsuccessful performance.

**Thursday, February 26  
Big East (Co-ed)  
Knuckles/Bomar 10  
Wallace Pontiac 8**

Knuckles broke a game-long stalemate with a feisty fourth-quarter showing, ending the final frame the same way they did the first — with a one basket lead.

Great rebounding earned Marc McNeil player-of-the-game honours for Knuckles/Bomar while Brian Best got the nod for Wallace Pontiac with overall hustle.

**Gallinger Ford 18  
Charley Fitzwhiskey's 6**

Holding their opponents' attack to a bare minimum, Gallinger Ford cruised to another impressive victory on the strength of Liana Presse's 12-point night.

She was named top player for her squad while David Majka garnered similar recognition for Charley Fitzwhiskey's, due to his great hustle.

**ACC (10-12 Boys)  
Bruce Hood Travel 20  
Bargain Tire 17**

Bargain Tire was silenced through the second quarter, which proved to be their undoing. Despite a valiant effort, they couldn't close the gap down the stretch.

Spark plug Glen Jenkins was the player-of-the-game for Bruce Hood while superb shooting earned Frank Curcierallo top marks for Bargain Tire.

**NBA**

**Milton Graphics 55  
Milton Dodge 54**

Players-of-the-game Ryan Furik of Milton Graphics and Milton Dodge's Ben Stutt highlighted this see-saw shootout — definitely one of

# Oakville sneaks up on Milton

By STEVE LeBLANC  
Special to The Champion

The Docs & Dents Winterhawks were in need of some quick patch work after dropping game one of their second round series with the Oakville Rangers.

Martin Larkin's minor atoms — the only local AA team still alive in the OMHA playdowns — controlled most of Saturday afternoon's tilt at Maple Grove Arena.

Unable to finish things off however, they allowed Oakville to open the floodgates in the last nine minutes of play and steal a 5-3 victory.

The hosts' game winner came on the powerplay

with 4:50 remaining. They potted an insurance marker two-and-a-half minutes later while a last-minute tripping infraction killed Milton's meager hopes for a comeback.

While the Rangers enjoyed a balanced attack, with five different forwards lighting the lamp, goaltender Brad Wagner was their undisputed first star.

The hometown tender robbed snipers Matt Chuchmach and Elgin Reid with superb toe blocks and cat-like quick glove saves. He stopped a total of 27 shots, affording Milton just one goal in each period.

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## CORRECTION NOTICE

We wish to draw your attention to the following in our current "1998 Catalogue".

**Page 239** - Chainsaw disclaimer bonus. Copy states: "16" Chainsaw has a bonus on item 2. Bonus disclaimer only applies to product #54-5721-6.

**Page 262** - Tool chests disclaimer. Copy states: "Keyed locks to secure all drawers." This is incorrect. Some of the chests have locks, others only have a lockable bar.

**Page 292** - Item 7, K-Tel heated car seat cushion, 32-1464-4. K-Tel has recalled the 12V Masseur cushion with heat due to serious safety concerns. Product will not be available and no rainchecks will be issued.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience we may have caused you.