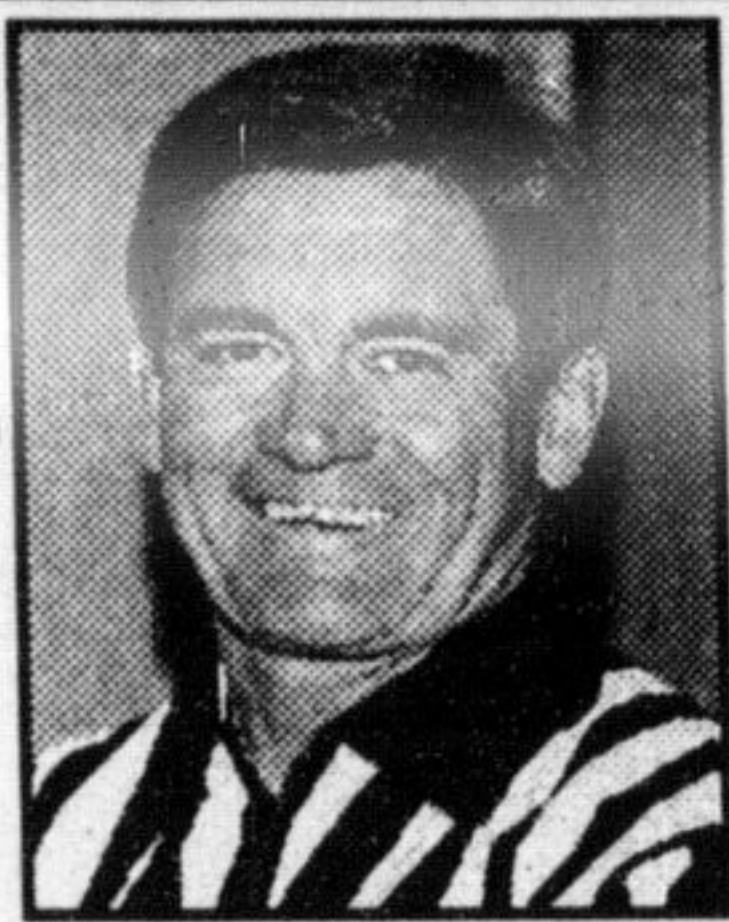


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HOW ABOUT HAWAII, OR A GORILLA TREK....

TRAVELLERS ARE INVITED TO BUILD THEIR OWN HAWAIIAN VACATION by combining Canada 3000 airfare with optional land components, including hotel nights, car rentals, Aloha connector flights and transfers, in their new summer 2000 FIT Hawaii brochure. Hotels on OAHU, MAUI, KAUAI, The BIG ISLAND and MOLOKAI are featured, and there are numerous "extras" and "bonuses" such as free hotel nights and upgrades, SENIOR DISCOUNTS, and food and beverage credits. Flights depart Toronto every Sunday year-round. Everybody wants to go to Hawaii sometime in their life - NOW may be the right time!



UGANDA MOUNTAIN GORILLA TREKS are available with the seven-day packages using GUIDES to lead guests to FORESTED MOUNTAINSIDES that are home to the large primates. The tour operator TREK HOLIDAYS reports Ugandan authorities have taken steps to ensure security in the area and that Uganda's parks and tourism infrastructure is "being run efficiently." Your local professional travel and cruise officials have all the details to assist in making your booking for you. Sounds intriguing!



CANADIAN TOUR OPERATORS EXTEND SEAWORLD/BUSCH GARDENS 'AT-PAR' OFFER in Florida. They are offering the "Choice of Adventure" pass for \$49 for adults and \$39 for children, good for unlimited admission during their length of stay to either SeaWorld Orlando or Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. The two-park "Adventure Passport" is being offered at \$92 for adults and \$75 for children. A good deal for these two very popular tourist areas and not that far apart for driving.



AMERICAN EXPRESS HAS LAUNCHED AN 'ISLAND OF THE MONTH' PROGRAM, with CURACAO April's featured destination. Travellers who book and pay for their packages with their American Express card will receive a US\$100 American Express gift cheque and a fifth night free at participating hotels. They will also receive a Curacao booklet offering US\$500 WORTH OF DISCOUNTS at restaurants and stores. Four of the main island hotels are participating - see your Amex rep for info and booking.

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TOURISM SPENDING IS ON THE RISE IN CANADA, according to Federal government figures, with foreign tourism spending up 7.7 per cent in 1999 from '98 to reach \$15.3 billion, although the number of visitors rose by only 2.1%. Our own spending to tour our country is still the major component with an increase of 8.1%. Looks great - shows we love our country and the wonderful variety offered coast to coast!

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Lynch waiting for shot in big leagues

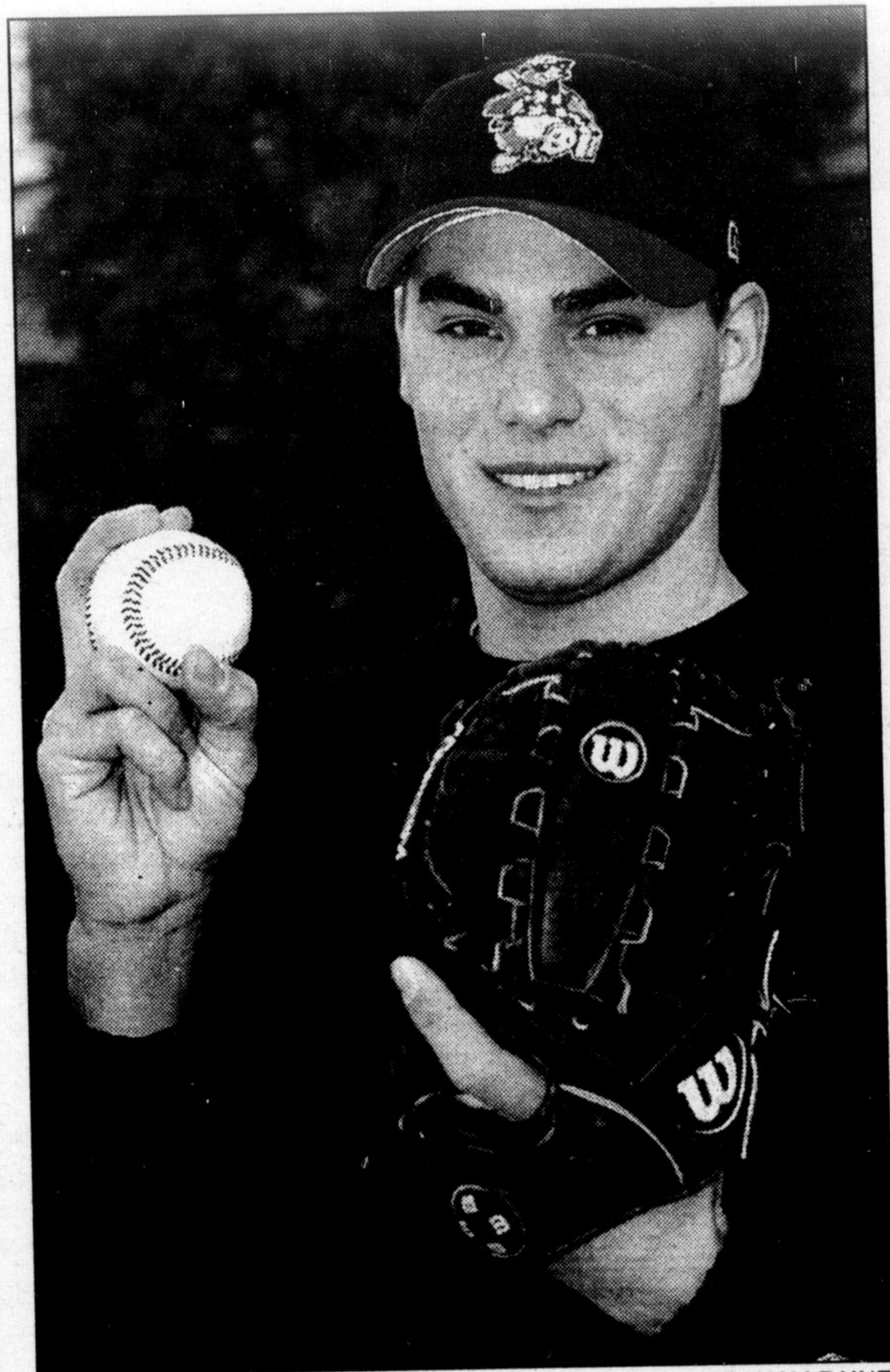


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Colorado Rockies pitching prospect and Milton resident Pat Lynch knows he's good enough for a career in professional baseball. He's just waiting for his chance to prove it.

It's not much comfort to Pat Lynch to learn over the telephone that it's snowing in hometown Milton, despite the fact he spends part of his days sunning by the pool or seeing the sights around Tucson, Arizona.

He would much rather be throwing heat than living in it.

The Colorado Rockies pitching prospect is on a rehab program at their minor league base because his shoulder was "bothering him a little" at the start of spring training. It's nothing serious, and as far as he's concerned, everything is okay now. He just has to wait to receive the word from the club.

"I'm really anxious to get going and upset that I had this little setback. I'm ready to get into the season."

The season for Lynch will probably start later this month and will likely begin in Salem, in the Class A Carolina League.

He finished off last year in Asheville, after being traded from the Toronto Blue Jays organization where he had some excellent statistics, including a 10-5 record.

It was a bit tough to accept the trade at first, but Lynch has learned quickly about the life of a professional baseball player.

"It's another organization, another team you have got to climb the ladder with."

He's looking forward to the challenge, once his season gets underway.

"I'm definitely expecting a lot of innings. I like to stay in games a lot. I want to basically stay healthy. That's my main goal. I want to continue to stay strong throughout the year."

He said the Colorado organization isn't as concerned with numbers as it is with performance.

They say they want him to be consistent as a starter, get in his innings, and get his wins here and there. The ultimate goal, of course, is

making it to the majors, and few pitchers who make it that far aren't confident in their abilities.

"I'm definitely getting to a point where I know I'm good enough to make it. It's just a matter of getting my shot. I would like to go as high as I can, get on the 40-man (major league) roster and get a shot at the big leagues soon."

But, he knows it takes time.

"Not this year because I'm only 21 years old. It's the same with every organization. They like to take it easy with their pitchers. My next goal is to get to AA. If I can do well there it will be a big step for me."

Now if they'd only let him get away from the sun, the perfect weather, and the swimming pool, he could get on with his career.

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PAT LYNCH

Q:
Stuck in Traffic?
Thinking About Taking Transit?
Who Should Pay for Building Highways?
Is Congestion Going To Choke Our Economy?
Is Urban Sprawl Causing the Problem?
Too Many Trucks Out There?
Feeling the Smog?

A:
Come To This Open House

The Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) has recently released a Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto Area & Hamilton-Wentworth suggesting improvements to our road and transit systems for the next twenty years. Learn about this Plan and have your say on how transportation systems should be planned and built in the GTA, Halton Region, and your local community.

6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 19, 2000
Quality Inn, Oakville, Bronte Rd south of QEW
• Staff Presentation at 7:00 pm

(Courtesy shuttle bus leaving Burlington Go Station at 6:00pm and Appleby Go Station at 6:15pm— call Burlington Transit at 639-0550 for further details.)

6:30 pm, Thursday, April 20, 2000
Halton Hills Civic Centre, Georgetown
• Staff Presentation at 7:00 pm

GTSB, Regional and Municipal staff will be present to explain the GTA Transportation Plan, answer your questions and receive your input. For a copy of the Plan, you can download it from the GTSB website www.gtsb.on.ca, or call Lynn Johns at Halton Region, 825-6030, ext. 7933.

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