

# Mystics' qualifying bid stopped in short order

Milton's midget girls softball squad went into last weekend's double knockout provincial qualifying tournament on a red hot note.

However, their bid for advancement quickly hit the deep freeze.

A major defensive breakdown in game one and a lack of plate pop in the second outing led to an early exit for the Mystics.

"The two straight losses, something we had allowed to happen only one other time all season, was a huge disappointment for the girls, who had high expectations of a strong showing, and perhaps even advancing to the provincial championships," said discouraged manager Roy Harrold.

## Errors prove costly

Leading Orleans 4-0 Friday night, the local ladies looked to be off to a strong start — until an error-filled third inning paved the way to a dramatic reversal of fortune.

The Mystics' uncharacteristically poor fielding opened the door to seven runs against in the third and an eventual 8-5 defeat.

Pitchers Lindsey Harrold and Katie MacKroby were both rock solid on the mound, but their efforts couldn't make up for the blatant defensive lapse.

Tasha Leslie led at the plate with two hits, including a three-run double in the top of the third that cashed in Harrold, Tara Elkie and Sarah Mooney.

Also scoring in game one were Carolyn Coates and Alicia Taylor. Shannon MacKenzie stood out offensively as well, registering two singles and a sacrifice bunt.

The midgets' sharp defense returned for its do-or-die second contest against Belleville Saturday. However, the locals' timely hitting was nowhere to be found.

They had runners in scoring position during three separate innings but failed to capitalize on every occasion — and were subsequently whitewashed 3-0.

The Mystics had only one less hit than their round two opponents, which made their lack of follow-through even more disheartening.

MacKenzie and Kate Moore counted a pair of singles each for the midgets.

Harrold and MacKroby were once again impressive on the hill, collectively allowing just nine hits and one walk.

Milton — sporting an overall record of 26-15-2 — still has a chance to pick up some hardware, during their league championships in Hamilton, August 25 to 27. They currently hold down second place, giving them a legitimate shot at the Golden Horseshoe ladies softball title.

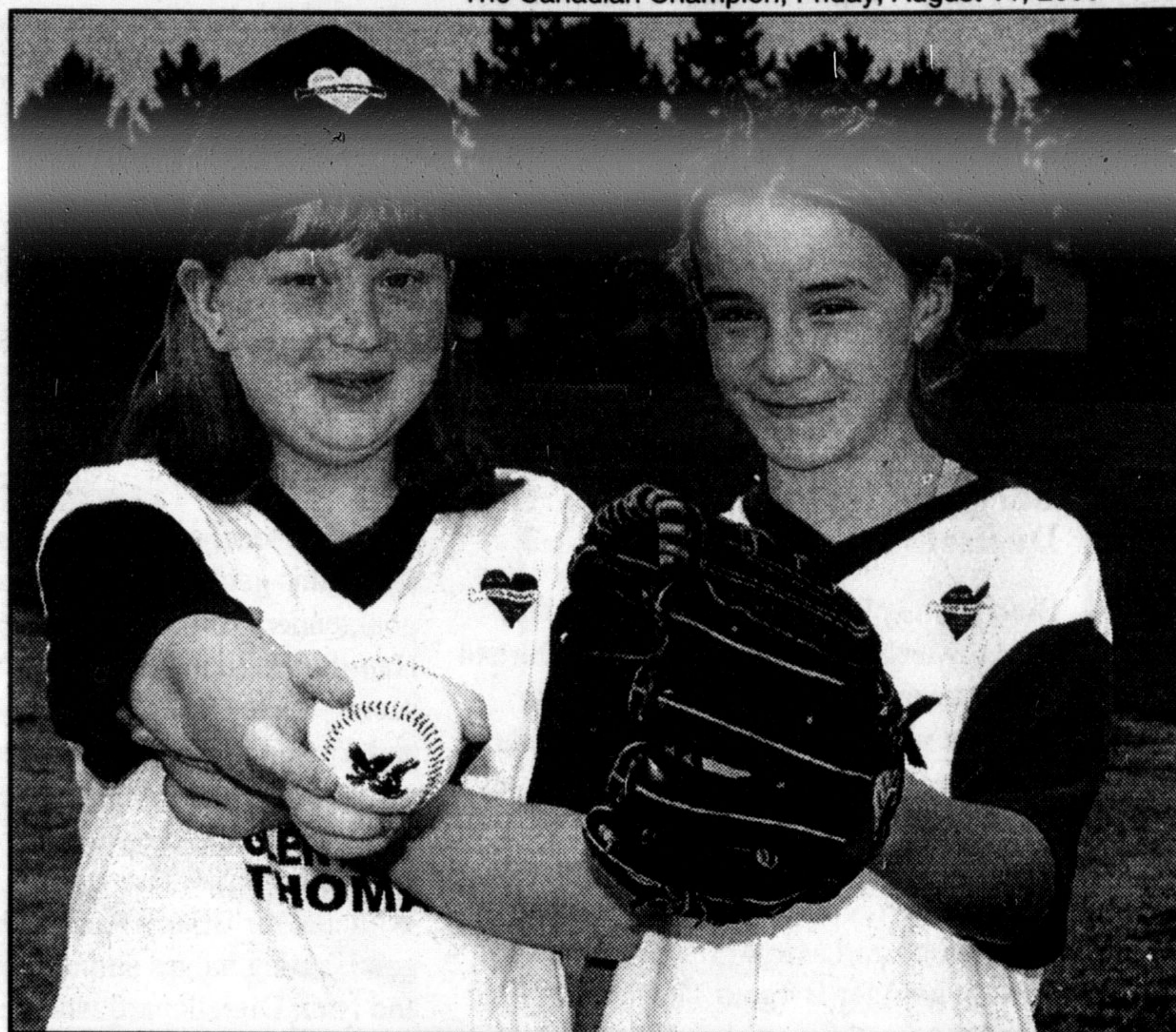


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## Milton's lucky ladies

Milton ball players Taryn Tompkins (left) and Jacqueline Gooding were among 10 local girls who were recently invited down to Toronto's SkyDome for a clinic with some Blue Jays as well as members of the North American women's professional ranks.

# Midgets bomb Express

The win itself wasn't as significant as the momentum it helped create.

Or rather, added — since the local midget boys baseball team had already reigned supreme over the Martingrove Express earlier this season.

Monday's 12-2 blowout at Maplehurst Ball Park meant little to the overall league standings — but offered another much welcomed boost to the Red Sox' growing confidence level heading into the "A" division provincial qualifying tournament, slated to run August 25 to 27 in Oakville.

"We've beaten all these teams before," said manager Herlo Hatje, referring to Martingrove and the four other teams — Clarkson, Erindale, Oakville and Orangeville — who'll make up the double-knockout showcase. "If we play the way we're capable of, I really like our

chances."

His comments followed the midgets' eight-inning mercy of Martingrove Monday. Milton delivered a flawless performance in the field and struck early and often at the plate to bury the Express.

Starting pitcher Michael Volpe went six solid innings, giving up four hits and collecting seven strikeouts.

The biggest two-way contribution came from Andrew Pepper. He amassed four singles on five at-bats, drove in a pair of runs and made some impressive put-outs at shortstop.

Chris Dumencu also went 4-for-5 while Rob Hatje had three hits.

The 13-10-2 Red Sox have two make-up games remaining in regular season play — against Brampton and Orangeville.

# Tykes' title run finally ends

The Milton tyke lacrosse squad's championship run ended last weekend in Whitby.

But when push came to shove, it took the province's top teams to bring the local lads' lengthy hardware haul to a complete standstill.

The Mavericks — who secured league and tournament titles earlier this summer — ran into especially stiff competition and despite their best efforts won only one of four round robin games.

This narrowly bumped them from quarterfinal play, with the third and final defeat proving to be the deciding eliminator. It came against Elora Saturday night.

Having just come off a double overtime loss to London, Milton had minimal energy heading into the evening clash — and was running on empty by the midway mark of the game. As a result, they fell 4-1.

Scott Dermott scored the lone tally, with assists going to Brandon Haggart and Richard Monk.

Delivering solid goaltending — as he did all week-end long — was Trevor Rae-Hunt.

Milton managed to hang tough through periods one and two before giving up a couple more goals in the

final frame and thoroughly surrendering to fatigue.

Against London Saturday afternoon, the Mavericks rallied from a three-goal deficit to take their opponents to sudden death before London prevailed 6-5 early in the second extra session.

Dermott exploded for four goals in the highly intense showdown while Chris Larkin's single late in the third period forced overtime.

Before that, the tykes split their first two division games — getting thumped 9-3 by Whitby's second entry team and then outdistancing Spartan 9-5.

Michael Sgarbossa had a hat-trick in both games.

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We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

## Milton Minor Hockey Association

### Tryouts & Registration

**Tryouts: Memorial Arena (Thompson Road)**

Tyke (1993)	Aug. 19, 9:00 am	Tom Ferguson	854-3240
Minor Novice (1992)	Aug. 19, 10:00 am, Aug. 20, 9:00 am	Pat Haggart	875-2049
Novice (1991)	Aug. 19, 11:00 am, Aug. 20, 10:00 am	Dan Fillman	876-0413
Minor Atom (1990)	Aug. 19, 12:15 pm, Aug. 20, 11:15 am	Gary Abraham	854-1827
Atom (1989)	Aug. 19, 1:30 pm, Aug. 20, 12:30 pm	Butch Medland	875-1030
Minor Peewee (1988)	Aug. 19, 2:45 pm, Aug. 20, 1:45 pm	Ken Hartwick	878-5498
Peewee (1987)	Aug. 19, 4:00 pm, Aug. 20, 3:00 pm	John Arnold	876-3376
Bantam (1985)	Aug. 19, 5:15 pm, Aug. 20, 4:15 pm	Jim Kosmalki	876-1408
Minor Bantam (1986)	Aug. 19, 6:30 pm, Aug. 20, 5:30 pm	Larry Scott	878-6655
Midget (1984, 83)	Aug. 19, 7:45 pm, Aug. 20, 6:45 pm	Jim Marshall	878-1892

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