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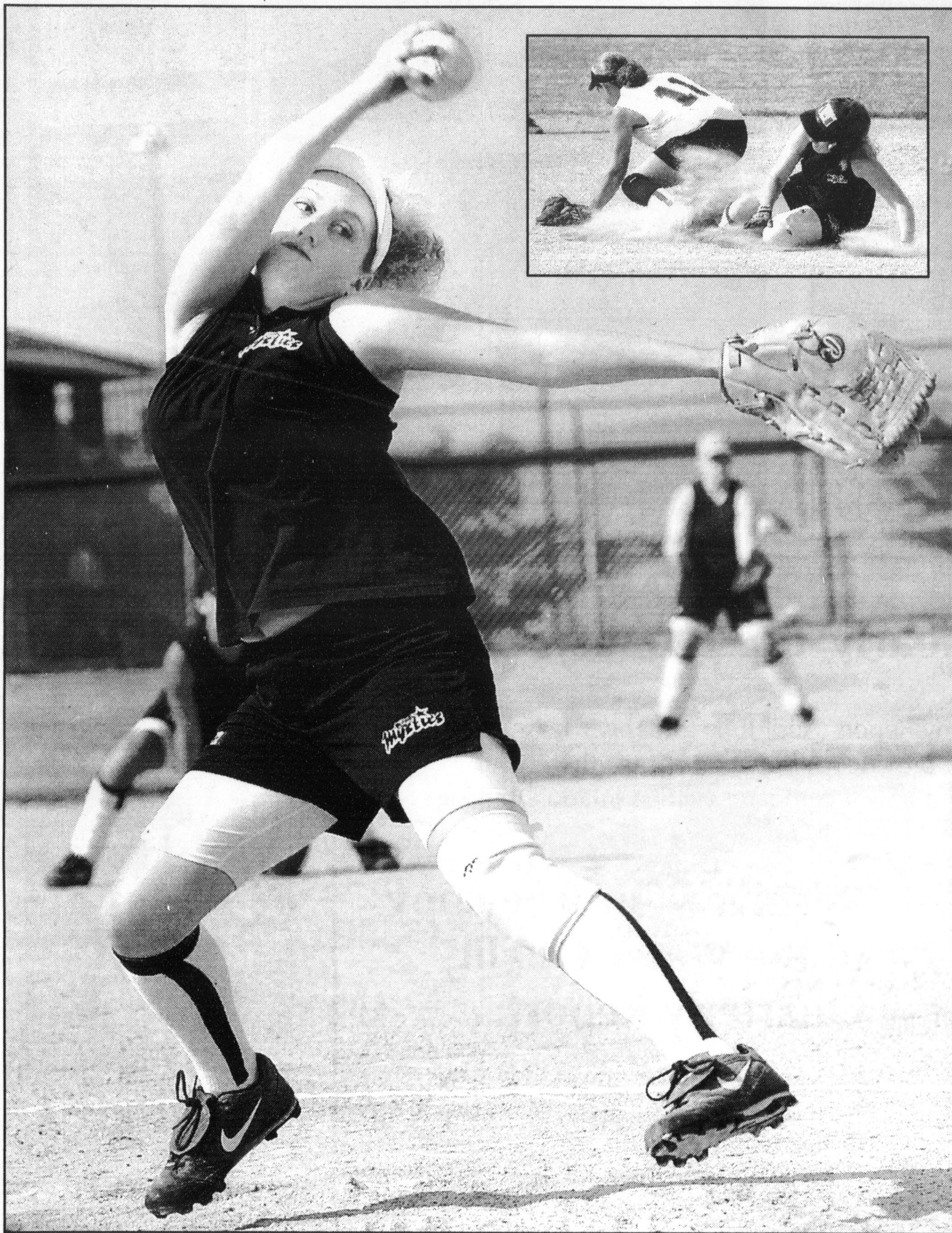
THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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## Dual contribution by local lass

Mystics pitcher Katie MacKrory holds opposing batters at bay and (inset) later slides safely into second base during tournament play against Ancaster Sunday morning at Lions Sport Park. See Friday's Champion for full results.

## Lynch finally makes return from surgery

By MURRAY TOWNSEND

Special to The Champion

After sitting out more than a year and agonizing through lengthy shoulder rehabilitation Miltonian Pat Lynch finally got back in the game.

The 22-year-old hurler pitched a perfect inning of relief for the Tri-City Dust Devils in the Northwest League, as part of his rehabilitation for the Colorado Rockies.

A couple days later he was back in action again, although not quite as successful. He surrendered a home run, but struck out three batters over two innings of work.

The former Milton District High School ace — who helped guide the Mustangs to a Bob Prentice Cup championship in 1996 — missed all of last year following spring shoulder surgery.

Nagging pains delayed his return this season.

Lynch is expected to be brought around slowly after his injury.

Meanwhile, Milton's other pro ball player, Shayne Ridley, recently moved from the Baltimore chain to Kansas City.

After being released by the Orioles from the Delmarva Shorebirds, he had a couple of options, and chose the Royals organization.

He's currently with the Burlington Bees in the Class A Midwest League. Burlington is in Iowa.

## Midget Sox go .500 at tourney

The Milton Red Sox midgets put up a good fight in a AAA tournament in St. Catharines this past weekend.

Their first game was against Niagara Falls. A slow start saw them trailing 6-1, but they battled back to tie the game and force it into extra innings.

Using the international tie breaking rule, each team scored a run in the eighth inning and a run in the ninth. Conan O'Brien threw out the would-be winning run at the plate and the game ended in a stalemate. Evan Jeans and Michael Volpe each had two hits.

The Red Sox had another slow start against Ottawa in their second game. They trailed 7-1 at the end of the third inning and went on to lose 11-2.

In their final contest, Milton defeated Kitchener 7-4. Scott Connolly and Chris Dumencu each had a pair of safeties, and Ryan Harper went the distance on the mound, allowing only six hits.

The Red Sox midgets, who recently had an incredible winning streak snapped after 13 straight victories, have a few regular season games remaining before preparing for the provincial A championships in Brantford on the Labour Day weekend.

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