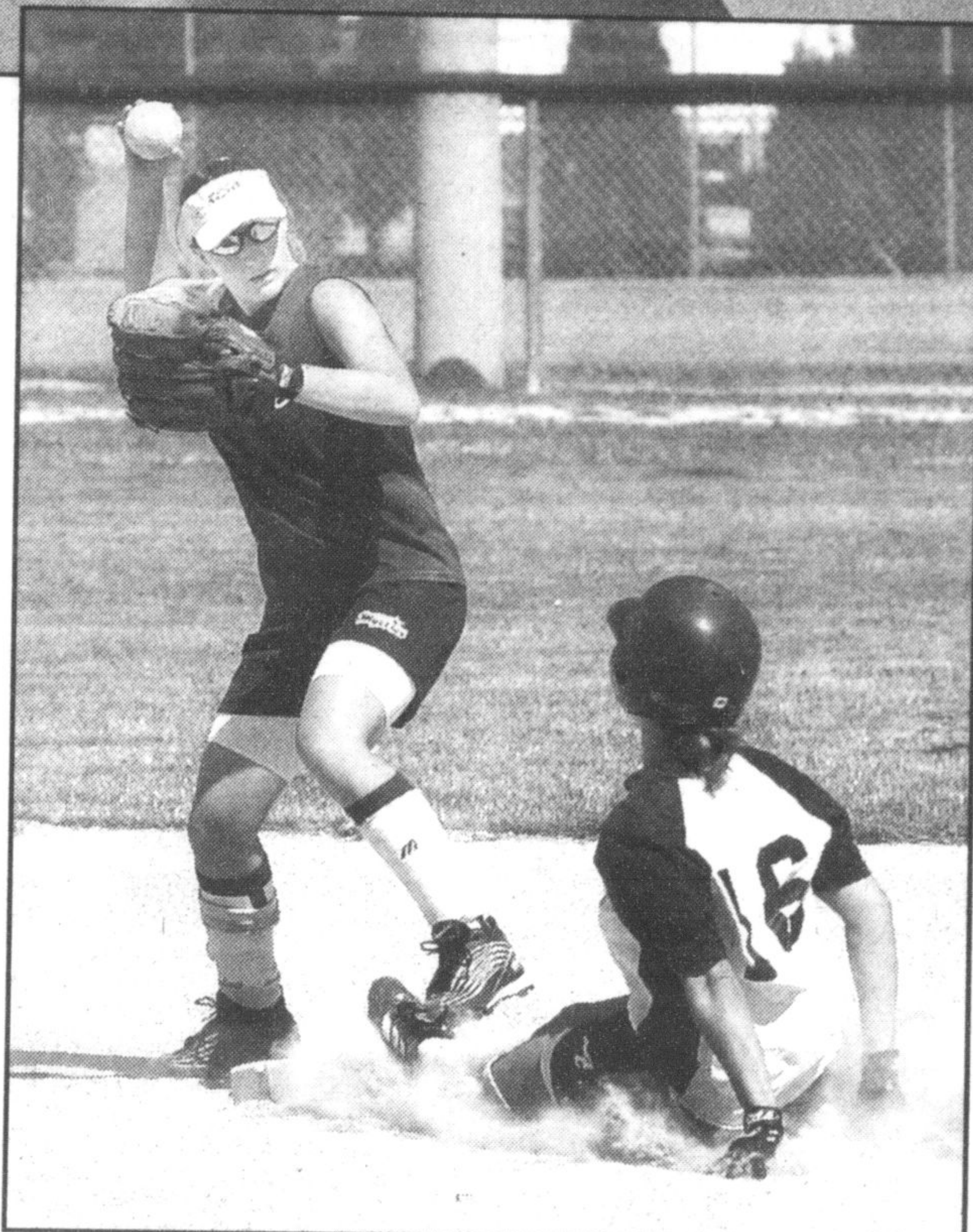


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Milton Mystics batter Jamie Aishford bites down on her jersey as she awaits a pitch and (below) gets an Aurora Tiger runner out at second base during last weekend's tournament.

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Mystics claim consolation title

Cap weekend with back-to-back blowouts

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

Milton's Junior rep girls fastball team sure knows how to close out a weekend in style.

Eager to salvage efforts at their own tournament after being knocked out of championship contention, the Mystics delivered back-to-back blowouts at Lions Sports Park Sunday to secure the consolation crown.

Especially potent in the secondary title match, the local ladies amassed a whopping 23 hits to spank Kitchener 14-2. Tiffany Steadman earned her second win of the weekend with a rock-solid perform-

ance — avoiding anything closely resembling a legitimate jam — while offensive contributions came from up and down the lineup.

Of particular note were Shannon MacKenzie — who drove in four runs on two triples and a single — and Jamie Aishford, who had four hits and two RBI.

Milton grabbed the upper hand right away and never let up, not unlike efforts just a couple hours earlier against Waterloo. Needing to win this round robin-closing clash to keep consolation title hopes alive, the Mystics flexed their scoring muscles and prevailed 11-1.

MacKenzie, Steadman, Sherylene Leslie and Kate Moore all had multi-hit performances to fuel the lopsided affair. Scoring

her second straight win of the weekend over Waterloo was Lindsey Harrold.

The Mystics dropped three of their four games before the two blowouts, though two of the losses were by narrow margins.

They were edged 6-5 by Townsend Saturday afternoon — with a last-inning score making the difference — and blanked by Oakridges 2-0 Sunday morning.

Milton opened the tournament with a 5-1 loss to Aurora and toppled Waterloo 13-3 in its final showdown of day one.

Eryl Morgan rounded out a strong pitching unit last weekend, while making up the rest of the consolation championship squad were Christine Brown, Lisa Landoni, Kerri Race, Laura Anne Sheehan, Cassandra Snow and Natalee Somenzi.

Rochester downed Aurora 8-3 in the championship finals.

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