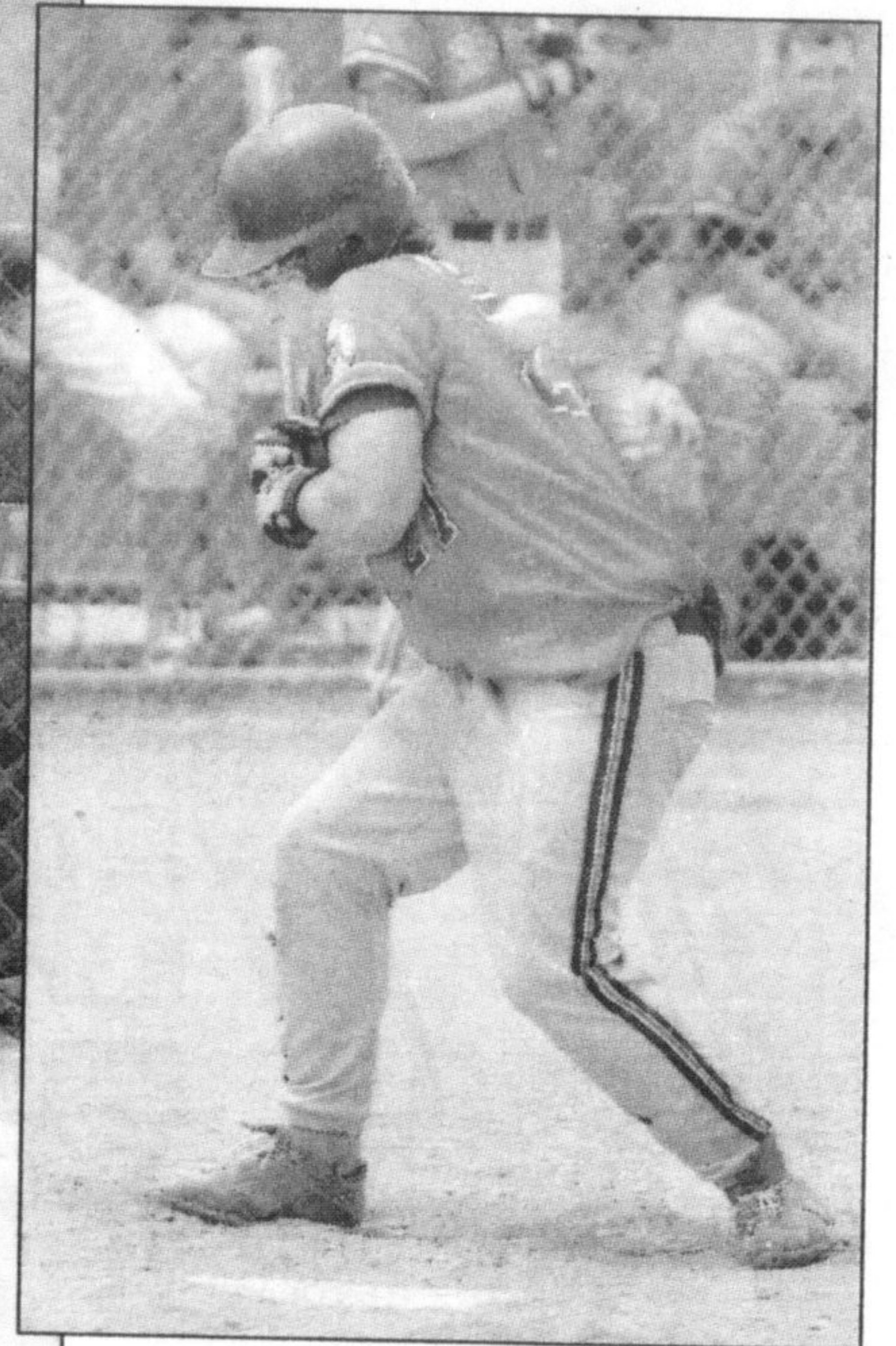


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JUNIOR RED SOX POUNDED: At left, Junior Red Sox catcher Nick Mazzorato slides into home during Sunday afternoon play against the Mississauga Tigers at Brian Best Park. Above, Milton's Kelly Belisle gets hit with a pitch. The Red Sox kept things respectable through the early going, but were shelled in the seventh and went on to lose 18-6 — dropping their record to 5-3-1.

KEVIN HILL / SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Peewee Sox steamroll way to tourney title

Milton outscores opposition 68-9 in Kincardine

By Steve LeBlanc
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Choosing just one adjective to describe how dominant the Peewee Red Sox were in tournament play last weekend might be as difficult a task as it was to try and stop them.

In other words, downright impossible. Delivering arguably their best weekend of baseball ever, the local lads outscored their opposition an incredible 68-9 over five games to take championship honours in Kincardine. The fact that they were up against mainly higher-classified teams made their juggernaut performance all the more noteworthy.

Three of the wins were by double digits, including the final against Kitchener — which despite being ranked two levels above the Red Sox, were simply no match for them with the title on the line Sunday afternoon.

An 11-1 verdict was highlighted by an offensive clinic from Nick Creamer — who had a triple, two doubles and a single, while scoring three times — and three shutout innings by Connor Lander.

Erik Post's rock-solid relief work and multi-hit efforts from five different players factored heavily into the commanding victory as well.



Kitchener didn't fare much better during its initial clash with the Red Sox Saturday morning, falling 10-3.

Post struck out the first nine batters and allowed just one measly hit over four innings, while productive fourth and fifth innings for Milton put things away.

With their bats now in tune, the Red Sox would absolutely decimate the rest of their day-one opposition — dismantling Waterloo 21-0 and humbling Stratford 18-1.

Creamer, Lander, Erik Piniero and Brady Riml shared the pitching duties through these two massacres and allowed just three hits and four walks overall. Piniero did actually get into a jam in the Stratford game —

or at least it would have been in a more competitive encounter — by loading up the bases in the fifth. But three strikeouts later and the short-lived rally was squashed.

Offensively, Milton enjoyed contributions from up and down the lineup, with Lander collecting five hits over the two games. He and Riml each went 3-for-4 against Stratford.

The Red Sox' only real brush with adversity came Sunday morning, when they surrendered two early runs and lost Piniero when he was hit in the knee with a ball.

But some solid relief pitching by Riml and three runs in the top of the seventh allowed Milton to prevail 8-4. Zack Ritchie and Mason Whiting made huge outfield catches with the bases loaded and their team up by just a run.

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