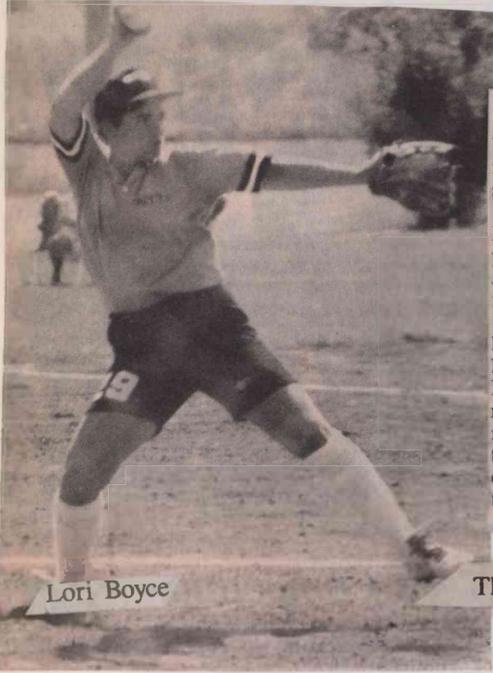


Mountain's Lori Boyce leads team to gold medal



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While she may have been pitching in competitive women's fastball for over 20 years, Mountain native Lori Boyce is still compiling some pretty impressive stats.

Competing at the Senior Tier II Provincial Women's Fastball Championship in Burlington, Ontario on July 19th & 26th, Boyce who pitches for the Toronto-based Vaughan Metal Classic Blues, earned the honour of Top Pitcher as she helped her team capture the gold medal. Lori gave up only 4 hits and walked no one while striking out 25 in 19 innings pitched. She finished the tournament with an incredible 0.00 earned run average and also contributed at the plate with a solid .450 batting average.

"When you have a pitcher of Lori's calibre, solid defence and top-notch hitting, you are going to win your fair share of ball games", explained Vaughan coach Andrea Miller, "but while other teams at this tournament were just as talented as us, we were able to 'turn it up a notch'".

Lori explained that she had mixed feelings about the tournament. Though she was thrilled with her team's performance, something was definitely missing for the 33 year old. Lori's parents, Harold & Bessie Boyce, have always been her biggest fans, travelling all over Ontario to watch their daughter compete. Her mother's on-going illness however, prevented them from making the trip this time. "It seems strange standing on the pitching rubber and looking over at the stands and not seeing them, but I know they were certainly there in spirit".

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