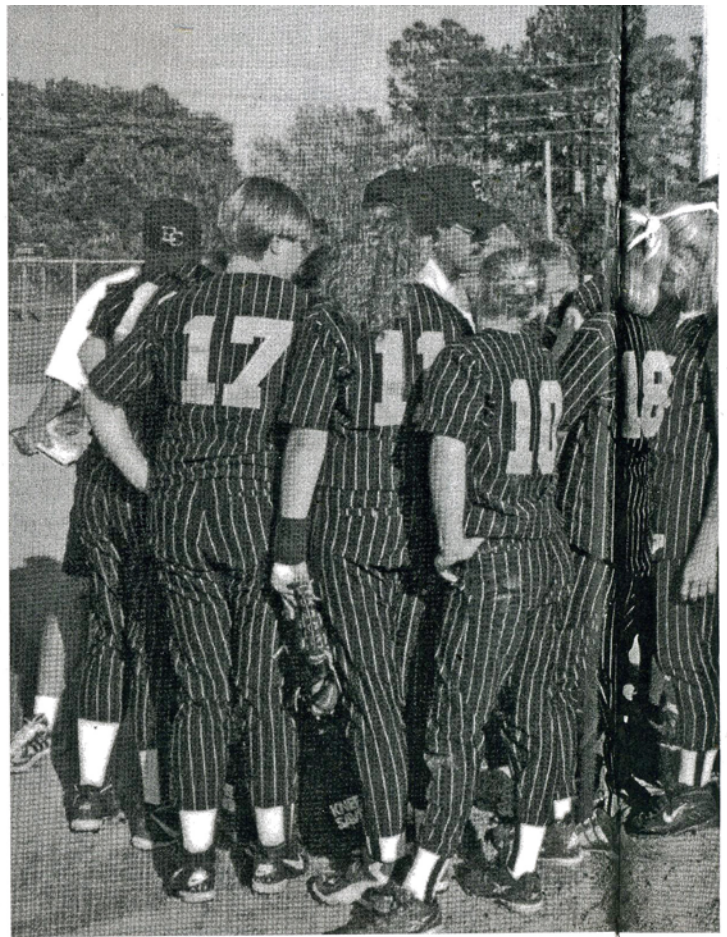


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What an amazing season for the ECHS Lady Mariner softball players! They were yet another Mariner girl team to have an undefeated conference season. Not only did they have an undefeated season, they came in second place in the Eastard Tournament and they made it to the second round of state playoffs. This team was filled with seniors this year. Lakeisha Murray, Stephanie Porter, Laurel Guthrie, Lesley Taylor, Kari Willis, Celeste Taylor and Carrie Smith all played for their fourth year here at East Carteret. Two of them were awarded with athletic awards and they were: Carrie Smith for the Domaine Reels Award and Laurel Guthrie for the James Fodrie

Award for Athletics. This is obviously a great accomplishment for anyone who is involved in sports. The seniors and the younger players have played together for many years. Most of them played together when they played recreation softball in the past which helped prepare them for high school competition. Practicing together everyday in the spring season for three or four years will also bring any group of people together. Watching them play and cheer during the game with smiles on their faces brings the game to a whole new level. During a game spectators were not only entertained by their athletic ability but also by the girls' cheerfulness and love of the game.



Ryan Lilley slams the ball as it is pitched to her. Getting a base hit was obviously no problem for her or any of her teammates as evidenced by their undefeated conference season.



Top Row: Mike Crusie, Lakeisha Murray, Stephanie Porter, Lindsey Boyd, Laurel Guthrie, Becky Rose, Caroline Corwin, Mark Chadwick; *Bottom Row:* Jennifer Crusie, Robin Salter, Ryan Lilley, Lesley Taylor, Miranda Piner, Kari Willis, Celeste Taylor, Carrie Smith.