

SPORTS: The Stouffville Mennos rode the arm of Byron Baranieski on Wednesday

Baranieski foils Oshawa batters in 1-0 Mennos' win

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Byron Baranieski was at his masterful best at the town park on Wednesday.

The righthanded pitcher threw a dazzling three-hitter and recorded 13 strikeouts as his Stouffville Mennos edged the Oshawa Juniors 1-0 in an Oshawa City and District Softball League contest.



BYRON BARANIESKI

Fanned 13
Oshawa batters

A sixth-inning triple by Chris Burkholder, who came home on a fielder's choice by Rob Reesor, was all Baranieski needed to prevail over his hard-throwing Oshawa counterpart Ryan Swift.

Swift was also tough on the rubber as he gave up just three hits, with Kyle Barber and Rich Burkholder stroking singles.

Burkholder's big blast glanced off the glove of back-peddling Oshawa right fielder Matt Swift and rolled to the fence.

The slugger said third base coach Howard Burkholder, Chris's father, had a notion to have him try to stretch the triple into a home run, but fortunately changed his mind.

"Dad was sending me home, but he put his arms up at the last second," said Chris. "I would have been dead meat."

Burkholder sprinted home when Reesor grounded to the Oshawa second baseman, who froze momentarily, then failed to make a play at all.

Oshawa got a runner as far as third base in the top of the sixth when Ryan Swift led off with a single, then advanced on a sacrifice and a stolen base.

Burkholder, the Mennos catcher, said the credit for the win belonged to Baranieski.

"Byron pitched a whale of a game, he was hitting the spot really well the whole game."

VICTORY A TEAM EFFORT

Burkholder praised his teammates for giving the pitcher strong support on the field.

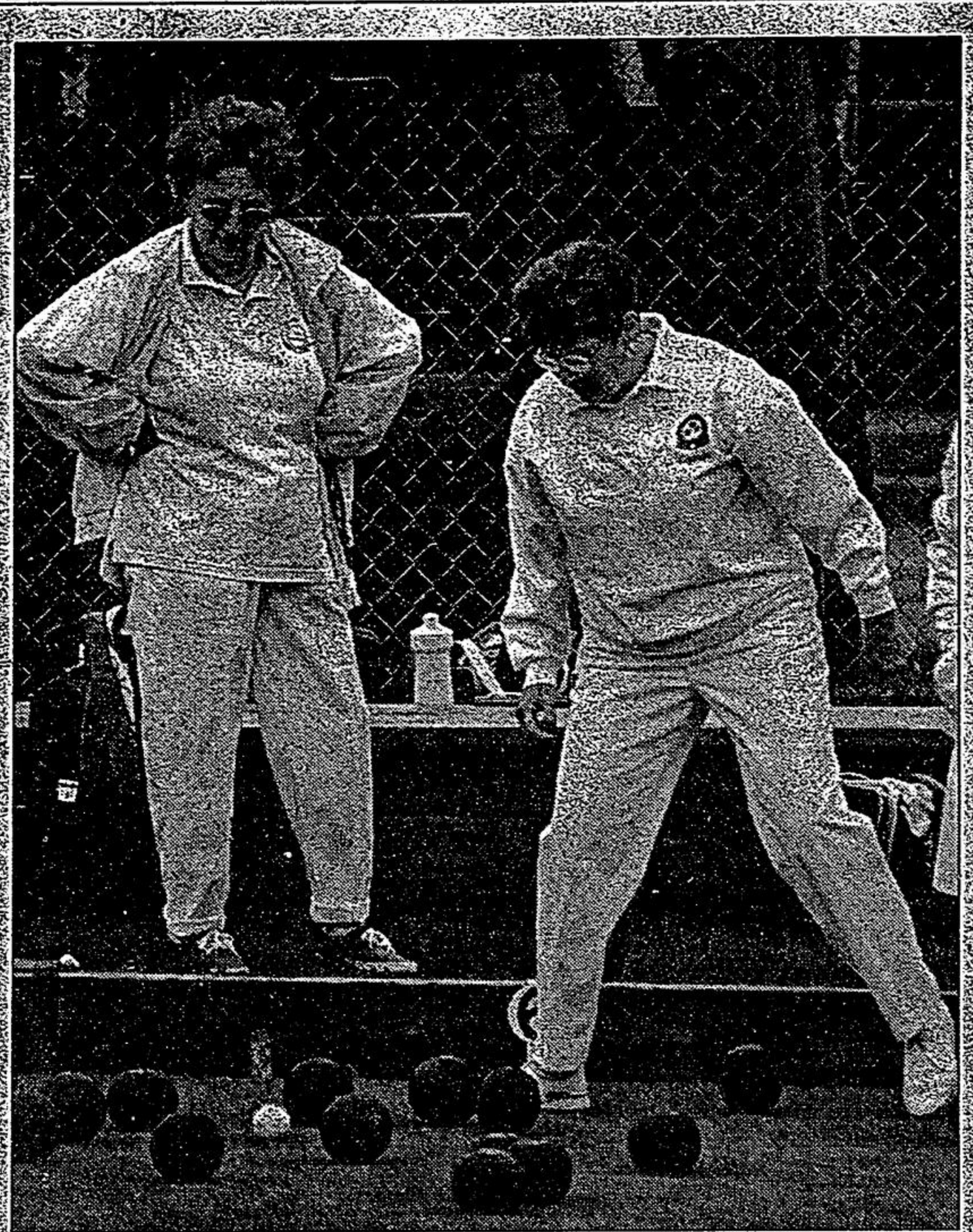
"It was one of the best games of the year. Our guys played great defence. They were solid all around."

It was the second consecutive shutout for Baranieski, who blanked the Clarendon Rebels 5-0 at the town park on Aug. 13. He said a sore shoulder that had hampered the hurler earlier in the summer has fully healed.

"I felt pretty good tonight," he said after the game. "The ball was moving pretty well for me out there."

The win evened the Mennos record at 11-11. While Wednesday's game was the last of the regular schedule for the Mennos, the team is looking to arrange dates for cancelled games.

The Oshawa league will hold its playoff tournament over the Labour Day weekend in Bradford.



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JUMPING TO AVOID CONTACT

Stouffville's Glenda Dunkeld (right), jumps out of the way of a bowl as teammate Marie Adams looks on during this Ladies' Trebles Tournament game against Rexdale at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club on Tuesday.

Rebels rally in late going to down Markham

The Clarendon Rebels saved the best for last when they played in Markham on Monday.

The Rebels broke a 3-3 tie with a seven-run explosion in the seventh inning, then staved off a Markham comeback bid for a 10-8 win in the Oshawa City and District Softball League contest.

Greg Home's bases-loaded triple was the key blow as the Rebels sent 12 batters to the plate in the final frame. Dale Jones, Jim Closs, Cliff Herbert, John Pollard, Shane Bradshaw and Dave Jones all had singles to fuel the outburst.

Markham staged an uprising of its own in the home half of the seventh, scoring five runs to make it close while sending nine men to the plate.

The Rebels took a 1-0 lead in the first inning off a lead-off double by Dave Jones, who scored on a single off the bat of Closs. Markham evened things in the second.

The Rebels went up 2-1 in the top of the fourth when Bradshaw singled home Home, who had also singled.

The home squad scored twice in their half of the inning to take a 3-2 lead, with the Rebels tying it in the sixth on a double by Herbert and an error.

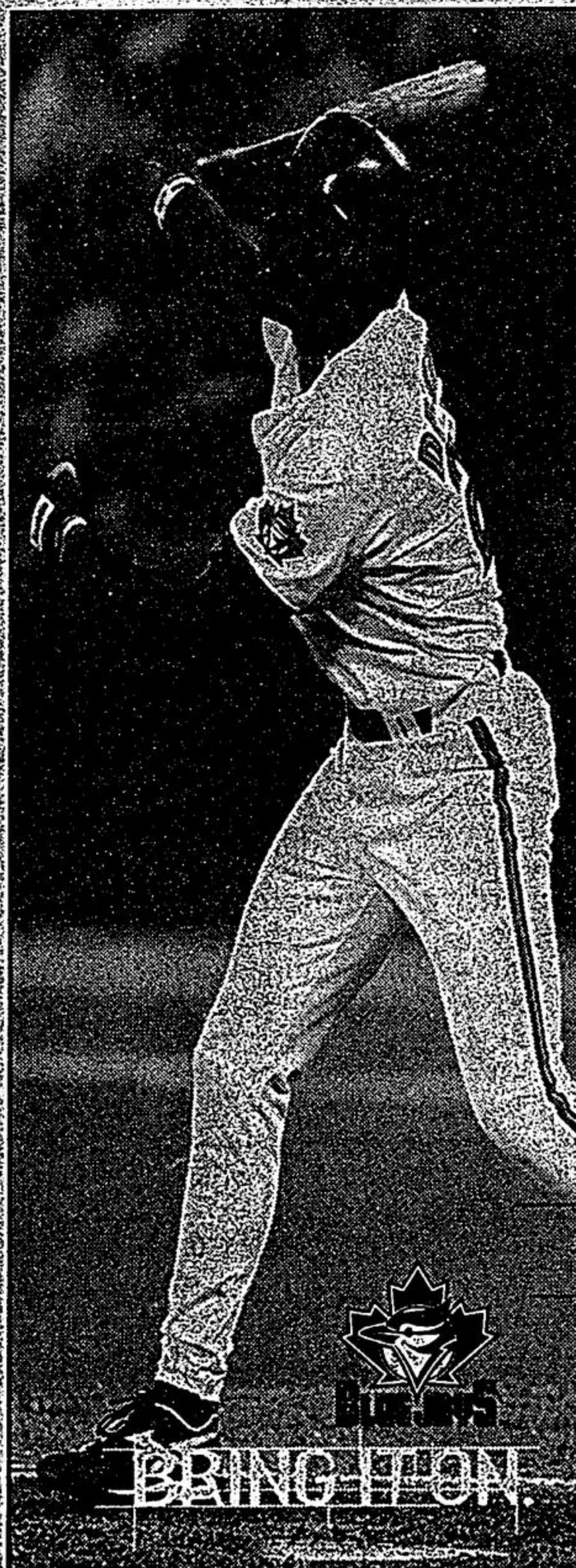
The Rebels, who were without ace pitchers Scott Evans and Paul Koert, were forced to go with Herbert on the rubber.

The win improved the Rebels' record to 13-8, good for second place in the league's Campbell Division.

The Rebels were to have closed out the regular season with a home game against the Aurora Mud Hens on Wednesday.

But the Rebels were forced to postpone the match when they found themselves without a pitcher. The game has been rescheduled for Aug. 26 at 8:30 p.m.

The Rebels will also play a make-up game in Port Perry on Aug. 25.



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