

Baranieski's hit lifts Mennos by juniors

Byron Baranieski's sixth-inning base hit drove in Danny Deeks with the game-winning run as the Stouffville Mennos edged the Stouffville Jones Pools Juniors 3-2 in Oshawa City and District Fastball League action last Thursday at Memorial Park.

With close to 200 onlookers, the Mennos took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a run-scoring hit by Scott Evans.

The Mennos added a run in the fourth on a run-scoring single by Jeff Boadway.

Jones Pools rallied to tie the game at 2-2 in the fifth inning when Chris Bowes walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Briant Detlor. A double by Kevin Hayward scored Bowes. Nick Dambrosio then hit a single that scored Hayward.

Joe German took the loss in relief.

The win by the Mennos improved their regular season record to 9-4-1.

On a separate note, the Mennos' postponed June 24 game with the Markham Majors will not be rescheduled. The Mennos were awarded the victory.

The loss by Jones Pools, now 8-4 on the season, came on the heels of a 3-2 victory Wednesday over the Oshawa Ravens at Memorial Park.

Jones Pools scored all their runs with two out in the second inning.

German picked up the victory.

Coach earns praise from softball association

Paul Doner named 2005 recipient of Carl Myers Memorial Trophy

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Softball has almost been a way of life for Paul Doner.

As a youngster, he played the sport in Whitchurch Stouffville.

He's also been a coach, umpire and served on the executive of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association.

These days, he still finds the time to don the glove in an adult league.

Doner's efforts did not go unnoticed as he was honoured last week by the association as its 2005 Volunteer of the Year.

Mary Myers, long-time town softball promoter, presented the Carl Myers Memorial Trophy, named for her late husband, to Doner during Friday's opening ceremonies of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association peewee boys' elimination tournament at Memorial Park.

"There are many people much more deserving than I," a surprised Doner said upon receiving the award.

Initiated in 1991, the award is given in memory of Mr. Myers, "for sacrificial dedication to the kids and the Association of the WSSA in leadership and sportsmanship".

Other recipients have been: Howard Burkholder, 1991; David Boyd, 1992; David Miller, 1993; Ted Assinck, 1994; Mary Deveaux, 1995; Bill Johnson, 1996; Ken Wood, 1997; Lori Doner, 1998; David Miller, 1999 and Mike Heffernan, 2004.



Mary Myers presents Paul Doner with the Carl Myers Memorial Trophy, which is annually awarded by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association to the volunteer of the year, during Friday's opening ceremonies of the OASA peewee boys' elimination tournament at Memorial Park.

The son of association president June Doner, Paul launched his softball career in t-ball at Vandorf under the coaching guidance of Mary Myers. Later, he advanced through the house league system, playing Stouffville peewee select and midget rep.

Now, he and wife Rebecca are associated with a slo-pitch church league at Willowgrove, west of

Stouffville.

Both he and Rebecca coach in the Stouffville novice five-pitch league where his five-year-old nephew, Cole Doner, is a player.

Doner served several years on the association's executive, including the position of vice-president.

He still umpires in the league and some day hopes to coach his own children.

Easy win for Storm mites

Troy Connor and Josh Burkholder combined to throw a no-hitter to propel the Stouffville Storm mites to a 24-0 victory over Newmarket June 29 in York Durham Minor Softball League action at Memorial Park.

Matthew Dunlop led the Storm's offensive barrage with a third-inning, three-run home run. On the night, he drove in four runs and scored four.

Now 7-1 in league play, the Storm resumes league play tonight when it hosts Bradford at 6:30 p.m.

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