SPORTS: Stouffville fastballers await opponent

Loss sends Mennos to B side

The Stouffville Mennos were relegated to the Oshawa City and District Fastball League B Division semifinals after losing their quarter-final to host and defending league champion Aurora Shoeless Joe's 4-1 Wednesday.

A shortage of offensive firepower plagued the Mennos as they generated just two hits off Aurora starting and winning pitcher George Karkambasis. Those hits, by Jeff Boadway and Faisal Hassan in the second inning, propelled the Mennos to a 1-0 lead.

Aurora countered in the third inning with three runs, courtesy of two hits, two

walks and a hit batsman.

Helping Aurora preserve their win was some solid infield defence as they executed two key double plays in the fifth and sixth innings to squelch potential rallies.

Greg Dalgarno pitched well for the Mennos in a losing effort as he went five innings and yielded all four runs on seven hits.

Jay Nesbitt pitched the sixth inning for the Mennos and retired the side in order.

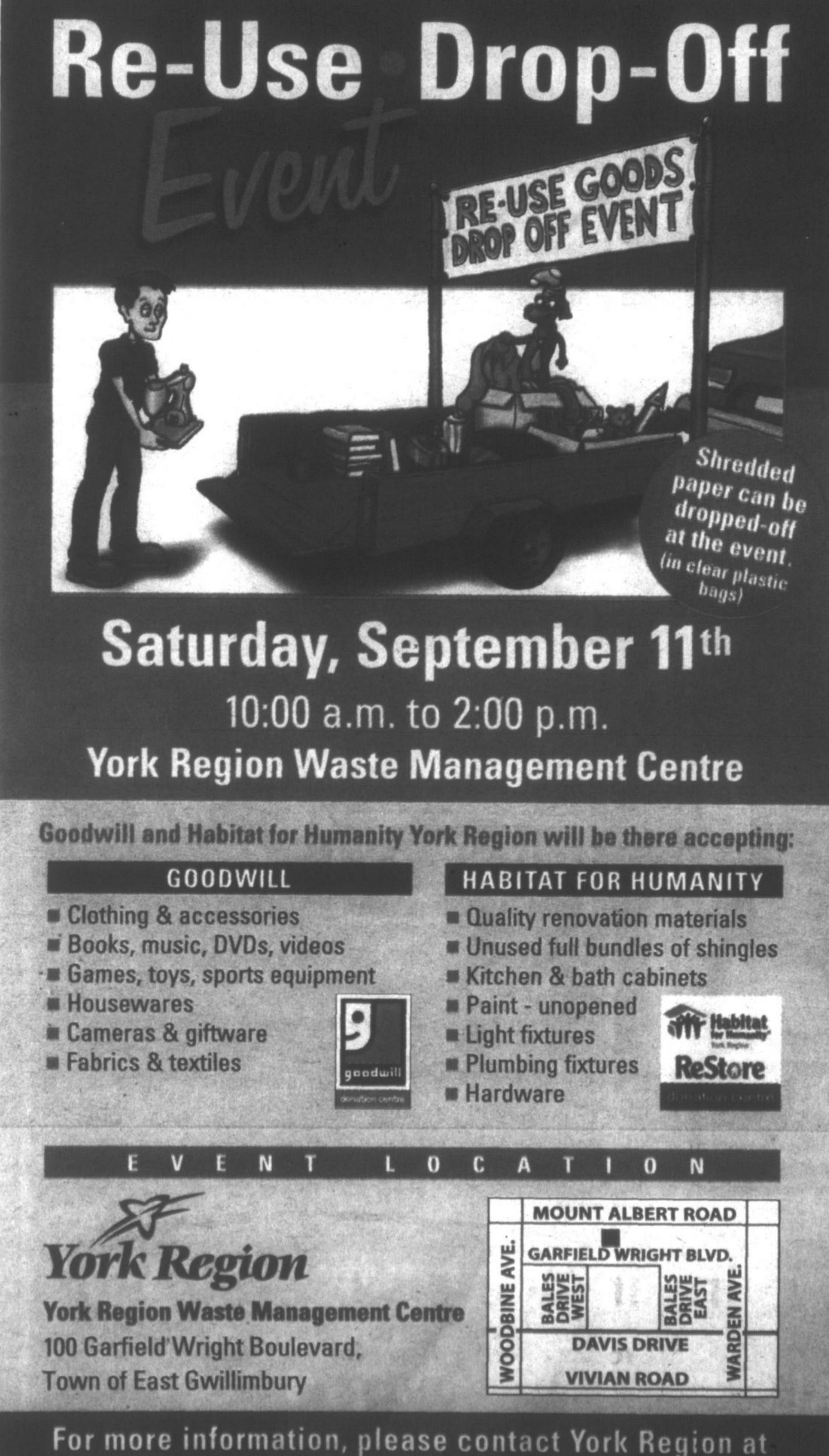
As of press time, the Mennos did not know when their next playoff game will be as some quarter-final games are scheduled to take place early next week.



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BLAST FROM BALLANTRAE

Gajan Sivabalasingham of Ballantrae fires away during a Canadian Junior Golf Association tournament at Station Creek Golf Club in Gormley on Thursday. Gajan won the junior boys 15-19 division with a three-over 147.



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