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Soccer gear headed to Tanzania

The Georgetown Soccer Club put out the call to its membership to donate unused jerseys and equipment on its Closing Day to be sent to the impoverished African town of Arusha, Tanzania and the response was overwhelming. An estimated \$20,000 of gear was collected, including about 700 jerseys, 344 pairs of socks, 400 pairs of shorts, 154 soccer balls, 155 pairs of shoes and 61 sets of shin pads. The

jerseys and equipment will be given to 540 students who attend Haradali Pre & Primary School. Pictured above (from left), volunteer Anita Bergsma and GSC executive members Karen Channer, Alice Strachan, Karen Bajic, Mike Direnzo, Jacquie Olthof and Vicky Strachan prepare to sort through dozens of bags and boxes of donated items.

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Raiders slice Sabres to grab top spot

A four-game win streak has elevated the Georgetown Raiders into top spot in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's West Division after a 5-1 victory over the second-place Buffalo Jr. Sabres Monday night.

After a scoreless first period, Caleb Apperson and Tyler MacPherson scored before the 2:13 mark of the middle stanza

for the visiting Raiders, who outshot the Jr. Sabres 43-39 on the evening.

Nineteen-year-old defenceman Geoffrey Bagnall, acquired from the Toronto Jr. Canadiens last week, had a goal and two assists for Georgetown, with Jacob Bauchman and Patrick Meganety rounding out the scoring. Michael Giugovaz earned the win

in goal to improve to 5-1-0 on the campaign.

Coming up this weekend, the Raiders will face division rival Burlington in back-to-back contests. Georgetown will host the Cougars Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m., then the two clubs meet at the annual Governors' Showcase event in Cobourg Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Rebels, Jaguars to meet in Big Pink Game Oct. 19

"One Game, One Cure" is the slogan for a breast cancer fundraiser coming up later this month between Georgetown's high school teams.

The Big Pink Game is set for Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Georgetown District High School as the host Rebels take on Christ the King's Jaguars beginning

at 3:30 p.m. in boys' volleyball action, while at CtK on the same day and time, the rivals will take to the court against each other in girls' basketball.

Both teams will be wearing pink for the contest to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tickets for the Big Pink

Game are \$5 each and can be purchased from players on both teams in advance or at the door.

CtK also has a pink football fundraiser planned for Thursday Oct. 27 against the Jaguars host Bishop Reding, with the senior game at 12:30 p.m. and the juniors at 2:30 p.m.

Injured NHLer Staal skates at Memorial

New York Rangers' all-star defenceman Marc Staal, who has yet to play this season due to headaches after a concussion suffered in February, was spotted in Georgetown Tuesday morning skating by himself at Memorial Arena.

When approached by an *Independent & Free Press* reporter for an interview, he politely declined, saying Rangers' team officials had instructed him not to speak with the media.

The 24-year-old had apparently booked the ice surface for early Tuesday and Wednesday morning but didn't show up

Wednesday morning.

While Staal refused to say why he was in town, it's known Georgetown-based Ontario Migraine Clinic is becoming the place to go for world-class elite athletes who are struggling to recover from the effects of concussions.

Chiropractor/acupuncturist Brendan Cleary, founded the OMC on Mill St. in 1999.

Cleary can't comment on specific players he's treated due to physician-patient confidentiality, but it could be more than just a coincidence that Staal was spotted in Georgetown.



Hill solid in win over U.S.

Georgetown's Shawn Hill pitched 6 1/3 innings for Team Canada and got the win in a 6-1 victory over the United States Monday at the World Cup of Baseball tournament in Panama City, Panama.

Hill, a former Toronto Blue Jay and Mississauga North Tigers product, struck out four batters and allowed only three hits against the defending champions. His only blemish was a solo home run surrendered to America's Matt Clark in the seventh inning.

"The first couple of innings I was just hitting my spots with my fastball, which was the biggest

thing for me today," Hill said.

"Basically, they had to hit my pitch."

It was the final pool game for Canada, which went 6-1 through seven games.

The 30-year-old Hill, who has undergone two Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgeries and had a stem cell procedure done in May, wasn't certain whether he'd start the final second-round game Friday against Cuba or pitch in the first playoff elimination matchup Saturday.

Earlier in the tournament, Hill pitched five shutout innings to lead Canada to a 3-1 win over Japan.

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