



CHANCE TO PLAY GETS BOOST: Georgetown Soccer Club president Robert Varela (left) and Eustace Collins Memorial Youth Soccer Tournament director Gary Collins present a cheque for \$1,000 to Anita Bergsma of the Chance to Play organization. The GSC recently kicked in a \$1,000 donation to help out a locally based charity that partners with fellow Canadians to distribute equipment to less-privileged children around the world. Proceeds from the Eustace Collins Memorial Youth Soccer Tournament held back in July were presented to Acton resident Anita Bergsma, who is the founder and executive director of Chance to Play, which began in 2011. The tournament involved 65 teams from the under-13 to under-18 age groups from across Ontario. Chance to Play is currently seeking volunteers to fill the roles of a marketing and communications co-ordinator, fundraising co-ordinator and warehouse manager. For more info, visit the website www.chancetoplay.ca Submitted photo

McNiven earns World Junior camp invitation

Initially, Hockey Canada was only going to invite two goalies to its National Junior Team selection camp Dec. 10-14 in Blainville, Que.

But Georgetown's Michael McNiven has played his way into the conversation and the Owen Sound Attack stopper earned an invitation, alongside Carter Hart and Connor Ingram of

the Western Hockey League.

The 19-year-old McNiven has a 13-5-1-0 record in his third season with the Attack and leads the Ontario Hockey League in goals-against average at 2.29 and save percentage with .920.

A former Georgetown Jr. A Raider, the 6-foot-1, 212-pound Montreal Canadiens prospect made 25 saves

against Team Russia in Team Ontario's 5-2 victory on Nov. 14 in Hamilton during the CIBC Super Series. He took part in the Super Series last year as well but didn't receive a camp invitation.

Canada will play three exhibition games prior to the 2017 World Junior Hockey Championships, set to begin in Toronto on Boxing Day.



TEAM OF THE WEEK: The Halton Hills Sunny Acre Farms Thunder took part in a midget AA youth hockey showcase tournament at Notre Dame University in Indiana recently and won the Irish South Bend Cup Championship, posting a 3-1 record against a pair of teams from Illinois. Halton Hills defeated Peoria 4-1 and 5-2. They skated past Hinsdale Central 4-2 and lost to the Red Devils 2-1 to take top spot. Team members (front, from left) are: Spencer McPherson, Tyler Wise. Middle row: Nick Lencz, Dawson Lirette, Liam Burgoyne, Braden O'Connell, Anthony Barone, Billy Taylor, Jeremy Roach, Jake Molinaro. Back row: Assistant coaches Craig Nicolucci, Grant Gunn, trainer Tony Burgoyne, Stefan Moneypenny, Gavin Thomson, Steven Ienciu, Tyler Skilling, Nick Boshart, Matthew McDonough, Curtis Boven, coach Tom Sykes. Submitted photo

Provincial Cup for Stewarttown

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Stewarttown's girls won all 10 of their matches at the Provincial Cup in Mississauga, defeating Ottawa's Samuel Genest 25-6, 25-17 in the final.

The Stingers seemed paralyzed in falling behind 11-0 to Alexander's of Burlington in the Halton Tier I championship match last week at Garth Webb SS in Oakville, before set-

ting down and rolling to a 25-23, 25-16 win.

In the North Halton final against cross-town rival Centennial, Stewarttown dropped the first set to the Chargers 25-23, but came back to win the next two 25-12, 15-4.

The Stingers nearly swept the Halton Tier I playdowns as the boys' team pushed Burlington's E.J. James to a third-and-deciding game before bowing out 15-10.



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