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MEET THE YOUNG GEORGETOWN PITCHERS REPRESENTING ONTARIO

CAMPBELL ELLIS, 16, AND OWEN MACNEIL, 17, HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PITCH FOR 17U TEAM ONTARIO AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CANADA CUP IN MONCTON, N.B.

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It was after a long day of baseball tryouts when Georgetown teens Campbell Ellis and Owen MacNeil found out they had been selected to pitch for Team Ontario at the National Championship Canada Cup tournament in August.

More than 200 players had tried out for the 17U team, and Ellis and MacNeil were two of eight pitchers selected from across the province.

It was a huge milestone for the boys, who have been playing ball together for years. But there was no time for celebrations.

That very same day, the two teammates were heading off to Cleveland to play a game with their Ontario Terriers Club team.

And that's not the only

other baseball gig on their plate. In addition to playing for the Ontario Terriers and for 17U Team Ontario, both pitchers have jobs as umpires and have played for the Ontario-based Team Canada that competed in Oklahoma this past June.

That's how life is for the pair aspiring to be Major League Baseball pitchers - and they wouldn't have it any other way.

"Right now, it's pretty much baseball every day," Ellis, 16, said, adding that the majority of his time this summer has been spent practising, playing and working out.

"I feel like our lifestyles are different from other people's because of how busy we are, so it's kind of less hanging out, less video games -- less stuff like that and more serious baseball stuff."

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Georgetown pitchers Campbell Ellis (left) and Owen MacNeil will be playing for 17U Team Ontario at the National Championship Canada Cup tournament.

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busy schedules, MacNeil says, the boys' baseball careers require them not only to have a killer arm, but to be well-rounded individuals both on and off the field.

"It takes everything," the 17-year-old said. "You

have to eat right, you have to work out however many times a week, and you have to keep your grades up, just to have the chance to go on. But you've chosen it, so you've got to have a passion for the game that no one else has, to re-

ally want to go forward with it."

As well, a player's attitude plays a vital role in their success - a tip MacNeil says he tries to keep in mind at all times.

"As my coach would say, whether you're win-

ning by 10, losing by 10 or it's 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh, you've got to keep the same attitude towards everything," he said.

Ellis and MacNeil will be flying out to Moncton, N.B., on Aug. 7 for the National Championship Canada Cup and say they are excited for the exposure this tournament will bring.

"There will be a lot of people watching, and I just want to kind of show off what we've got," Ellis said. "It's a new feeling, but it's definitely a good feeling, because we know that it's the best of the best in Ontario and you are playing the best people possible. It's just a good feeling knowing that you have the support of so many people, and it's going to be fun watching everyone play."

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