

Sgarbossa nets winner in debut

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It wasn't just scoring the game winner that bolstered Michael Sgarbossa's place in his new coach's good graces.

In fact, Marty Williamson believes a rather routine one-on-one battle midway through Thursday's season opener revealed as much about the Campbellville rookie's OHL promise as the powerplay goal that helped sink the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors 3-1.

"Michael's fearless. There's no

shyness in this kid out there," said the Barrie Colts' head coach, referring specifically to a nice pass the 16-year-old made right after taking a hit along the boards. "He doesn't mind playing in traffic."

Realizing that his adjustment to major-junior's physical rigours may be the biggest determining factor as far as his remaining up with this year's Colts—who had several key veterans sidelined over the weekend—the former Christ the King student was pleased with how he handled that first big check.

"I put on about 10 or 11 pounds of muscles this summer, so hopefully I can deal with how tough it (league) is," said the five-foot-11-inch, 165-pound centre, who amassed 53 goals and 51 assists in 61 games with the 2007-08 Hurricane minor midgets. "That's a big part of the game at this level, winning those little battles with guys that are older and stronger."

Williamson admits he was rather skeptical about Sgarbossa's chances of getting into a Colts' jersey right away, figuring he'd start the year with the Tier II Jr. A Georgetown Raiders—where big brother Rob established himself as a valuable two-way centre for five successful seasons.

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The Georgetown Mustangs captured the South Region Soccer League's under-17 girls' championship with a 1-0 victory over North Mississauga. Team members (front, from left) are: Vicky Strachan, Stephanie Kirec, Nicole Break, Chelsea Bekaert, Nicole Drumm, Kara Woolley. Back row: Assistant coach Barry Duce, manager Alice Strachan, Melissa Hicks, Alex Reid, Rebecca Duce, Alex Howlett, Casey McFadyen, Ashley Waters, head coach Eustace Collins. Absent: Megan Breen, Katie Darling, Tory McCracken.

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Mustangs take SRSL League Cup

After enduring a number of weather postponements, Georgetown's under-17 girls' Mustangs emerged victorious from the SRSL's Premier and First Divisions to earn the League Cup with three straight wins, completed by defeating North Mississauga.

Round 1— Bye

Round 2— Georgetown 2, Bolton 0: Stephanie Kirec, Megan Breen (G); Nicole Break (SO).

Round 3— Georgetown 2, Welland 1: Casey McFadyen (2G).

Championship— Georgetown 1, North Mississauga 0: Kirec (G); Break (SO).



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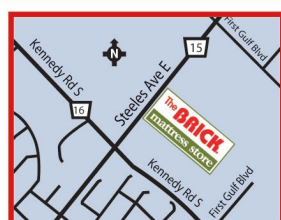


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