

Skier Dickson representing Mexico at Olympics

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Not every Halton athlete at the Olympics is representing Canada.

Burlington skier Rodolfo Dickson is competing for Mexico in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

The 20-year-old competed at the world championships last year in St. Moritz, Switzerland, finishing 47th in the giant slalom and 64th in the slalom.

Rodolfo was born in Puerto Vallarta and was adopted by his Canadian parents when he was three.

Rodolfo, who attended St. Dominic Catholic School in Oakville and

John T. Tuck in Burlington, began skiing when he was six on a family trip to Quebec. He then continued skiing with the Milton Heights Racing Club and later joined the National Ski Academy in Collingwood.

In 2015, he won a Federation International de Ski (FIS) super-G race in Whiteface, N.Y., becoming the first Mexican skier to ever win an international ski race. He also competed at the world junior championship in 2016 and 2017.

"Funding for my sport has really been the hardest part leading up to the Olympics," he told ESPN Mexico in October. "I'm

very lucky to have an amazing mother (Dana Sommers) that has sacrificed a lot of her income for my dream."

Dickson's best result this season was a fourth-place finish in an FIS super-G in Lake Louise in January. He also made his World Cup debut in Austria in January at races in Kitzbuehel and Schladming.

Dickson, who now lives in Vancouver and trains with the Whistler Mountain Ski Club, is one of four athletes on the Mexican Olympic team. He will compete in the giant slalom (Feb. 18) and slalom (Feb. 22).



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Rodolfo Dickson shows off the race suit he's wearing at the Olympics. Dickson grew up in Oakville and Burlington and is representing Mexico, where he was born. He is set to compete in the slalom today (Feb. 22).

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