

Southam hopes to ride tall in the saddle

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Wendy Southam is hoping to hook up with the grandson of a Canadian equestrian legend to achieve success on the world eventing stage.

The Ballantrae resident is one of 50 riders named to the Canadian Equestrian Federation's 2000 Talent Squad for three-day eventing.

The Talent Squad includes Canada's top up-and-coming prospects for the CEF's national eventing team.

It's the second year in a row Southam has been named to the squad.

Three-day eventing is a discipline that sees horse and rider compete over three days in dressage, cross country and show jumping.

A 25-year eventing veteran, Southam is pinning her hopes on her partner, a 10-year-old thoroughbred named Northern Kid. The horse was named the top eventing horse in Ontario in 1999 and is the grandson of former Canadian star racehorse Northern Dancer.

"He's really fast, although he's small compared to Northern Dancer," said Southam of the horse she's owned for four years.

Southam and Northern Kid qualified for this year's Talent Squad with a 10th-place finish at a competition in Lexington, Ky. last October.

While Canada will likely not send a team to Sydney, Australia to contest the three-day eventing competition at this summer's



Ballantrae resident Wendy Southam, shown here in a previous riding competition, is one of 50 riders named to the Canadian Equestrian Federation's 2000 Talent Squad for three-day eventing for the second straight year. Southam will be riding Northern Kid, the grandson of former racing great Northern Dancer.

Olympics, Southam has her sights set on the World Games in 2002, as well as the next Pan American Games.

"We could be ready," says Southam. "That's what our aim is."

Teaching riding in the Stouffville area for 20 years, Southam is a veteran of 15 years of competitive eventing.

Southam and Northern Kid train at Dreamcrest Farm in Port Perry under the direction of the husband and wife team of Ian Roberts and Kelly Plitz. Roberts is currently on the CEF Three Day Eventing long list, while Plitz was on the Canadian team in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Southam plans to take Northern Kid to Virginia in April with her trainers for a few eventing competitions in preparation for the Ontario competitive season, which gets under way in early May.

She plans to compete in one-day events twice a month leading up to a full three-day event in late summer.

In the long run, Southam says it will be up to Northern Kid as to how far up the ladder she is able to climb in Canadian three-day eventing.

"You go as far as you think the horse can go. There are so many things that can go wrong with a horse."

Changes in store for muskie regs

Browse through the current Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary and you might notice the laws pertaining to fishing for muskellunge are complex.

There's close to 10 or 11 different regulation size limits now in place for those who enjoy the challenge of pursuing a fish with a mythical reputation.

The Ministry of Natural Resources acknowledges the current regulations are mind-boggling to the average piscator.

In an attempt to simplify matters, the ministry announced it will introduce new minimum size limits for muskellunge starting as early as 2001.

"What we're trying to do is to streamline the regulations for anglers," said Steven Kerr, a ministry spokesman from the Peterborough office.

The new minimum size limits will be classified under one of five categories based on the growth potential and maturity of muskellunge populations in individual water bodies.

These categories include:
1. High Density Populations — bodies of water with an abundance of muskellunge that generally do not grow large. In these lakes, a minimum size limit



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would be 36 inches or 40 inches with the growth potential for individual waters determining which size limit is in effect. Kerr says lakes of this nature would include the Kawartha Lakes.

"We have healthy populations of fish in these lakes and there's a chance of catching a muskie or two in an outing. But the chances of catching large fish are small," he said.

2. Enhanced Fisheries — for waters in which muskellunge may reach sizes larger than average. Minimum size limits in these waters would range from 44 to 48 inches.

3. Record Class Fisheries — for waters that may produce a world-class fish. A minimum size limit would be set at 54 inches.

Kerr said anywhere from

eight to 10 bodies of water come under this category, including the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers, Georgian Bay, Eagle Lake and Lake of the Woods.

4. Fisheries Being Rehabilitated — for waters in which muskellunge have declined and where restoration efforts are under way. These bodies of water would have catch and release rules in effect only.

Kerr hinted Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching could fall under this category as there's discussions under way to try and bring back these fish.

5. Introductions — for new waters where efforts are under way to establish a muskellunge population.

In creating these categories, Kerr said extensive studies were conducted over a one-year period by a committee of research scientists, ministry fisheries managers and representatives of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Muskies Canada Incorporated and the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association.

"Ontario has excellent muskie waters. What we're trying to provide is a diversity of fishing opportunities for muskies."

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Stouffville Clippers Select

MITE PLAYOFFS
BEST OF SIX POINT CONSOLATION
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

MARCH 21
Clippers 2 (Shawn Hulshof, David Beloff 1 goal; Michael Bourgeois 1 assist), Uxbridge 2.

MARCH 26
Clippers 5 (Michael Mingay, David Beloff and Joe Deveny 1 goal, 1 assist; Carson Trempe, Steven Tait 1 goal; Brett Hembruff and Joshua Manson 1 assist), Uxbridge 1.

MARCH 27
Clippers 5 (David Beloff 3 goals, 2 assists; Carson Trempe 2 goals, 2 assists; Steven Tait 2 assists; Mike Robinson 1 assist), Uxbridge 1.
Clippers lead six-point series 5-3.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Houseleague

TYKE PLAYOFFS

MARCH 25
Schell Lumber 19 (Tyler Barber 9 goals, Carson Trempe 6, Sarah Schell 2, Tyler Heffeman, Michael Rice), Tim Horton's 1 (Scott Miller 1 goal; Brandon Wagg 1 assist); EC Flyers 9 (David Beloff 4 goals, Jesse Godin 2, Cam MacMurtry 2), MS Credit Union 1 (David Gregory 1 goal; Matthew Johnson 1 assist); Kytech Machine Works 6 (Michael Robinson 3 goals, Steven Tait, Brodie Rivers, Jesse Lofthouse), Houston Ford 6 (Joshua Davis 2, Brandon Harley 2, Ryan Brown, Chanelle Hassard).

NOVICE PLAYOFFS

MARCH 25
Legion 459 2 (Chris Mauro and Bruce Cragin 1 goal; Nicky Lehmann 1 assist), Schell Lumber 6 (Mark VanOosten 3 goals; Andrew Lee 1 goal and 2 assists; Daniel Zuccolin 1 goal and 1 assist; Chris Pennanen 1 goal; Nathan MacMurphy 1 assist); Decor Distinction 7 (Scott Laws 3 goals; Braydon Pottifer and Mike Carvahlo 2 goals each; Chris Theodores 2 assists; Scott Bolton and Mark Whitingstall 1 assist each), Ross Dixon Financial Services 2.

(Spencer Bosquet 2 goals; David Morawetz 2 assists; Kyle Hagan and Brian Specht 1 assist each); Metro Waste 6 (Alexander Powell 4 goals; Justin Moule 1 goal and 1 assist; Bucky Pelosse 1 goal; Brittany Crago 1 goal and 1 assist; James Potter and A.J. Matauro, 1 assist each), Superior Water 1 (Aaron King 1 goal); WS Firefighters 7 (Kevin MacKay, Ken Boyd and Jordan Lofthouse 2 goals each; Nicholas Matsoukas 1 goal and 1 assist; Dean Glueckler 1 assist), Money Concepts 3 (Nolan Benoit 2 goals; Jeff Raymer 1 goal; Patrick Raymer and Adam Connor 1 assist).

ATOM PLAYOFFS

MARCH 25
Canadian Railcar Cleaners 2 (James Harrot, Jim Moller 1 goal;

Justin Wideman 1 assist), Todd Pools 1 (Chris Dodds 1 goal; Jeff McVicar 1 assist); Stanton 5 (Shawn Smith 5 goals; David Brummel, Will Powell, Drew Ritchie, Tyler MacLean 1 assist), The Associates 4 (Brennan Trenouth 2 goals, 1 assist; Steven McCommy 1 goal, 1 assist; Justin Lougheed 1 goal; Josh Adams 1 assist); Kytech Machine Works 3 (Ken Czerwinski, Kyle Birker, Matt Martinello 1 goal; Matt Martinello 2 assists; Roy Bartell, Sam O'Connell, Scott Smith 1 assist), Tippet Richardson 2 (Kristan Utholz, Andrew Webber 1 goal; Geoffrey Devine 1 assist).

BANTAM-MIDGE-JUVENILE

MARCH 19
Giles Chev Olds 8 (Shawn Barton 2 goals, 3 assists; Chris Loughlin 2 goals, 1 assist; Colin Griffin 1 goal, 3 assists; Blair Bendulich and Greg Smitt 1 goal, 2 assists; Mike Rozian 1 goal; Mike Rhyndol 2 assists); IGA 1 (Josh Brillinger 1 goal; Jeremy Cushing and Lee Akey 1 assist); Giles Chev Olds 7 (Colin Griffin 2 goals, 1 assist; James Wood and Mike Rhyndol 2 goals; Shawn Barton 1 goal, 2 assists; Chris Loughlin and Greg Smitt 2 assists; Mike Bozian 3 assists); Patti-Lynn Interiors 3 (Damian Peroff and Ryan Kennedy 1 goal, 1 assist; Karl Bossi 1 goal; Chris Tipton 1 assist); IGA 3 (Josh Brillinger 1 goal, 2 assists; Ryan Penny and Sean Tucker 1 goal; Jeremy Cushing and Matt Cushing 1 assist); Rick Wannop Developments 3 (Jason Maier 3 goals; Joshua Clubine, Gamett Lund, Mike Van Der Voort and Ryan Jones 1 assist).

MARCH 26

IGA 4 (Josh Brillinger 4 goals, Lee Akey, Corey Ferguson, Jeremy Cushing, Brandon Miller 1 assist); Patti-Lynn Interiors 3 (Karl Bossi, Ryan Kennedy, Kevin Rand 1 goal; Ryan Newman 1 assist); IGA 5 (Josh Brillinger 2 goals, 1 assist; Jeremy Cushing 2 goals; Brandon Miller 1 goal; Sean Tucker 2 assists; Adam Kerswill, Ryan Penny 1 assist); Giles Chev Olds 1 (Colin Griffin); Rick Wannop Developments 6 (Mike Morris and Ryan York 2 goals; Jason Maier 1 goal, 1 assist; Ryan Jones 1 goal, 4 assists; Joshua Clubine 3 assists; Brent Tucker 2 assists; Andrew Wannop, Chris Cherekas 1 assist); Patti-Lynn Interiors 2 (Damian Peroff, Josh Brillinger); onship series.

Stouffville-Markham Girls Houseleague

PLAYOFFS, MARCH 20

JUNIOR DIVISION
Harry Bowes 1 (Kristen Henderson), Credit Union 0; Moller Insurance 3 (Jamie Sparks 2 goals; Shannon O'Connor 1); Patti-Lynn Interiors 1 (Heather Wideman).

INTERMEDIATE

A Lease Consulting 5 (Angela Clubine 4, Nicole Vidinu), Schickendanz 2 (Cindy Schickendanz 2); Lockwood Golf Club 2 (Sonya Mills, Shannon Laliberte), Pronto Automotive 0.

SENIOR

Shopper's Drug Mart 2 (Kelly McDowell 2 goals); Randy's Appliance 1 (Holly Pelvin); Boyd's Sports 7 (Katie Shanahan 3 goals; Heather McManus, Ashley Hill 2 goals); Noma Cable Tech 0.

Stingrays spike silver

The York Region Stingrays '85 captured the silver medal at the recent Ontario Volleyball Association tier two midget girls' qualifier in Kitchener after dropping a 2-0 decision to the Georgian Bay Vista in the title game.

The Stingrays finished first in their pool after earning a split with the Burlington Blaze and sweeping their games with the Scarborough Titans and Primrose Elite 2-0.

The Stingrays then defeated the Stingrays North 2-1 in their quarter-

final game and the Ottawa Roos 2-0 in their semi-final encounter.

The Stingrays received outstanding setting from Carly Steane, Corene Willoughby and Christine Lubert. Victoria Kuek, Heather Meldrum and Jenny Turner provided excellent hitting from the left side, while Robyn Dalley and Carolyn Butler handled the hitting from the middle.

The Stingrays now qualify for the tier one volleyball provincial championships in April.

Let's Talk About Health Care

Public information sessions hosted by the

Community Care Access Centre of York Region

The CCAC serves one in fifty York Region residents. From infants to seniors, we provide in-home services, long-term care due to injury, illness, hospital recuperation or aging. We also facilitate placement into long-term care centres (nursing homes), or Adult Day programs. Chances are, one day you'll need to call us. Our services are available to all Ontario residents with a valid Ontario health card.

If you would like to learn more about our programs and meet our CEO, then plan on coming to one of our information evenings.

All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 5 Whitchurch Stouffville Public Library, 6240 Main St., Stouffville

Thurs., April 6 Maple Library, Room A, 10190 Keele St., Maple

Wed., April 26 Sutton Public Library, Demarco Rm., 5279 Black River Rd., Sutton

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