

Stouffville softball star adjusts to international stages

Coleshill hopes next stop is the worlds in Poland

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For Pearl Coleshill, her next stop is the world.

Fresh from representing Softball Canada in a junior tournament at the PanAm Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Stouffville resident is hoping to make it to world competition in Kutno, Poland in June.

"I'll definitely be trying out," says the 18-year-old Stouffville District Secondary School grad.

Despite the fact Coleshill was one of 17 players selected to compete in Puerto Rico, the worlds is a whole new ball game where other girls, unsuccessful in earlier try-outs, will be given a second

chance.

Coleshill's choice for the PanAm Games followed grueling camps held in Port Perry and Brampton. Between times, she and Megan Evans of the Markham Tigers performed with the Guelph Gators in the Nationals.

By coincidence, Coleshill and Evans are now enrolled in the same school, Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

Attending Winthrop on a full scholarship and majoring in physical education, Coleshill gained recognition as a quality short stop and outfielder with the hometown Stingers and Sizzlers. Later, she played in Whitby, Newmarket and Markham.

Two phone calls, one from Dave Vallance of the Markham Tigers and another from Mark Sanderson of the

Canadians, set the stage for participations in the Nationals and the PanAms.

"I was half asleep when the call came through from coach Sanderson," Coleshill remembers. "I sure woke up in a hurry."

Team Canada, comprised of 17 girls including eight from Ontario, held four days of workouts in Boca Raton, Fla., prior to heading to San Juan for the PanAm games.

Coleshill said playing in San Juan was a highlight in her career.

"Canadians are highly respected in Puerto Rico," Coleshill said, "organizers couldn't do enough for us. It

was definitely one of the best times of my life, an experience I'll never forget."

In addition to playing sterling defence, Coleshill hit a sparkling .317.

"Pulling on a Canadian jersey was the best feeling ever," she said.

Both her mother, Tina, and brother, Roy, were seated in the stands.

The American team came out on top with Puerto Rico second. Canada finished fourth.

Coleshill acknowledged she had some adjustments to make from a social and athletic standpoint when she made the long distance move

from Stouffville to South Carolina.

"I survived through memories of home," she says. "Keeping in touch was very important. It's a different country with a different system."

"Athletics is taken very seriously," she said. "Softball is huge down there."

She readily admits the first month of university life proved a major adjustment.

With respect to the worlds, Coleshill's maintaining a wait and see attitude.

"I'd be more than happy to have another chance on the world stage," she said.



PEARL COLESHILL: Stouffville product played for Canada at PanAm tourney in Puerto Rico.

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2007 REGISTRATION
at the
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at these dates & times:

Saturday February 3RD - 9:30am to 1pm
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Wednesday - 7pm
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Phone - 905-640-3151
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Service of Worship
10:30 a.m.

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8:00 a.m.
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February 4th, 2007
9:45 am
Celebration Service
Communion
Pastor Bob Flemming

11:11 am
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6:00 pm
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254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville
The Rev. Robert A. Shields
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9:30 am

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11:00 am

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