

YEAR IN SPORTS: Golfer Steinberg retains Ontario title

Trampoline champ adds to medal collection at worlds

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GOLF: James Castle was part of the Humber College Hawks men's golf team that won their fourth straight Ontario Colleges Athletic Association title.

Henry Brunton became the first Canadian to be named as one of the Top 50 Kids Teachers as chosen by U.S. Kids Golf. The Stouffville resident and RCGA national men's team coach would also unveil his first-ever book, *Journey To Excellence, the Young Golfers Complete Guide to Achievement and Personal Growth*.

Ivy Steinberg successfully retained her Golf Association of Ontario Investors Group Senior Women's title. A 52-year-old Cedar Valley resident, Steinberg is a member of the Granite Golf Club.

At 15, Gajan Sivabalasingham was the youngest competitor to take to the fairways at the Golf Association of Ontario's men's match play qualifier at Cherry Downs Golf and Country Club in Pickering in May.

But that did not prevent the Ballantrae resident from reaching the top of the field.

Carding a four-over par 75 on the day, Gajan finished in a two-way tie with Richard Persaud for first place and a berth in the championships at the Lake Joseph Club in Port Carling in June.

GYMNASTICS: Karen Cockburn, three-time Olympic medalist, claimed two medals at the World Trampoline and Tumbling

Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia. The 29-year-old Stouffville resident earned a bronze in women's individual trampoline and silver in women's synchro with teammate Rosannagh MacLennan, 21.

Earlier in the year, Cockburn finished second to MacLennan in the women's individual competition at the 2009 Canadian National Championships in Hamilton. She also paired with MacLennan to finish second in the synchronized event.

Cockburn also added a new honour to her portfolio as she was named female athlete of the year at the Ontario Sport Awards ceremony in Toronto. For Cockburn, it marked the first time she received the honour after being a finalist three other occasions.

HIGH SCHOOLS: Jamie Hewitt, a coach for the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' hockey and rugby teams, was the recipient of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Leadership in School Sport Award. Hewitt would also direct the Spartans senior boys' rugby team to the silver medal at the OFSAA A/AA championships in Waterford after they lost to Trenton High School 14-3 in the final.

At the York Region Athletic Association track championships, Liam Masil-Mitro captured three gold medals after winning the junior boys' 400 m, 800 m and discus. Other gold medalists included Emily Clarkson in the junior girls' discus and Olivia



KAREN COCKBURN: Olympic medalist was named Ontario's female athlete of the year.

Bolender in the midget girls' triple jump after setting a school mark of 10.75 m. Also of note, Michael Bourgeois, a Grade 10 student won silver in the open boys' steeplechase, an event usually dominated by older competitors. Bourgeois would also earn a silver in the junior boys' 1,500 m and bronze in the 3,000 m.

JUDO: Tressa Sheffield, 14, captured her weight class at the Senior National Judo Championships in Sherbrooke, Que., and added two other titles at the Canadian junior finals in Calgary after winning the under-44 kilogram under-17 and under-20

titles. Sheffield would represent Canada at the under-17 world judo championships in Budapest.

RUGBY: Kyle Miller was a member of the Hinckley Colts under-19 rugby team that won the national championship in England with a 23-5 win over the Old Albanians RFC in the title game played in Northampton.

Nine Stouffville residents were on the Markham Rugby Football Club's under-18 team that defeated the Bytown Blues 24-7 in the final of the Ontario championship at Fletcher's Fields in Markham. They were Tom McLeod, Lawson Mann, Kyle Sharpe, Theron Coetzee, Jeremy Brownridge, Scott Miller, Patrick Laffan, Chris Chekay and Scott Hopkins. The team was coached by Stouffville resident Ian McLeod.

SOFTBALL: Evan Boyd, a left fielder and second baseman with the Kitchener Riverhark men's fastball team, played an instrumental role in helping them win their second straight International Softball Congress title. As well, Boyd was part of the Riverharks' team that won the Canadian Softball Association title. The Riverharks became just the second Canadian entry to win the ISC and Canadian titles in the same year since the Toronto Gators did it in 1993.

Robert Kay was a member of Team Ontario that won the Under-19 Men's International Softball Championship after they defeated

Saskatchewan 3-2 and 5-1 in the final at Charlottetown, P.E.I. The Stouffville resident had a .438 batting average and 82-per-cent fielding percentage during the tournament. As well, he earned player of the game honours in Ontario's 5-1 win over Team USA.

Kay would also join Erick Espinto-Santo and Travis Connor as members of the Oshawa BB midgets that won the Ogtario Amateur Softball Association title and qualified to play at the national midget fastball championships in Saskatchewan.

The Stouffville Storm peewees captured the Ontario Amateur Softball Association title with a 10-1 win over Pickering.

SKATING: Lauren Raithby, 15, was the youngest member on the 25-member Black Ice team that won silver at the Canadian Synchronized Skating Competition in Oshawa. The team also earned a berth at the world championships in Croatia.

TRACK AND FIELD: Fred Robbins, 54, won the 800 m in the men's 50-plus division at the Ontario Masters Athletics Indoor Championships at York University. The Stouffville resident would also earn a silver in the 400 m in the same age category.

Shane Stallybrass ran off with a pair of gold medals from the Ontario Minor Track Association provincial indoor championships in the atom boys' 800 m and 1,500 m.

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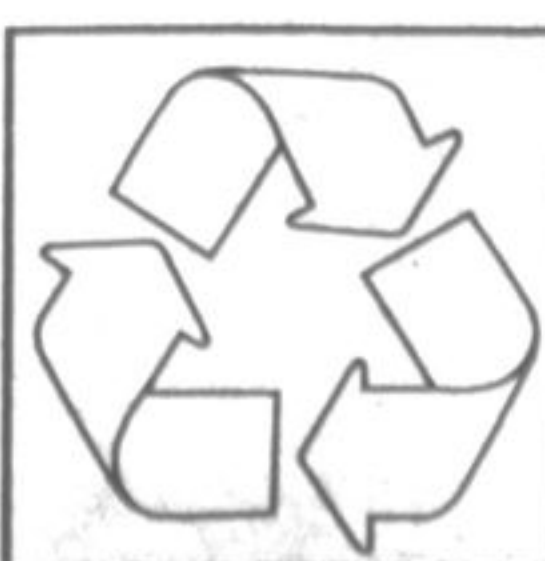
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