

SPORTS: New York Rangers rookie, 19, in Germany with Team Canada

World's a stage for teenager Del Zotto

Michael Del Zotto's hockey season did not come to an end once the New York Rangers failed to make postseason play in the National Hockey League.

The 19-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville native was one of seven players added to Team Canada's roster by general manager Mark Messier Saturday for the 2010 International Ice Hockey Federation world championship in Cologne and Manheim, Germany.

Having just completed his rookie NHL campaign with the Rangers in which he compiled nine goals and 28 assists in 80 regular season games, Del Zotto was one of eight defencemen named to the 23-player roster.

Del Zotto will also join former Markham Waxers minor hockey teammate Steven Stamkos on Team Canada's roster.

Canada's first game is against Italy Saturday. For more, go to: www.hockeycanada.com



MICHAEL DEL ZOTTO: Stouffville resident joins minor hockey teammate Steven Stamkos on roster.

Spirit graduate Trivino suspended from Boston University hockey team

Corey Trivino's collegiate hockey career will be put on temporary hold.

The former Stouffville Spirit forward who recently completed his sophomore year at Boston University was suspended by the Terriers' men's hockey program for multiple games to begin the 2010-11 campaign, the school announced Tuesday.

The 20-year-old Trivino's suspension was reported to have stemmed from his involvement in an alcohol-related incident less

than 48 hours before a playoff game against the University of Maine.

From the same incident, the Terriers dismissed two other players in junior Victor Saponari and sophomore Vinny Saponari.

A member of the Spirit in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 campaigns, Trivino compiled four goals and 11 assists in 28 games this past season with the Terriers.

Trivino was a second-round draft selection of the New York Islanders and 36th player taken overall in the 2008 National Hockey League entry draft.

Golden day for Cockburn in Australia

Karen Cockburn captured the gold medal in the senior women's individual trampoline event at the 2010 Pacific Rim Championship in Melbourne, Australia Sunday.

The 29-year-old Stouffville resident and three-time Olympic medallist won the event with a score of 38.10.

Entering the final, Cockburn was the top qualifier.

Earlier in the week, Cockburn and Rosanagh MacLennan, 21, of King City, claimed the silver medal in the women's synchronized event.

Members of the Skyriders Trampoline Place in Richmond Hill, Cockburn, 29, and MacLennan, 21, finished with a score of 48.20 points.

Gajan qualifies for junior classic

Gajan Sivabalasingham fired a three-over par 75 to finish in a four-way tie for seventh place at the Golf Association of Ontario's Junior Spring Classic Qualifier at Bushwood Golf Club in Markham Saturday.

The 16-year-old Ballantrae resident and Mandarin Golf Club member finished five shots off the pace set by Brandon Lustig of Toronto, who carded a two-under 70.

But Gajan qualified for a berth in the Junior Spring Classic, which will take place at Wooden Sticks Golf Club in Uxbridge May 22 to 24.

Spartans win second rugby tourney

Host Stouffville District Secondary School had only won the Spartan Invitational Rugby Tournament once during the last 10 years.

Until Friday. You can make it two titles for the Spartans after they defeated Saltfleet Secondary 15-5 in overtime.

Jesse Lofthouse scored the game's first try to give the Spartans a 5-0 lead.

But Saltfleet came back in the second half to tie the game on the final play.

With a chance to win the game by booting the convert, the Saltfleet kicker shanked his attempt from the centre area.

Playing two, five-minute halves, the Spartans got tries from Pat Laffan in the first half and Oliver Boettcher in the second to win the game.

"We kind of got lucky," said Spartans head senior coach Jamie Hewitt. "I couldn't believe it when the kick was shanked.

"But our kids played well. It was our best game playing as a team."

In reaching the final, the Spartans defeated Senator O'Connor (Scarborough) 41-7, Dr. G.W. Williams (Aurora) 27-7 and Alexander Mackenzie (Richmond Hill) 35-7.

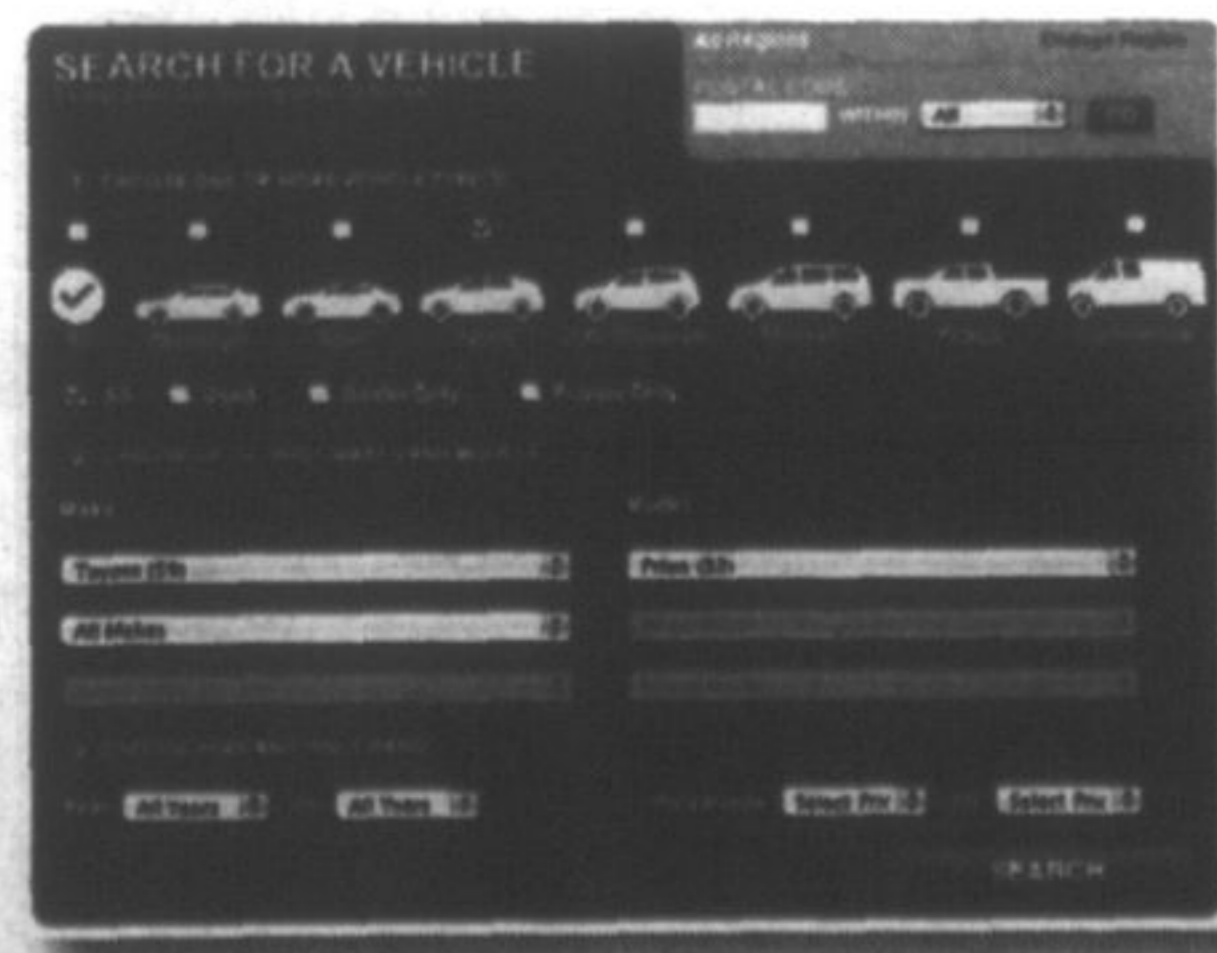
The Spartans will be at Trent University in Peterborough today to take part in the Red Hot Tournament with games against Eastview Collegiate (Barrie), O'Neill Collegiate (Oshawa) and Fenelon Falls.

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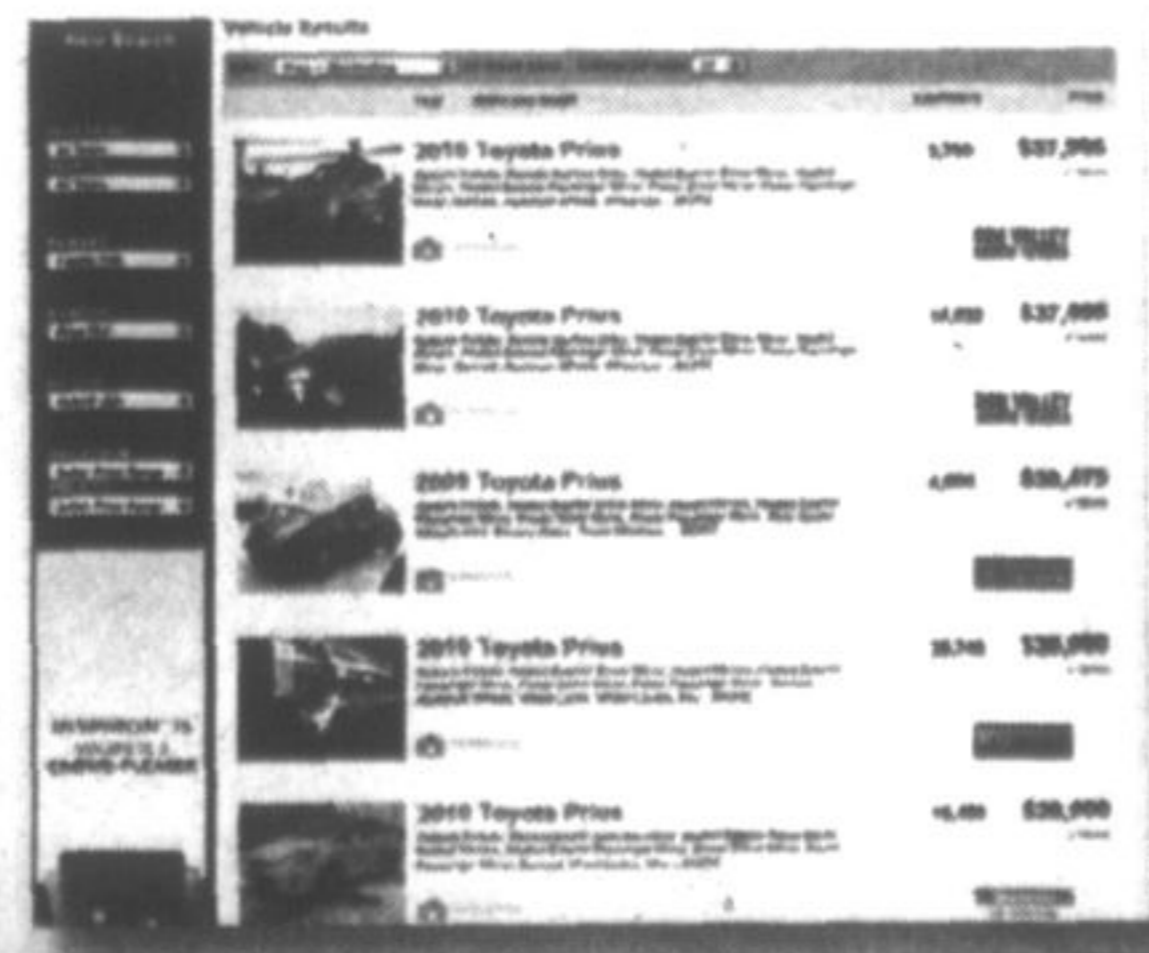
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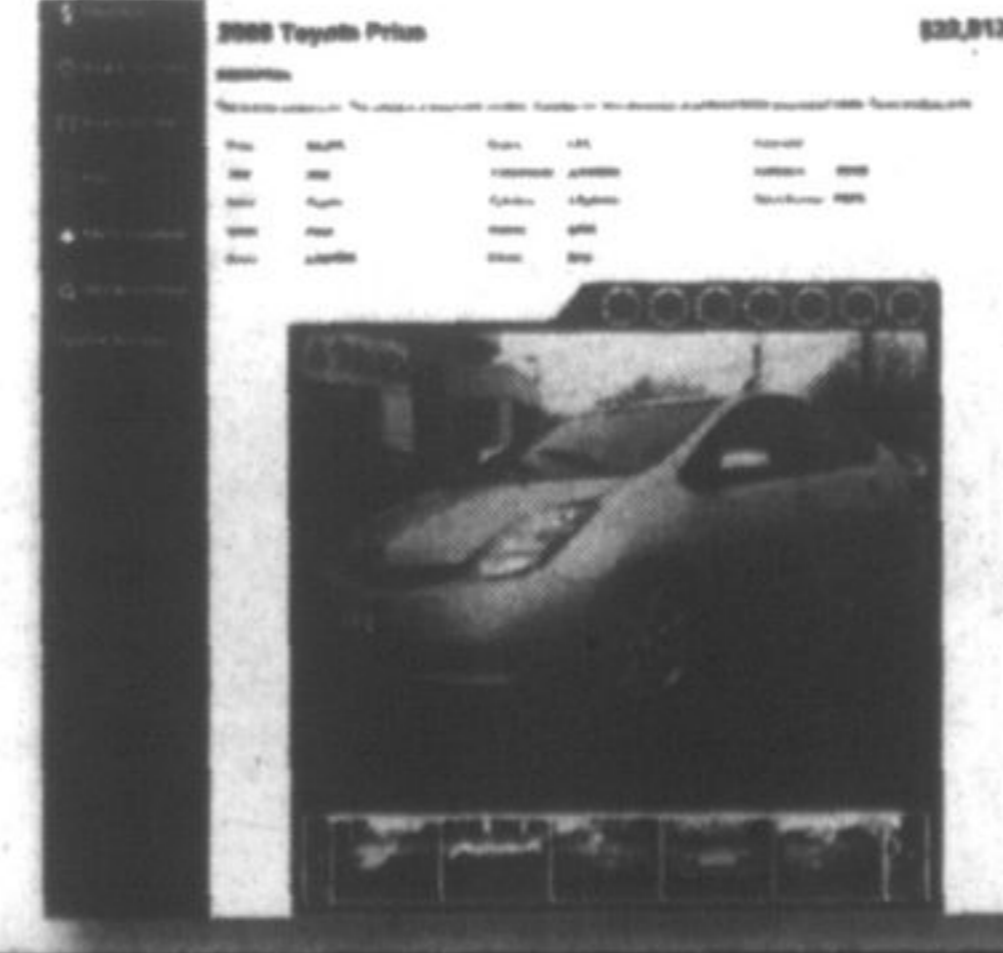
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