

Rider wins silver, Cockburn sidelined at Pan Ams

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Stouffville resident Tina Irwin was part of a four-rider contingent representing Canada that won the silver medal in the equestrian team dressage event at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, Sunday.

By claiming silver, the Canadian entry qualified for the team event in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, England.

Joining Irwin on the team were Tom Dvorak of Hillsburg, Ont., Crystal Kroetch of Innisfail, Alta., and Roberta Byng-Morris of Godmanchester, Que.

Irwin was named the Dressage Canada Red Scarf Equestrian Athlete of the Month for June.

Irwin earned consistently top results during the back-to-back World Cup Qualifying Dressage CDI competitions, including the CDI-W Milton Summer Classic June 17 to 19 followed by the CDI-W Milton International Classic June 24 to 26.

Both events were conducted at the Iron Horse Equestrian Complex in Milton, Ont.

Born in Hagen, Germany, the 30-year-old Irwin and her husband Jaimey, own the Stoney Lake Equestrian at Strathfield Farm in Stouffville.

Inness shelves trampolinist

Karen Cockburn was defeated in the women's individual trampoline final at the 2011

Pan American Games in Guadalajara Tuesday.

But not by an opponent.

Rather, a bug that has affected several members of the Canadian trampoline contingent hit the 31-year-old Stouffville resident.

As a result, Cockburn, the defending 2007

Pan American Games gold medalist and three-time Olympic medalist, was forced to withdraw.

Canadian teammate Rosannagh MacLennan stepped up to win the gold.

Cockburn can still qualify for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London at the world championships next month.

Soccer players golden in PEI

Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Tommy Kouzmanis scored a goal in the opening half to help the Markham Lightning men's over-35 soccer team defeat Nova Scotia 2-1 in the recent Eastern Masters Canadian final in Charlottetown, PEI.

Playing the striker position, Kouzmanis also scored a goal for the Lightning in a 2-0 win over host Prince Edward Island in its opening match.

He also delivered a clutch marker during a penalty kick session in which the Lightning defeated Newfoundland 3-2 to gain a berth in the final.

Two other Whitchurch-Stouffville residents, defender Rene Martin and midfielder Paul Stoyanovski, were on the team.

The title won by the Lightning was their third in the last four years.

Rugby players star for Markham

Two Stouffville District Secondary School graduates played an instrumental role in igniting the Markham Irish Canadian Rugby Football Club men's firsts to a berth in the Ontario Rugby Union McCormick Cup semifinals with an 8-3 overtime win over Toronto Scottish in a quarter-final match at Fletcher's Fields in Markham Saturday.

Matt Raguseo scored the game-winning try two minutes into the fourth overtime session after the contest was tied at 3-3 through regulation time and two, 10-minute regulation overtime periods and three sudden-death overtime periods.

Raguseo also booted a penalty goal during regulation time for Markham.

During the overtime session, Scottish had several chances to win the game but had one try called back on a forward pass and another tracked down by Jesse Lofthouse on a fantastic defensive effort.

With the victory, Markham will face Toronto Beaches in a semifinal match at Fletcher's Field Saturday at 3 p.m.

Thompson fields title in Utah

Ron Thompson was part of a gold medal-winning slo-pitch team at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah two years ago. Last weekend, the Whitchurch-Stouffville resident won gold again.

Taking to the field with a Scarborough-based team called Stefcu making their debut in the 55-60 age group division, Thompson and his teammates played in seven games en route to winning their division title and receiving an Olympic style gold medal.

Thompson and his Stefcu teammates tuned up for the games by winning a tournament in Mesquite, Nevada.

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