

# Rugby players at national team tryouts this weekend

## SPORTS BRIEFS

Two Stouffville residents who play for Stouffville District Secondary School's senior boys' team have been invited to attend the Rugby Canada under-17 Eastern Canadian Skill Assessment camp in Kingston this weekend.

Ben Risi and Matt Carrick will attend the tryout, to be held at the Royal Military College, starting today and concluding Sunday.

Both players earned the right to attend based on their performances and skill levels that were exhibited at top regional competitions by a team of Rugby Canada selectors.

The camp represents the first stage in Rugby Canada's High Performance Player Pathway and will provide players with a comprehensive assessment on where they are now and where they need to be in order to play for Canada.

With both players receiving their invitation in early September, Risi said the opportunity extended to him caught him off guard.

"I had heard that some of my teammates from Team Ontario had been invited and I had really disregarded my chances," Risi said. "But it feels amazing to be asked to go to this tryout camp."

To attend the camp with Carrick, a fellow provincial and high school teammate, Risi said, is extra special.

"It will be nice to go with fellow teammate

Matt Carrick as he has more experience playing at these higher levels than I do," said Risi.

### Bantam A Stars second in Oshawa

The Markham-Stouffville bantam A Stars skated off with the silver medals from the Oshawa Fall Classic after falling 3-0 to the Brantford Ice Kats in Sunday's final.

The Stars opened round-robin play on a positive note with a 1-0 win over Brantford Friday.

Brooklyn Feasby scored the game's lone goal in the waning moments of the opening period. Andrea Ellis and Lindsay Kilner each drew assists.

Frances Tenney stopped every shot directed at her to record the shutout.

Facing the Etobicoke Dolphins later that day, the Stars battled them to a 0-0 draw.

Payton Melvin recorded the shutout for the Stars.

Buoyed by a goal from Ellie Sasaki and

stellar netminding from Tenney, the Stars blanked the Cornwall Typhoons 1-0 Saturday.

Later that day, the Stars got goals from Hannah Daniels and Sasaki to battle the Clearview Ice Cats to a 2-2 tie.

Finishing first in their division, the Stars advanced to the semifinals where they faced the Burlington Barracudas and emerged with a 1-0 win.

Jenna Steinman scored the game's lone goal and Tenney posted the shutout to help the Stars advance to the final.

Other players contributing to the Stars' silver medals were: Emily Boston, Dana Drew, Rebecca Hall, Juliana Hutton, Danika Kuznik, Tori Trimble, Emma Tworzyanski and Sarah Welsch.

### Justin runner-up at CJGA fall event

Matthew Justin finished in a three-way tie for second-place honours after taking to the Bethesda Grange Golf Club links for the Canadian Junior Golf Association's Fall Series event Sunday.

Entered in the boys 15-19 division, the Gormley resident finished the two-round competition at 10 over 154 (75-79).

Justin, along with Jacob Durack of Oshawa and Matthew Meharg of Uxbridge, finished three shots behind winner Sam

McNulty of Port Perry, who finished seven-over at 151.

For more on the CJGA, log on to: [www.cjga.com](http://www.cjga.com)

### Sivabalasingham helps take title

Gajan Sivabalasingham was part of the University of Waterloo Warriors' men's golf team that captured the University of Waterloo/Wilfrid Laurier University Invitational Tournament at Whistlebear and Grey Silo Golf Clubs last weekend.

The 18-year-old Ballantrae resident, who serves as team co-captain and is in his second year, finished in a two-way tie for fifth place overall with teammate Jordan Bakhsh of Newmarket.

Each carded a two-round 143.

As a team, the Warriors finished with a 569 (289-280) to claim the title for the third straight year.

Prior to this event, Sivabalasingham carded a two-round, one-over par 145 (71-74) to finish second in individual competition and propel the Warriors' golf team to a second-place finish at the Ganon University Invitational in Erie, Pa.

He helped his five-member team record a two-day score of 610, 11 strokes behind first-place Humber College Hawks.



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