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Carol May-McQuillan and Ricardo Mansueto of Stouffville at last year's Boston Marathon. Both plan to compete again next year.



Runners re-doing Boston — just not this year

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Three minutes after crossing the finish line in Boston last year, Carol May-McQuillan heard the first of two pressure-cooker bombs go off.

The second was detonated 12 seconds later.

In all, three people were killed and about 260 others injured.

Mrs. May-McQuillan and her husband Peter managed to walk away physically unharmed.

"I still replay all of that in my mind, see the explosion," the Whitchurch-Stouffville resident said.

Because Mrs. May-McQuillan finished the race, she did not receive an automatic invitation to return for this week's race.

The 45-year-old marathon and Ironman finisher did, however, requalify for the iconic race.

But because the Boston Athletic Association instituted a roll-down qualification process, she actually missed her shot in Monday's race by eight seconds.

Her requalifying race, which was held in Whitby, was very emotional. It took place a month after Boston and brought back a lot of memories, Mrs. May-McQuillan said.

Once her story got out last year, Mrs. May-McQuillan said a number of old training partners got in contact with her and even though she wasn't directly impacted by the bombings "it took a bad

situation and turned it into a positive. ... I had so much support, it was overwhelming."

The race, bombings and all that she experienced afterwards, taught Mrs. May-McQuillan what was important in life.

"It was a wake-up call. At 45 I'm lucky. I can re-appreciate and not get caught up in everyday life. ... I'm just happy I can run," she said.

Mrs. May-McQuillan wants to return to Boston. "It's always a goal to try to qualify." But she wants to do the race with her husband and hit the re-set button on the experience.

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"I'm not going to let them win," she said.

The 118th Boston Marathon was run Monday morning.

Another local runner, Ricardo Mansueto, finished the marathon last year about an hour before the first bomb went off.

He re-qualified for this year, but missed the registration deadline by a couple of days.

He'll go back in 2015. "I know it would be nice to be part of those brave runners to fight back and be strong," he told The Sun-Tribune via email.

SDSS graduate new assistant GM of Edmonton Oilers

Bill Scott has made it to the National Hockey League.

The former Stouffville District Secondary School student and Spirit Jr. A volunteer won't be playing.

Rather, the 33-year-old former Unionville resident will take up a position in the front office of the Edmonton Oilers after he was named their new assistant general manager, the NHL club announced Monday.

The son of longtime Canadian Football League agent Gil Scott, Bill spent the last four seasons as general manager of the Oilers'

American Hockey League affiliate Oklahoma City Barons.

While with the Barons, Scott guided them to a berth in the playoffs this season.

Scott will take over from Ricky Olczyk, who departed after he turned down another role within the Oilers.

Scott's climb up the hockey ladder began while he attended Michigan State University and worked with their men's varsity team.

Upon graduating, he served as an intern with the Nashville Predators and then worked for the East

Coast Hockey League as its manager of hockey operations before joining the Barons in 2010.

Carrick's three-point game helps Marlies win finale

Sam Carrick scored a pair of goals and collected one assist to propel the Toronto Marlies to a 4-3 win over the visiting Rochester Americans in American Hockey League action Saturday.

The 22-year-old Stouffville resident and fifth-round draft pick of

the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2010 National Hockey League entry draft, scored what would be the game-winning marker and second goal of the game and 14th of the season on a breakaway at the 17:35 mark of the third period.

Carrick was credited with an assist on a goal by Josh Leivo just over five minutes into the third period that tied the score at 3-3 and set the stage for his late-game heroics.

Carrick delivered his first goal of the game in the first period enabling the Marlies to overcome

a 1-0 deficit.

Playing his first full season with the Marlies after joining the club late last year when he started the 2012-13 season with the Idaho Steelheads, Carrick finished the regular campaign with 14 goals and 21 assists in 62 regular season contests.

The Marlies finished the regular season in first place in the North Division standings and will play the Milwaukee Admirals in the first round of the Calder Cup playoffs starting in Milwaukee tomorrow.

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