

Whitby karate kid heads to Spain

WHITBY -- Whitby's own karate kid, Chris Burke, will be heading to Madrid, Spain on April 12 to compete in the Villa de Madrid International Karate Tournament.

Burke, who recently won gold at the Canadian national karate championships in B.C., will compete on the Canadian National Kumite team. Kumite is sparring, essentially free-form fighting. The team will compete against national teams from Japan, Turkey, Spain and Germany. The previous Villa de Madrid tournament had over 12,000 spectators.

The competition also has an open weight category, in which Chris will compete against top international champions.

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