

Whitby karate club sends three to Junior Pan-Ams in Colombia

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WHITBY -- Coach Ed Docherty of the ICKF Karate Club is flanked by Dylan Creaney and Marika Gumienny at the club. Coach Docherty and the two young athletes have been selected to go to the Junior Pan-Am karate championships in Colombia later this month. August 3, 2013. - Photo by Peter Redman

WHITBY -- Whitby's ICKF Karate School is sending a trio to the junior Pan American karate championships in Colombia this summer.

Athletes Marika Gumienny and Dylan Creaney, along with coach Ed Docherty, will make the long trek south to Medellin as part of the Canadian national junior team competing Aug. 25 to Sept. 1.

Karate Canada, the official governing body, has selected the two Whitby athletes based on a strong showing at the Canadian national karate championships held in Toronto in March.

Creaney, 18, will be representing Canada in the 18-20, over-78-kilogram division. This is his second year on the junior team, having won two international bronze medals a year ago, at the North American Cup and the U.S. Open.

Gumienny, also 18, will compete in the women's 18-20, under-53-kg division. This will be the first time competing internationally for Gumienny, who won a silver medal at the nationals.

Docherty has been selected to be a coach for the team, joining one from British Columbia and two from Quebec.

The Pan American Karate Federation, with 37 member countries, hosts the event in a different country each year. Each nation is allowed to field two athletes per category.

The meet is the pinnacle competition for juniors who compete in North and South America.

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