

Whitby karate student Gage Madill wins bronze medal at nationals in Quebec

Four qualify from ICKF Karate School at provincials

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WHITBY — From left, James Gleeson, Gage Madill, Navin Kangal and Kaitlyn Morrish represented Whitby's ICKF Karate School at the 2017 national championships in Quebec City. April, 2017 - Submitted photo

WHITBY — Gage Madill made his debut at nationals a memorable one by winning a bronze medal and leading a strong group of four athletes from Whitby's ICKF Karate School to the Canadian championships in Quebec City.

Madill finished third in the age 12-13, under-45-kilogram kumite division after four matches.

Navin Kangal and James Gleeson also competed at their first national championship and both finished fifth; Kangal in the age 14-15, under-63-kilogram kumite division, and Gleeson in the age 14-15, under-70-kilogram kumite category.

Caitlin Morrish was making her fourth trip to nationals, and defeated the defending champion in the age 16-17, under-68-kilogram division on the way to a fifth-place result.

All of the ICKF students qualified for the nationals by finishing in the top two at the Ontario provincial championships.

The Whitby school has now qualified athletes for the nationals for 14 straight years, dating back to 2004.

"I am very proud of my students," said chief instructor Ed Docherty. "They work very hard and they all had great matches. I'm very happy with the way they carry themselves in and out of the ring."

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