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Mississauga athletes golden in Poland

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The red and white Canadian flag was waved proudly and prominently at Beskidy 2006, the Polish Winter Games.

The 60-member strong Canadian team, which included 30 athletes from Mississauga, placed first at the international games, open to people of Polish descent. The Canadians set the pace with 21 gold, 11 silver and 17 bronze medals, easily finishing ahead of their closest opponents from the Czech Republic, Sweden, Germany and the United States.

The Games concluded March 4.

Katarzyna Kuzniar and Jacek Maludzinski were the top female and male competitors from Mississauga.

Kuzniar won four golds and one bronze medal. She placed first in carving (snowboarding), short track skating and giant slalom and placed third in slalom.

Maludzinski won in carving, short track skating and giant slalom while placing second in another short track event. He was third in the slalom.

David Ganko, 9, from Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic School in Mississauga, was the youngest Canadian team member. He finished with gold medals in carving and giant slalom.

Thomas Szoltysek, 13, from St. Rosa of Lima placed fourth in slalom and giant slalom, in a division open to 10-20 year-olds.

Other medalists included brother and sister Karol and Olivia Pacanowska, who each won gold in luge. Their parents, Barbara and Wladyslaw, the latter a former Polish champion in cross-country skiing, also competed.

Closing out the list of medalists from Mississauga was Michal Boguslawski, who won gold in short track skating.

Team Canada 2006 Olympians had their uniforms provided with the support of Mississauga sponsors Starsky Food Market, Wladyslaw Hojniak, Four Wheels Auto Services, Tyskie, TV Polonia Spanski Enterprises.



Mississauga skier Jacek Maludzinski won three gold medals at the recent Polish Winter Games.



Mississauga's Katarzyna Kuzniar won four golds and one bronze medal competing for Canada at the recent Polish Winter Games.

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