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## Local Runner Competes At National Competition

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Erin Owens (middle) running at the event in Brandon. (Submitted Photo)

Portage athlete Erin Owens was at the Royal Canadian Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships held in Brandon, MB., this week.

The 15-year-old distance runner was among 650 others under the age of 18 competing in track and field events and says it was an incredible experience. The opportunity came around when she was invited to a camp in the summer by a friend.

"It was kind of like a tryout for the team where they would take 30 people to the national competition at the end," says Owens. "Camp was really about what kind of attitude we had, they'd ask questions about previous track events, so I said I'd been to provincials and they decided to bring me along."

Owens took part in the 2000m and the 1200m and says she finished around the middle of the pack in both. She brought her father Randy along with her for the experience in Brandon and she's still getting over how big it really was.

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"I've never been to that level of a track and field event like I've only raced against people from my province," says Owens. "There are a lot of different athletes in the country and they're all talented. We were all in our tracksuits for the Opening Ceremonies, it was really cool."

Randy Owens says the event ran very smoothly and he was impressed with everything they had to offer the athletes.

"It was a real eye-opening experience seeing (Erin) competing at a national level. So many very talented and highly trained athletes, all of whom usually have a personal coach with them. Erin received great preparation from the coaching staff with the Portage Collegiate Institute High School track and field team leading into it as well. They had great lodging, food, security, physio & massage, and other ice breaking activities that allowed the athletes to mingle."

"The competition was so much higher it was a lot of fun to race against people that were so interested in track and field," adds Erin. "I got to meet lots of people that I wouldn't have got to otherwise. I also will always remember how much work some of the athletes put in and the tips I was taught by trainers at the event."

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#### Students To Open 4 Prairie Gold Curling Championships

The 4 Prairie Gold 2020 Curling Championships begin today at Stride Place. This will see four different national curling tournaments taking place here in Portage. This week has the U Sports Canadian...



#### Terriers Drop Game 3 In Double OT

The Portage Terriers lost a heartbreaking 1-0 double overtime decision Tuesday night to the Dauphin Kings. Both goaltenders played well all night with Dauphin getting the final bounce to go their...



#### Stride Place Transforms Into Curling Arena

The 4 Prairie Gold 2020 Curling Championships launch today. A lot of prep has gone into turning Stride Place from a hockey rink into curling sheets. We caught up with Greg Ewasko, the Head Ice...



#### Islanders Fall Despite Comeback Effort

The Portage Islanders are now down 2-0 in the SEMHL final series against the Warren Mercs after tonight's 4-3 loss on home ice. These two teams stayed off the scoreboard for nearly 15 minutes before...



#### Owen Murray Talks About Committing To D1 University

Portage Terriers defenceman Owen Murray announced at the end of last month that he has committed to playing for the University of Massachusetts. That means he will be playing division 1 college...



#### Islanders Looking to Get Even in SEMHL Final

The Portage Islanders are looking to even up the SEMHL Finals at 1 game apiece against the Warren Mercs. The Isles dropped game one 3-1 in Warren on Sunday. Islanders Defenceman Rene Hunter talks...



#### Terriers Heading to Dauphin for Game Three

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Mar 11 10:30 am **Coffee with a side of Milk & Cookies program**

Mar 11 12:10 pm **Music From Four Churches Lenten Concert Series. First Week's Concert: First Presbyterian Church**

Mar 11 2:30 pm **Colouring & Coffee**

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Special teams is expected to be a factor as the Portage Terriers head to Dauphin to battle the Kings in game three in the MJHL playoffs. The Terriers lead their first round best-of-seven series 2-0...



### Islanders Drop SEMHL Final Opener to Warren

The Portage Islanders dropped a 3-1 decision to the Warren Mercs in the first game of the SEMHL finals. Warren scored five minutes into the first. Brock Genyk and Wes Pawluk fed Trent Genyk in front...



### Terriers Take Game 2 in Penalty Filled Affair

The Portage Terriers escaped a penalty-filled affair against the Dauphin Kings Sunday night with a 5-2 victory. Portage's penalty kill was an impressive 10 for 11 while their power play finished...



### Terriers Looking To Handle Business On Home Ice

The Portage Terriers are set to resume their first-round playoff series with the Dauphin Kings tonight in the dog pound. This will be game two of the best-of-seven series that the Terriers currently...

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