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**Just like the pros:** Goalkeeper Luciano Trasolini and Burnaby buddy Devon Jones helped Team West advance to the upcoming Danone Nations Cup soccer world final in South Africa.

## Danone: World final to be played Oct. 3

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Although close, the two boys took different paths towards embracing the beautiful game.

"Luciano was really good at soccer, but I wasn't," said Devon.

But Luciano dropped out of the game, only to return to it by the fourth grade.

He decided then to become a goalkeeper because he said, he was not that fast a runner. Now he's hooked.

"When I watch goalies and see how good they are, it inspired me to be good like them," Luciano said.

"My cousin could have been a professional, and he turned it down. I don't want to be like him. He chose a girl."

Devon had to work at his game.

"I was into other sports, but when I saw people do things, I would ask them how to do it. I started going to camps and learned better ball control and stuff," Devon added.

The boys were handpicked from among 7,500 young soccer players who took part in 10 soccer camps and four provincial

Danone Nations Cup selection camps across the country.

Now it's upwards and onwards for the two aspiring national teamers.

Qualifying teams from approximately 40 other countries, including defending two-time 2008 champion France, and five new nations Haiti, Mozambique, U.S.A., Libya and New Zealand, will descend on South Africa next month for the 11th annual Danone Nations Cup.

Last year's Danone Nations Cup was postponed because of the H1N1 flu pandemic.

The official draw will take place on Sept. 30, with two days of qualifying matches to follow.

The world final will be played on Oct. 3 in the 40,000 seat Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Along with France, South Africa, Russia, Spain, Argentina and Réunion Island in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa, are all previous winners of the Danone Nations Cup. Canada has never won the final.

## Lacrosse: Medal matches this Saturday

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the period to reduce the deficit to five goals.

But Burnaby outscored Cornwall Island, who was playing its second game of the day, 3-2 in the final period.

Burnaby then vastly improved its chances for a possible shot at a medal on Saturday with a 10-5 victory

over the West Coast league playoff winners, Tri-City Bandits on Wednesday.

Rob Cook made 40 saves in the Burrards net.

Cory Melville, Marcus Wooden and McCartney, with a pair of goals, all had four-point outings for Burnaby in the win over Tri-City.

The Burrards opened the

championships with a pair of losses to CanAm champion Onondaga Redhawks and Quebec representative Kahnawake Mohawks.

The bronze medal game will be played Saturday at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Presidents Cup gold-medal final follows at 7 p.m.

## Looking for a few good teammates

The Terminal City Rollergirls are looking for the next generation of roller derby queens.

Created in 2006, the rollergirls will be holding tryouts in New Westminister Aug. 22 and 28.

Prior skating experience is preferred but not necessary. For additional information, go on the web at [www.terminalcityrollergirls.com](http://www.terminalcityrollergirls.com) and click on 'get involved' then e-mail your name and contact info to [recruiting@terminalcityrollergirls.com](mailto:recruiting@terminalcityrollergirls.com) to get on the tryout list.

## Rovers forming u-21 team

The Sapperton Rovers of the Vancouver Metro Soccer League are looking for a couple of gold and Metro calibre players born from 1990 to 1992 for its new under-21 soccer team.

The Rovers and the Burnaby Selects are combining to form the graduate team. The team will practise on Tuesday Aug. 24 and Thursday, Aug. 26 at 9 p.m. at Mercer Stadium. For more information, call Peter at 604-522-9761.

## Selects .500 at Champ lax camp in Maryland

The senior Burnaby Mountain Selects finished the Champ camp in Baltimore, Maryland with a .500 record.

The Burnaby Mountain elite team, including Connor Goodwin from New Westminister, finished with a record of 4-4 at the high school boys' field lacrosse tournament that drew 69 of the top programs in North America.



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