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Gymnasts head to Worlds

Cambridge gymnasts Madeline Gardiner and Mikaela Gerber have been named to the Canadian team headed for the World Championships in Tokyo this fall in a bid to help Canada earn a team berth in the London 2012 Olympics.

Gerber, a member of the Oakville Gymnastics Club, entered last weekend's selection trials competition as the "dark horse" after not competing for much of the season due to illness and injury. But the Cambridge teen came back in fighting fashion and was the only gymnast to hit all routines, posting the highest overall scores over the two days of competition hosted by Gymnastics Canada at the Oakville club.



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Gardiner, a member of Cambridge's Dynamo Gymnastics club, had a rocky start on the first day of the trials, however, she fought back the second day, posting the second highest all-around score of the day.

Gardiner and Gerber, both students at Galt Collegiate Institute, make up two members of the seven-member Canadian team. Six will compete and one will be a designated alternate.

The World Championships are a vital stepping stone on the road to the London Olympics, as the top eight teams at the championships will earn a chance to compete a team at the Olympics. The final four team berths for the London Games will be selected at an Olympic test event at the Olympic venue in January.

Cambridge gymnast Victoria Moors, also of Dynamo Gymnastics, is not old enough to compete in the worlds in Tokyo, but will be age eligible to compete in the test event in London.

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