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Trampoline Athletes Home from St. Petersburg

Luke Friesen and Curtis Gerein have returned home to Kelowna from their travels to St. Petersburg, Russia for the Trampoline and Tumbling World Championships and World Age Groups.

After years of dedication and multiple hours spent in the gym training for this event these two athletes achieved yet another goal of theirs.

Luke Friesen competed in the World Championships. Luke competed in his first ever World Championships in the Double Mini Trampoline event. There were a total of 37 athletes competing and Luke finished 10th. Only 0.1 points away from making finals. His scores also contributed to a Bronze medal team award.

World Age Group Championships was held immediately following the World Championships from November 15-22. Curtis competed in the 15-16 year old category with 35 athletes competing and just sneaked into finals for the Double Mini Trampoline event. He was in 8th place after the preliminary competition and pulled up to 2nd place after finals earning him a Silver Medal. In the Trampoline competition he placed 21st out of 66 athletes competing.

Both of these athletes pay many thanks to their coach Angelo Despotas who has coached these athletes for six years. Angelo spends many long hours at Okanagan Gymnastics Centre dedicating his efforts to all of his athletes which has proved successful yet again with the accomplishments from these two athletes at this year's World Championships and World Age Group Championships. This is one of the few competitions when Angelo did not travel with these athletes to the competition, but in the past has represented Canada as the Team Canada coach.

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