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## Rick Madonik: 2015 in Pictures

Kicking off the Year in review through the selections of the photo staff's favourite pictures.



TORONTO, ONTARIO - JULY 25, 2015 - Team Brazil celebrates the Gold medal win just after the buzzer goes and Team Canada places Silver in the Pan Am medal game at Ryerson Athletic Centre.

Once again, I seem to be leading off the "Year in Review" photo blog. Kinda funny, since I'm a great procrastinator. Perhaps not nearly as bad as I thought, or not nearly as bad as my colleagues!

It was a year of great chances, from my perspective. It mostly revolved around sports as Toronto Raptors and Toronto Blue Jays had runs into the playoffs. The Raptors fell far short, and the Jays had us - almost - doing the happy dance.

One other assignment which touched me was the Wagner family ordeal. The twin girls they adopted from Vietnam, Bin and Phuc, both were in serious need of new livers from a genetic disease. Just days before one of them girls would receive a partial lobe from father Michael (he could not donate to both and doctors made the call dependend on which twin was more ill at the time), I spent a day with the family of 11 in their Kingston home. Surgery went well, as did recovery and within 2 months, Phuc received her liver from a living donor.

I want to wish everyone a [healthy and happy New Year](#) and Season's Greetings to everyone.

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MARKHAM, - JULY 9, 2015 - Canadas' Kevin Graham is encased in water but still gets his shot off. Team Canada VS Team Venezuela in a 2nd round match of Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games.



TORONTO, - JULY 11, 2015 - Canadian Tory Nyhaug (2) leads over a jump, coming into turn 1, during a preliminary round. Nyhaug would go on to win Gold on the 1st full day of competition.



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TORONTO, ONTARIO - JULY 25, 2015 - Canada's Jamal Murray draws a reaching foul as he tries to defend Brazil's Rafael Freire Luz



AJAX, - JULY 18, 2015 - Canada's Rene Tosini can't come up with a ball hit hard to the fence.



TORONTO, - JULY 24, 2015 - Canada's Anthony Bennett gets tangled up with USA's Tavrean Prince in the lane.

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TORONTO - JANUARY 4 - Canada's Nic Petan can't beat Slovakia's goalie Denis Godla on this play, but he would score three goals in the game.



DUNEDIN - MARCH 3 - 416 the numbers of pitchers Aaron Sanchez (46) and Marcus Stroman (6) combine to make up the traditional area code for Toronto. This photo was "illustrated" for the front cover of the pre-season section. A few days later, Stroman would injure himself during a drill and his season was at risk. He did make it back to the mound by the end of the season and was instrumental in the playoff run.



DUNEDIN - FEBRUARY 26 - Pitcher Marcus Stroman runs stairs at Florida Auto Exchange Stadium.



DUNEDIN - FEBRUARY 26 - Michael Saunders leaves the clubhouse at Florida Auto Exchange Stadium in his brace and on crutches. Saunders tore his meniscus yesterday while shagging balls in left field. He stumbled on an exposed sprinkler head.



TORONTO, ONTARIO - AUGUST 14, 2015 - Jays starter David Price hurls in the 1st inning. Toronto Blue Jays vs New York Yankees in Major League Baseball action at Rogers Centre on AUGUST 14, 2015.



KANSAS CITY, MO - OCTOBER 23: Two young girls with their sign which mocks the signs in Toronto which claims "the Price is Right" referring to starting pitcher David Price of the Blue Jays.



TORONTO, ONTARIO - AUGUST 28, 2015 - Jays Kevin Pillar can't come up with a ball hit to centre by Tigers Ian Kinsler. The sequence of pictures is a rare miss by the centre fielder who had an amazing season making outrageous catches.



TORONTO, ON - OCTOBER 7 - Blue Jays centre fielder Kevin Pillar does a flip as he runs back to the dug out after

shagging flyballs in the outfield. The Jays were working out prior to their 1st play off run in decades.



TORONTO, ON - OCTOBER 19: Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Troy Tulowitzki (2) yells back to the dugout as he rounds the bases on his home run. Toronto Blue Jays V Kansas City Royals in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.



TORONTO, ON - OCTOBER 20: Starting pitcher RA Dickey covers the plate after a wild pitch and applies the tag to Lorenzo Cain who slides into home safely.



OAKVILLE, ON - MAY 29, 2015 - Jodi Baginski (left) and Karen Washbrook have a good laugh as Yolanda Kostecki works on daughter Julia Kostecki's, 18, hair as they get her ready for the prom. Julia is headed to her prom at Burlington Convention Centre for the Loyola St. Ignacius Catholic School. Family friend Brendan Baginski offered to escort Julia to her prom.



TORONTO - MARCH 30 - Raptors Jonas Valanciunas finger in the mesh during a time out on the court.



MISSISSAUGA, ON - SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 - Every player had his arm span measured as part of the physical statistics. Raptors 905 is an open tryout for the Toronto Raptors new D League team which will play in Mississauga at the Hersey Centre. Seventy five hopefuls were on hand for a full day of work outs with coaching staff at University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus.



TORONTO - APRIL 18 - Washington's Nene Hilario goes to the iron against Raptors Jonas Valanciunas. Toronto Raptors vs Washington Wizards during 1st half action at the Air Canada Centre of the 1st round of NBA playoffs on April 18, 2015.



TORONTO - APRIL 21 - The Wizards swarm the defensive end as Raptors Jonas Valanciunas goes to the bucket. Toronto Raptors vs Washington Wizards during 2nd half action at the Air Canada Centre



TORONTO - APRIL 18 - Raptors Kyle Lowry on the bench after fouling out. Toronto Raptors vs Washington Wizards during 2nd half action at the Air Canada Centre of the 1st round of NBA playoffs on April 18, 2015. Raptors lose 93-86.



TORONTO, - JUNE 28, 2015 - A group of women are all covered in paint as they have a paint fight along the parade route. Toronto Pride 2015 took over the downtown core as the annual Pride Parade wound itself through the downtown.



TORONTO, - JUNE 28, 2015 - A parade marcher on stilts, covered by fabric in the Pride colors, walks west along Bloor Street.



LAKE ONTARIO, ONTARIO - AUGUST 24, 2015 - Canada Ocean Racing Team Principal and Skipper Eric Holden (right) and Operations Manager/Crew member Morgen Watson are swamped by a wave as they prepare to unwrap a 3rd sail to put the boat under full sail. They are aboard O Canada, a 60 foot ocean sail boat, (formerly Spirit of Canada) during a 24 hour Lake Ontario voyage.



TORONTO - APRIL 29 - New Toronto Police Services chief Mark Saunders addressed the 2nd African Canadian Summit on April 29, 2015.



TORONTO, ON - SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 - Sebastian Giovinco of TFC can't believe the chance he missed. Toronto FC v Chicago Fire in 1st half action of Major League Soccer regular season play at BMO Field



TORONTO, - JUNE 24, 2015 -TFC's Justin Morrow is tangled up by Montreal's Nigel Reo-Coker.



TORONTO, ON - NOVEMBER 20: Paul Nguyen is the son of Vietnamese refugee who settled in Canada. Paul credits recently-deceased family friend, Uncle Bob, with showing him how to be an engaged citizen. Nguyen is wearing two medals he has received, one from the federal government, the other from the provincial, regarding good citizenship.



VAUGHAN, ON - NOVEMBER 2: From left, Brielle Virag, 5, Ella lafrate, 6, Isabella Buslovich, 11 and Aradella Virag, 10 all enjoy the cucumber slices on their eyes as the facial mask work their own magic. Glama Gal Vaughan is the place for tweens and teens to have girls birthday parties. The store front business includes pedicures, manicures, a facial, hair and make up, a pink "toast" and Glama Gal oath, to name a few of the activities.



MISSISSAUGA, ON - JUNE 1, 2015 - A school mate takes a picture of the group. Students from Tomken Road Middle School recently won an award at a Legoland competition in California. The group consists of nine Grade 6, 7 and 8 students.



TORONTO, - JUNE 28, 2015 - Federal Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau works the crowd. Toronto Pride 2015 took over the downtown core as the annual Pride Parade wound itself through the downtown.



KINGSTON - FEBRUARY 2 - Binh (bottom) and pho as mom Joanne gets them ready for bed. The Wagner family goes through its evening routine n their home on February 2, 2015.



TORONTO - FEBRUARY 16 - The Blue Crew girls pose for a picture with Mackenzie Ballantyne, 18. The Leafs held the 37th annual Toronto Maple Leafs skate for Easter Seals Kids at the Mastercard Centre for Hockey Excellence in Etobicoke on February 16, 2015.

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