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### Newton's Rubik's Cube wiz places 12th in championships

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Andy Camann is getting used to the media.

Last week he was in two newspapers and on the local 5 o'clock news. Last weekend, he conducted a live radio interview in Toronto, was filmed for part of a documentary and placed second in his age group, and 12th overall, at the Rubik's Cube World Championships, all under the scrutiny of the lights and cameras.

And with an average time of about 20 seconds per solve, the attention may not likely go away any time soon.

Camann, 14, of Auburndale, returned this week from Toronto where he challenged over 80 people in his event and over 25 people in his age group for the title of the World's fastest Rubik's cube solver at the Ontario Science Centre.

He finished two seconds behind David Wesley of Sweden in the 18 and under-age group of the semi-finals second round. The youngest competitor was 7-year-old Wiktorja Zborowski of Poland.

But despite being mobbed by the press all weekend, Camann kept a cool head.

"I wasn't really nervous," he said, thinking back to the moment he arrived. "I just tried not to think about it."

Camann said the best part of the competition was getting to meet fellow cubers from all over the world.

"It was fun and exciting," he said. "The only [nerve wracking] part was getting on stage during solves, but I actually felt pretty calm."

Although Camann finished second in his age group, his placement of 12th overall meant he didn't make it to the finals.

Camann said he met a few people from the Bay State, one a resident of Holbrook. And Dan Knights, who won the competition with solving times ranging from 16 to 20 seconds, is originally from Acton, although the 24-year-old now resides in San Francisco.

Camann said he was also filmed for a documentary about cubers, which will probably air on the Discovery channel.

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