



**Team Canada Trainer**

**MATT WAGGONER**



**TECHNOLOGY:** Web Technologies  
**ORGANIZATION:** IronSight  
**COMPETITOR:** Cooper Ross  
**HOMETOWN:** Edmonton, AB

**What was the first thing that went through your mind when you realized your competitor made Team Canada?**

*"I was just so excited for him. I know he's worked hard to make it this far and a spot on Team Canada is well deserved. I'm confident he will continue to do well on the world stage."*

**What made you want to train competitors for Skills competitions?**

*"I competed in Skills as a student so I know how valuable this experience is. This is a field that I'm passionate about, so the opportunity to share my knowledge and experience is something I look forward to."*

**What do you think sets your competitor apart from the others in their skill area?**

*"The number of competitors I have met operating at Cooper's level, I can count on one hand. It really comes down to how much time you spend studying, and practicing, and doing. In his spare time he is taking on projects more challenging than the scope of the competition so far. Cooper is clearly self motivated, and passionate about programming, and that's going to take him far."*

**What are you most excited to experience in Shanghai, China?**

*"I'm looking forward to the atmosphere of the world competition. It's inspiring to be in a venue with so many talented young people and to know our future is in good hands."*