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# City man still in Polish presidential race

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"The man from nowhere" has arrived.

Stanislaw Tyminski, who runs a Mississauga computer company, has defied the political experts by getting into the two-man runoff election to become president of Poland.

Tyminski, a Toronto resident who owns the Transduction computer company in the Airport Development Centre, picked up 21 per cent of the vote in Sunday's balloting.

He will now face favored Solidarity Party leader Lech Walesa in the final

vote on Sunday, Dec. 9.

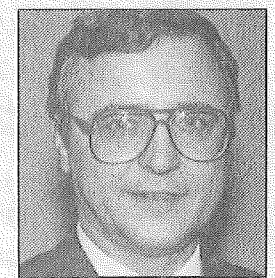
The 42-year-old Polish native was dubbed the "man from nowhere" by the Polish press because of his spectacular arrival on the political scene. Tyminski went to Poland in September to defend a book he'd written on the type of free market economy Poland should establish. He subsequently decided to enter the presidential race.

The candidate, who only got on the ballot through a concerted effort to sign up supporters shortly before the

presidential campaign began, defeated Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki to get into the runoff.

Although he is considered a potential savior of the Polish economy by his supporters, many others see Tyminski's mercurial rise to prominence as a sign of the immaturity of Poland's new-found democracy.

Among the doubters would seem to be many in the Polish-Canadian community in Toronto. Tyminski was a bad third in voting at the Polish consulate over the weekend.



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