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### Stewart 5<sup>th</sup> at 2015 Grand Prix of Spain

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Samantha Stewart earned a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish today in the prestigious Grand Prix of Spain. The international event, held in the Spanish capital, Madrid, featured over 40 different nations from across the globe, and included some of the world's best wrestlers.

Stewart, who competed in the women's 53kg division, began the tournament with a loss to China's Li Hui (0-10), who went on to win the event. She then earned a spot in the Bronze medal match by defeating Marina Rueda of Spain (13-4). Stewart faced Karima Sanchez in the medal round, but dropped the bout 0-2 to place 5<sup>th</sup>.

Two other New Brunswick wrestlers also competed at the event. Shawn Daye-Finley and Ilya Abelev both competed in the men's 74kg weight class. Abelev began the event by defeating fellow Canadian, Matrixx Ferreira (12-2). He then faced another Canadian, Chris Laverick, who defeated Abelev by a score of 10-11. Daye-Finley also started the tournament with a win. He defeated Zsombor Gilyas of Hungary (7-7), before dropping his second match to China's Zhang Chongyao (6-8). Neither Abelev nor Daye-Finley were pulled through to the medal round as their opponents lost their semi-finals. This resulted in Abelev placing 9<sup>th</sup> and Daye-Finley finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the standings.

Abelev, Daye-Finley, and Stewart will now remain in Madrid as part of the Canadian team taking part in a weeklong international training camp. The trio will next be in action at the Ion Cornianu & Ladislau Simon International Wrestling Tournament on July 18 & 19 in Bucuresti, Romania.

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