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Thoms Finishes 5th at Pan American Games

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As the Greco-Roman competition came to an end on day two of the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Fredericton's Cj Thoms found himself just shy of a medal placing.

Thoms, competing in the 130kg division, began the competition with a hard fought loss to Andrés Ayyub of Chile. Ayub, a 2012 Olympian and 2014 South American Games silver medalist, defeated Thoms 10-2 which advanced him to the semi-finals of the competition. The Chilean then bested Josue Encarnacion of the Dominican Republic, which brought Thoms back into the bronze medal match against Encarnacion.

During the bronze medal final the Dominican wrestler was able to secure a 2 point lead against Thoms. Encarnacion maintained the lead, and shutout Thoms, to earn the bronze.

Following the final bout, Thoms spoke about his experience during the competition.

“(I) spent too much time being the nail and not the hammer.” Thoms then stated that “The games have been a great stepping stone leading up to the (Canadian Olympic Team) Trials in December. I have some critical feedback on things I need to work on in preparation for the road to Rio.”

Thoms will now return to Fredericton and continue to prepare for the Canadian Olympic Team Trails. The event is set for December 4 to 6, 2015, in Strathcona County, Alberta. The trails will determine which Canadian wrestlers will vie to represent the nation in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at the 2016 Olympics.

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