









# **CANADA-NB NAMES TEAM FOR GAMES OF LA FRANCOPHONIE**

## **NB FIELDS STRONG TEAM FOR COTE D'IVOIRE**



### **APRIL 20, 2017** FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK



Lutte NB Wrestling is pleased to share the announced the team members competing July 22 - 24, 2017 at the 8th Games of la Francophonie in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

### Femme/Female:

48 Kg Allyssa Cleaves

53 kg Samantha Stewart

69 Kg Darrion Sterling

#### Homme/Male:

57 Kg Mario Tran

70 Kg Ilya Abelev

86 Kg Grayson St Laurent

97 Kg Alex Thoms

120 Kg Charles Thoms

The Games of La Francophonie are held every four years and it bring together hundreds of athletes and artists from across La Francophonie. This event is the only major international games that present both sports and cultural competitions.

Canada-NB looks to build on the success of the previous Games held in Nice, France in 2013. NB brought home four medals, including one silver and three bronze. Returning from the 2013 team are silver medalist Samantha Stewart, and bronze medalist Charles Thoms, as well as coaches Michel Cote and Don Ryan.

"I think we're sending a team where everyone is capable of bring home some hardware." said Thoms. "Everyone on this team has proven themselves on an international level, and I think its going to be one hot summer for us in the Ivory Coast."

Members of the team will be in action next at the Matteo Pellicone Memorial in Sassari, Italy.