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# CLEAVES & STEWART SWEEP UNIVERSITY TRIALS

## NB ATHLETES CLAIM 3 BRONZE AT CANADA CUP



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Athletes from Fredericton's Black Bears Wrestling Club took to the mats this week in back-to-back competitions at the Sleeman Centre in Downtown Guelph. Friday featured the 2016 FISU Team Trials, while the Canada Cup of Wrestling took place the following day.

Spots on the Canadian Team heading to the 2016 University World Championships in Corum, Turkey on October 25 - 30, were up for grabs Friday. Competing in the event for the Black Bears was Allyssa Cleaves (W48kg), Samantha Stewart (W53kg), Grayson St-Laurent (M86kg), and Alex Thoms (M97kg). All four athletes currently attend the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

All four athletes advanced to the finals of the FISU Team Trials. Both Cleaves and Stewart defeated their opponents in their final match, while St-Laurent & Thoms finished in second place.

Cleaves, St-Laurent, and Thoms all competed in the Canada Cup the following day, along with Ilya Abelev (M74kg).

Cleaves defeated Natassya Lu of Guelph in the opening round, but fell to Natasha Kramble of Team Canada in the semifinals. Cleaves went on to defeat Jade Papke to advance to the Bronze Medal match where she bested Lu once again.

Abelev began the event with a win over Juan Lanass of Chile, but dropped his semifinal bout to Jasmit Phulka of Burnaby Mountain. Abelev then went on to claim Bronze in the event with wins over Connor Hodgins of Calgary and Muhamed McBride of the USA.

St-Laurent opened with a win over Andrew Johnson of Saskatoon, but dropped his semifinal match to Morgan Smith of the USA. St-Laurent went on to defeat Nick Proctor of Calgary and Josh Kim of Burnaby Mountain to finish with a Bronze

Thoms started the event with a loss to 2014 World Bronze Medalist Javier Cortina Lacerra of Cuba. Thoms then went on to beat Ignatius Pitt of Brock before dropping his Bronze Medal bout to Enock Francis of the USA.