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NB ATHLETES MISS OUT ON OLYMPIC BERTHS



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The journey for the four New Brunswick Athletes' challenging for a place at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro came to an end on Sunday. Shawn Daye-Finley (75kg), Alex Brown-Therriault (85kg), Alex Thoms (98kg), and Cj Thoms (130kg) all represented Canada in Greco-Roman at the Pan American Olympic Qualifier in Frisco, Texas. The top two placing athletes in each weight class earned a spot in Rio. Each member made it to the quarterfinals of the event, but failed to advance past that round.

Both Daye-Finley & Cj Thoms began the event with wins in the qualifying rounds. Daye-Finley defeated Luis Rodriguez of Puerto Rico 6-2 in the opening round, but fell to Brazil's Angelo Moreira in the following round 4-10. Thoms open the event with a win over Mexico's Luis Barrios 13-11, but dropped matches to Erwin Cabrera of Venezuela and Josue Ovando of Dominica. Both Athletes place 7th.

Brown-Therriault began the competition with a loss to eventual champion Jordan Holms of the USA. Brown-Therriault was pulled back into the repechage for the Bronze Medal match, but loss to Yorgen Pulido Venezuela for a 5th place finish.

Alex Thoms was defeated by Oscar Solis of Colombia 0-10 in the quarterfinals, and finished the qualifier in 9th place.

All four athletes will next be inaction at the 2016 Canadian Senior Championship in Fredericton on March 19.