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PODIUM PERFORMANCES AT THE NB OPEN

CANADIAN & AMERICAN WRESTLERS GRAPPLE IN HAMPTON



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On March 26, New Brunswick welcomed 182 wrestlers to Hampton Middle School for the 2016 New Brunswick Open. The event featured top male and female wrestlers from across New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Maine in four different age categories.

New Brunswick wrestlers faced stiff competition from visiting teams. Of the 51 individual categories, 12 New Brunswickers climb to the top of the podium. Claiming Gold at the event were Sara Eve Blanchard, Mathis Jean, Amy Poirier, Brady Pelletier, Annabelle Boudreau, Katy Hebert-Doucet, Brianna Duguay, Jessy Mallet, Tania Blanchard, Mikael Rousseau, and James Knowles of Club de Lutte Acadie Bathurst, Elena Sehic and Kane Wetmore of Black Bears Wrestling Club, Sammuel Acker, Isaac LeBlanc, Mountaintop Wrestling Club, Jannah Levi-Ward and Jeremy Poirier of Kent Wrestling Club, Chris O'Toole of Hampton Wrestling Club and John-Luc Landry of St. Stephen Wrestling Club. New Brunswick athletes also claimed individual Silver Medals in 30 divisions and Bronze Medals in 15.

"It was fantastic to have so many in attendance at this year's New Brunswick Open." says LNBW Executive Director Tom MacRae. "Our goal for this event was to provide the region with a tournament that would serve as a warm up for the Cadet and Juvenile Canadian Championships, and I believe we succeeded in providing participants with ample matches."

The competition was bolstered by the inclusion of the Maine Trappers. Their team consisted of numerous State Champions and USA Cadet National Championship veterans. "The inclusion of Maine was a huge benefit for the event." added MacRae. "We look forward to continuing to work with Maine as we grow the sport of wrestling in both regions."