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SILVERS AT THE SFU CLANSMAN INTERNATIONAL

CLEAVES, STEWART, AND ST-LAURENT TAKE SECOND IN BC



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Four members of Fredericton's Black Bears Wrestling Club crossed the country this past weekend to compete at the 2016 Clansman International at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. The event featured top wrestlers from across Canada and the United States. Both Allyssa Cleaves and Samantha Stewart competed in the women's division at the tournament, while Grayson St-Laurent and Cj Thoms wrestled in the Men's competition.

Cleaves, who competed in the 48kg class, finished the event in second place. She began the event with a 10-0 win over Veronica Chigo- Velazquez of Washington's Grey Harbour College. Cleaves then pinned Ciara McCrae of Simon Fraser University before dropping her final to Saskatoon Wrestling Club's Natasha Kramble 6-1.

Stewart, who wrestled in the 53kg category, also ended the event in second. Stewart kicked off the event by pinning Kaitlyn Funai of Oregon's Warner Pacific College. She then continued the competition with wins over Farah Taj of the Golden Bears Wrestling Club, and Cara Nania of the Dino's Wrestling Club, before losing her final bout to Breanne Berry of Team Impact.

St-Laurent was the Black Bears' third silver at the event. He started the tournament with a 12-6 win against Daniel Oloumi of the Golden Bears Wrestling Club in the 86kg class. St-Laurent then beat Nick Proctor of the Dino's Wrestling 11-0 before falling to Grey Harbour College wrestler Easton Hargrave.

Finally, Cj Thoms ended the competition in 5th place in the 125kg division. Thoms dropped his opening match 10-0 against Iowa Hawkeyes wrestler Bobby Telford. He then pinned Saheel Khan of the Golden Bears Wrestling Club, before losing his third match against Brad Hildenbrant of the Cascades Wrestling Club. Thoms then finished the event by pinning Jordan Tholl of the University of Regina.