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STEWART CLAIMS PAN AMERICAN TITLE

ABELEV CLAIMS BRONZE - BROWN-THERIAULT & THOMS 5TH



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New Brunswick Athletes turn in very impressive performances at this past weekend's Senior Pan American Championships in Frisco, Texas. As members of the Canadian National Team, Samantha Stewart captured her first Pan American Championship Gold in the Women's 53kg division, while Ilya Abelev earn a Bronze Medal in the Men's 74kg Freestyle division.

Stewart defeated both Sheykaliz Cintron Martinez of Puerto Rico and Betzabeth Arguello Villegas of Venezuela 10-0. She then went on to capture her Pan American title against Giulia Rodrigues from Brazil by injury default.

Ilya Abelev made his way to the semifinals by defeating Tasso Oliveira Alves da Rocha of Brazil 14-1. Abelev then faced Olympic & World Champion Jordan Burroughs of the USA. Abelev scored an inside leg-trip on Burroughs, but loss the match 2-13. Abelev secured the Bronze for Canada by pinning Francisco Soler Tanco of Puerto Rico.

New Brunswick also had four athletes compete in Greco-Roman at the continental championships. Shawn Daye-Finley (75kg), Alex Brown-Therriault (85kg), Alex Thoms (98kg), & Cj "the Fridge" Thoms (130kg) all loss their opening matches.

Both Brown-Therriault & Alex Thoms were pulled through to the Bronze Medal match, as their first round opponents made the finals. Brown-Therriault dropped his match 4-5 against Yorgen Cova Pulido of Venezuela, while Thoms loss to Colombia's Oscar Loango Solis 1-6. Both ended the event in 5th place.