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STEWART CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPION

NAMED WOMEN'S MVP - NB SCORE SIX MEDALS



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As the 2016 Senior Canadian Championships concluded last night, six New Brunswick wrestlers climbed the podium to be recognized for their success. Taking the top honours was Samantha Stewart of Black Bears Wrestling Club. Stewart captured here first senior national title in dominating fashion, defeating all of her opponents in the Women's 53kg division. Stewart was then recognized as the Outstanding Female Wrestler of the event.

Along with Stewart, Allyssa Cleaves (W48kg), Alex Brown-Theriault (M84kg), Alex Thoms (M97kg), Ilya Abelev (M74kg), and Grayson St-Laurent (M84kg) secured spots on the national podium.

Cleaves, Brown-Theriault, and Thoms all finished in second place, while Abelev & St-Laurent finished third in their divisions. All five athlete also wrestle for Black Bears Wrestling Club.

Falling just shy of the medal were Cj Thoms (M125kg) of Black Bears Wrestling Club, and Jackie Cormier-Duplessis (W48kg) of Mountaintop Wrestling Club. Thoms finished in fourth place, while Cormier-Duplessis ended the championship in fifth place.

The combined efforts of the wrestlers resulted in the Black Bears Wrestling Club placing third for both the Men and Women's team titles.

The 2016 Junior / Senior Canadian Championships wraps up today with the Junior and Senior Greco-Roman event at the University of New Brunswick's South Gymnasium.