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STEWART 5TH & CLEAVES 10TH AT 1ST INTERNATIONAL MEET OF 2017



 SAMANTHA STEWART

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Two of the provinces top athletes made the trip to Klippan, Sweden this past week. Samantha Stewart and Allyssa Cleaves, both of the Black Bears Wrestling Club in Fredericton, traveled to the southern Swedish municipality as part of the Canadian National Team to take part in the first major women's tournament of the year: the 2017 Klippan Lady Open.

Cleaves and Stewart both competed in the women's 53kg division at the event. They kicked off the tournament with a pair of wins, as Cleaves defeated Swedish wrestler Olivia Borglin (10-0), and Stewart beat Ekaterina Poleshchuk (5-0). The pair then met in the next round of the event with Stewart defeating Cleaves (7-0). Stewart then dropped her following match to Vanesa Kaladzinskaya of Bulgaria (0-12).

The loss to Kaladzinskaya resulted in Stewart advancing to the Bronze Medal final, while Cleaves finished the event in 10th place. The Bronze Medal final was held the following day, with Stewart wrestling Stalvira Orshush of Russia. Stewart loss the bout (2-6), which resulted in a 5th place finish at the event.

The pair will now remain in Klippan with other members of the Canadian National Team for a training camp with athletes from various other countries, such as Japan and Sweden.