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Stewart caps off International Tour with a Bronze in Romania

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Samantha Stewart of Fredericton has added a bronze medal from the Ion Cornianu & Ladislau Simon International Wrestling Tournament to her collection. Stewart competed in the event which took place July 17 and 18. The tournament featured wrestlers from over ten different nations, and showcased some of the world's best wrestling talent.

Stewart, who competed in the women's 53kg division, began the tournament with a win against South Korea's Lee Shin Hye by decision (12-4). She then dropped her close semi-final bout to Iulia Leorda of Moldova (5-6). Stewart went on to defeat Romania's Ana Maria Oltean by technical superiority (10-0) in the bronze medal final.

Stewart was not the only New Brunswick athlete to take part in the event. Both Ilya Abelev and Shawn Daye-Finley, also of Fredericton, wrestled in the men's Freestyle 74kg division.

Daye-Finley was defeated by Gong Byuhgmin of South Korea in the opening round of the competition by decision (0-8). Daye-Finley was pulled back into the tournament as Gong advanced to the gold medal match, but dropped his second bout to Hungary's Nagy Mihaly by decision (1-6).

Abelev also faced tough competition as he drew Georg Harth of Germany in the first round. Harth defeated Abelev but technical superiority (0-10). Harth then failed to advance to the medal round which prevented Abelev from returning to the tournament.

The event concludes the trio's European tour as all three athletes competed in the Grand Prix of Spain on July 11th, followed by an international training camp held in Madrid.

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