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PRESS RELEASE

Results of NB Fencers at North American Cup in Milwaukee

The North American Cup competition in Milwaukee on Thanksgiving weekend was the first national event of the 2013-2014 fencing season in the USA and four NB fencers were eager to face the challenge.

In senior (division 2) women's sabre, **Wendy Yano** of the Damocles club in Fredericton was seeded 58 out of 91 after two victories in first round competition. She went on to win the first elimination round over Isabelle Koh of Stamford and then lost to American Jacqueline Tubbs who eventually won bronze. Wendy finished in 56th place.

In men's sabre, sixteen year old **Cedric Richard**, a student at Ecole Samuel de Champlain and member of the Renforth Fencing Club competed in two sabre events. In cadet (under 17) sabre, he had one victory in the opening round and was eliminated from the next round with a finishing place of 160 in a field of 186. The second event for Cedric was senior (division 2) men's sabre on Monday and after his first round pool he was seeded 51 in a field of 137 with 4 victories. Unfortunately, Cedric had to withdraw from competition to catch his flight back home and was unable to finish the competition.

In men's foil, sixteen year old **Ryan Downey**, a student at Caledonia Regional High School and member of the Moncton Fencing Club competed in two events. In senior (division 2) men's foil, Ryan won 3 bouts in the first round which seeded him 100 in a field of 203 competitors. He then lost to American Evan Lau and finished in 137th place. In cadet (under 17) men's foil, Ryan was eliminated after first round and was placed 202.

In women's epee, fourteen year old **Willow Wilson**, a student at Fredericton High School and member of the Damocles club competed in two events. In under 15 women's epee, Willow won two bouts in the first round and was seeded 37 out of 64. She then faced 28 seeded American Catherine Beddingfield and lost by one point (14-15) to finish in 40th place. In cadet (under 17) women's epee, Willow had 3 victories in first round and was seeded 71 in a field of 127. She then lost to 58 seeded American Hanna Lee and finished in 82nd place.

Wendy, Cedric and Willow will be travelling with four other NB fencers to the first Canada Cup of the season in Sherbrooke, Quebec on Oct. 18 to 20.

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