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PRESS RELEASE

NB Fencer Yano finishes 14th at Canada Cup Vancouver

Wendy Yano from the Damocles Fencing Club of Fredericton finished 14th in senior women's sabre at the second Canada Cup competition of the season held in Vancouver from December 6 to 8. Twenty-seven other women's sabre fencers from across the country were vying for points towards the right to compete in World Cup competitions and towards a place on the Senior National Team.

After the first round of pools, Wendy was seeded 21. She easily won her first elimination match against 12th seeded Marina Guintchitskaia of Alberta by 15-2. She then faced 5th seeded Rachel LaMarre of Quebec and lost 15-9 which placed her 14th in the final ranking. Provincial coach, Xavier Boulet, who accompanied Wendy to Vancouver noted that she showed the potential to perform more strongly with an increase in self confidence. The gold medal went to Marissa Ponich of Edmonton, Alberta. Adrienne Sukunda of Ottawa, Ontario took silver and bronze medals went to Quebec fencers Frederic Cheverie and Gabrielle Page. Wendy is currently ranked 10th in the National Team Selection standings. She will stay in Vancouver to participate in a National Training Camp and will resume her competition program in the New Year.

The provincial high performance program provides training and support under the guidance of the provincial coach to enable New Brunswick fencers to achieve competitive success at national or international levels.

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