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Bronze Medals to NB Fencers Zoe & Cedric Richard in Quebec

The second Quebec Circuit cadet and junior fencing competition of the season took place in Montreal on January 11 followed the next day by the Quebec Senior Provincial Championships. New Brunswick siblings **Cédric and Zoe Richard** each brought home a bronze medal.

Cédric, sixteen years old and Zoe, thirteen years old are students at Ecole Samuel-de-Champlain in Saint John and members of the Fundy Fencing Club.

In the cadet (under 17) sabre event, Cédric finished the first round with six victories and was seeded 3rd. He easily won his first elimination match with a score of 15-3 and then lost to second seed Jason Pronovost in the semi-final match. In the junior sabre (under 20), Cédric won three matches in the first round and was seeded seventh. He narrowly won his first elimination match at 15-14 and then lost 12-15 to Kabbaj of Montreal to finish in 8th place.

In the cadet women's foil event, Zoe was seeded fourth after two preliminary rounds. She won her first elimination match 15-9 over Bakhbukh from Montreal and lost 10-15 to Lea Bertin in the semi-final to earn a bronze medal. In junior women's foil, she had to face Bakhbukh again in the quarter-final and lost 12-15 to finish in fifth place.

Wendy Yano, a member of the Damocles Fencing Club of Fredericton competed in the senior women's sabre championships. After the first round, she was seeded fifth. Her quarter-final 11-15 loss against fourth seed Pamela Brindamour of Montreal left Wendy in fifth place. Wendy is currently ranked eleventh in the National High Performance Ranking in women's sabre.

These three fencers are members of the provincial high performance program which provides training and support under the guidance of the provincial coach, Xavier Boulet to enable New Brunswick fencers to achieve competitive success at national or international levels.

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