



PRESS RELEASE: UNB SHIELD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

On **March 24-25** fencers from all over New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and P.E.I. came to Fredericton to compete in the annual **UNB Shield** tournament at the Currie Centre. Hosted by the **UNB Fencing Club**, the event saw 46 fencers participating in 10 events, with fencers competing in epee, foil, and sabre in age categories ranging from Open to Under 13.

Epee

Open Epee saw the "old guard" of Maritime fencing in the finals with **David Collins** of the Fundy Fencing Club winning gold against **Aiden Matchett** of the South Side Duellists, while **Mitchell Clark** of the UNB Fencing Club and **Calum MacDonald** of the Damocles Fencing Club were the bronze medalists in the event.

The **University Epee** category featured a very different lineup on the podium, with **David Themens** of the UNB Fencing Club winning the finals in a match against **Calum Skidmore** of the Damocles club. **Logan Miao** from UPEI and **Nigel Sood** from UNB each earned bronze.

Nigel Sood (UNB) emerged as the winner in **Junior Epee**, while **Calum Skidmore** (Damocles) came in second. **Calum MacDonald** (Damocles) picked up a second bronze medal in this event, and **Minh Nguyen** (Damocles) also took home bronze.

In **Cadet Epee** **Declan Hartery** (Fundy Fencing) faced off against **Sophie Poitras** (Damocles) to take the first place position.

Foil

In **Open Foil** it was **Pierre Arseneau** of the Damocles Fencing Club in Fredericton who handily won gold against **David Collins** of the Fundy Fencing club. Arseneau's Damocles clubmates **Buster Biggs** and **Leonardo Cui** each earned a bronze medal.

The Damocles club posted a similarly strong showing in **Junior Foil** with **Buster Biggs** (Damocles) coming out ahead of **Pierre Arseneau** (Damocles) in the finals, and with **Leonardo Cui** (Damocles) taking bronze once again and **Yiming Xu** (Fundy) also winning a bronze.

U15 Foil saw **Rowan McInnis** of the Escrime KV Fencing Club emerge victorious with a gold medal against **Kaitlin Gorman** (Damocles), while **Declan Hartery** (Fundy) and Joy Shin (Damocles) took the bronze finish.



The Damocles club fully occupied the podium in **U13 Foil** as **Claire Han** won first place, **Cole Magee** came in second, and **Guanxun Lu** and **Vir Singh Ranger** each came in third.

Sabre

In **Open Sabre** it was **Jeff Probert** (Damocles) who won gold, while **David Collins** (Fundy) earned another silver, and **Arno Blancheton** (UPEI) and **Josh Dacaunay** (UNB) got bronze.

Arno Blancheton won gold in **Cadet Sabre**, while Capital Y Fencing Club fencer **Victor Huang** received the silver medal. Fellow Capital Y fencers **Michael Li** and **Logan Nugent** were the bronze medal winners.