



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NB Fencer LeBlanc competes in France**

Marc-Andre LeBlanc, a native of Shediac, NB, competed with the Canadian team in Paris, France on the March 17<sup>th</sup> weekend at the Challenge Reseau Ferre de France, Trophée Monal where he finished 94<sup>th</sup> in a field of 280 competitors. Marc-Andre, 26 years old, entered the competition unranked since he had not fenced internationally in the previous season due to a chronic lower leg injury.

In the round of pools he won 3 and lost 3 matches, which ranked him 146 out of 280 to start the elimination round. He won his first bout 15-12 against Georg Kuhn from Switzerland, then he faced the 2011 World Cup winner from France, Ulrich Robeiri and pulled off a victory at 15-14. He then lost against Ronan Gustin from France in a close 13-15 bout. The other Canadians finished as follows: Hugues Boisvert-Simard (QC) - 20th, Tigran Bajgoric (BC) - 93rd, Igor Gantsevich (BC) - 108th, Vincent Pelletier (QC) - 121st, Pascal Heidecker (QC) - 139th and Christophe Lavoie (QC) – 180th.

Marc-Andre LeBlanc will be a member of the National Men's Epee Team competing in the Team World Championships in Antalya, Turkey on April 14-15 and at the World Cup in Heidenheim, Germany on April 29-May 1.

Marc-Andre was a member of the gold medal team for New Brunswick at the 2003 Canada Games and is currently completing his studies at the University of Ottawa. He is now ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Men's Epee in the Domestic Rankings and 4th in the National Team Selection Rankings.

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