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NB Fencer LeBlanc captures gold at National Selection Circuit

At the second National Fencing Selection Circuit competition of the season in Montreal on January 29, New Brunswick fencer, **Marc-Andre Leblanc** captured gold with a consistently strong performance from start to finish. After the first round where he won all his matches, he was seeded #1 and he proceeded to eliminate all other contenders including two experienced national team members, Tomy Linteau of Quebec and Tigran Bajgoric from British Columbia. LeBlanc, a native of Shediac, returned to high performance competition this season after almost two years of reduced training & competition due to a lower leg stress fracture.

NB Fencer Dobbelsteyn captures best Canadian result in Junior World Cup in Sweden

Michael Dobbelsteyn of Sussex was hoping for a much stronger finish in his first Junior World Cup in Gutenberg, Sweden on February 5 to place him on the junior national epee team. However, in his first exposure to World Cup competition, he lost two very close 4-5 matches in his first round and won his first elimination bout 15-11 before losing 11-15 to German fencer, Kreilein who finished in 37th spot. This placed Michael 109 in a field of 223 competitors. He is now ranked 5th in Canada in junior men's epee.

Both LeBlanc and Dobbelsteyn are training in Ottawa where LeBlanc is completing his studies at the University of Ottawa and Dobbelsteyn is in his second year of studies at Carleton University.

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