

## **Press Release**

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### **Fencer Sherraine MacKay finishes fifth in Havana Grand Prix**

**Havana, Cuba** - Sherraine Mackay of Brooks, Alta., finished fifth on Saturday after falling 15-12 to Russian Anna Sivkova in the quarter final at the World Cup Grand Prix in Havana Cuba.

Despite just missing the medal rounds, MacKay, now ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the world, has to be pleased with the way she fenced earlier in the day defeating Zuleidis Ortiz Fuentes of Cuba 15-9, Andreas Rentmeister of Austria 15-11 followed by a spirited 15-13 victory over Imke Duplitzer of Germany.

"It felt better today, I had a few strong matches and it was nice to get a measure of revenge against Imke Duplitzer. We've been going back and forth for the past few years and our matches are always entertaining!"

In an all France finale, Maureen Nisima topped her fellow teammate Laura Flessel-Colovic 15-12 to win the gold medal while Anna Sivkova and Li Na of China earned bronze.

MacKay was not the only Canada women's epeeist to perform well in the competition as Monique Kavelaars of Appin, Ont., placed sixteenth after stunning Germany's Marijan Markovic 15-13 in the second round. She then succumbed 15-10 to #1 in the world, Laura Flessel-Colovic from France. This was Kavelaars best result of the season thus far.

Other notable Canadian results came from Madga Krol of Vancouver, BC., 32nd, Julie Leprohon of Montreal, Que., 45th, Marie-Eve Pelletier from Quebec City 49th, Joanna Guy of Toronto, Ont., 50th and Calgary's Catherine Dunnette finishing 52nd.

In the Havana World Cup women's epee team event today, Canada finished 7th out of the 13 countries present. The team of Sherraine Mackay, Monique Kavelaars, Catherine Dunnette, Julie Leprohon and Marie-Eve Pelletier won their first match against Greece 38-26 followed by losses to Hungary and Italy 45-28 and finished off the day on a winning note outbesting Korea 35-27. This was the last team event before the Olympics and Canada will go into Athens ranked 6th over all.

France defeated China in the final 38-36 to capture the gold while Germany beat Hungary 45-31 to win the bronze.

The last Individual World Cup on the season is next weekend in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

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