

Local wrestling club to send five athletes to national championship

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Last year, Moose Jaw Kinsmen Wrestling Club athlete Michael Stefanovic won the Cadet National Wrestling Championship, the club's only national medal in that category.

This year, the club has a chance to take home five national gold medals after an outstanding performance at the SAWA Cadet/Juvenile Provincial Championships last weekend in Saskatoon.

The club sent nine wrestlers to the meet, seven of whom earned gold medals and two received silver.

Stefanovic will make another nationals appearance, this year in Windsor, Ont., as a juvenile from April 6-10, after finishing with a gold medal at the provincials. Also finishing with gold and

qualifying for the nationals in the cadet category are Seth Scott, Wyatt Reid, Cassy Busch, Vicki Busch.

Kodi Karmarznuk also qualified when he received gold in provincials, but will not attend nationals.

Club members Marisa Hartman and Ty Nordick earned silver medals in the event.

Club coach Kelly Busch said he was delighted with how well his wrestlers did, but not surprised.

"Incredibly thrilled. It's what we expected, but we're definitely thrilled," said Busch. "Our club has always been striving for that kind of goal. We always want to be top-notch wrestlers, that's kind of where we're going.

"Our intent is to produce provincial and national talent wrestlers and that's been in the history of our club. We intend to keep that history, we want it to

repeat itself."

The four cadets, Scott, Reid and the Busch's, will all be making their national debuts but their coach has a lot of confidence in them.

"When they joined the club years back, they wanted to get to this calibre," said Kelly Busch. "This is a first time experiencing getting to this level but I

think they have it in them to do very well at the nationals."

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The Moose Jaw Kinsmen Wrestling Club's Cadet/Juvenile provincial championship medalists include coach Tom Busch, back left, Seth Scott, Kodi Karmarznuk, Austin Richardson, Ty Nordick, coach Kelly Busch, Wyatt Reid, front left, Cassy Busch, Vicki Busch and Marisa Hartman. Not pictured is Mike Stefanovic. Submitted photo