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Guildford Park Secondary wins national wrestling championships

Surrey's Guildford Park Secondary School boys Cadet (aged 15 to 16 years) wrestling team is the best in the country following the National Wrestling Championships held in Whitby, Ontario this past weekend.

It's the first time a Guildford Park Wrestling Team has won a national title. The Cadet division team consisted of only four athletes, but all of them placed in the top six. The results are particularly remarkable given more than 800 high school wrestlers from across the country competed. Also, the second and third place Cadet teams were an amalgamation of many school wrestling clubs, including "Team Impact", representing more than 25 schools in the Greater Toronto Area.

"The students and staff in the wrestling program at Guildford Park Secondary have worked long and hard and it's great to see their efforts rewarded with such an extraordinary achievement," says Surrey School Board chairman Shawn Wilson. "The board and district are extremely proud, as the team members themselves should be."

In total, the Guildford Park Wrestling Team had nine members competing in the boys and girls Cadet and Juvenile (aged 17 to 18 years) divisions. The team walked away with a total of nine top-six podium finishes (two wrestlers garnered two top-six finishes), including five first place finishes.

Among other highlights, Guildford Park team member 15-year-old OC Safar placed first in the boys Cadet division 46 kg weight class without a single point being scored against him in the entire tournament. Safar also finished first in the under-17 Cadet national team trials and will represent Canada at the Pan American championships in Panama City this summer.

Arminster Virk placed first in the Juvenile 69 kg weight class, completing an undefeated season. Virk also competed for the first time in the Greco-Roman class and placed first after defeating the current under-20 national champion. Arminster's brother Satinder Virk placed first in the 85 kg weight class.

For the first time, Guildford Park girls placed at the national competition with Gina Carpenter placing fourth in the 56 kg class in the Cadet division and Seveh Palani placing fifth in the Juvenile 49 kg class.

Full results are available at the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association website: www.wrestling.ca

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