

## Canadians Compete at 2012 Congressional Cup Invitational

**March 18, 2011** - Four CBTF athletes were invited to compete at the recent [Congressional Cup 2012 Invitational](#) [1] competition held at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The Congressional Cup Invitational brings the best twirlers representing different organizations (CBTF, CNBTA, USTA and NBTA) in a single all-around competition. The Invitational combines Solo, 2-Baton and Freestyle events to determine their all-around ranking.

The CBTF athletes invited to participate in the Invitational were:

- Nicole Johnson, Tornados, Toronto
- Sara Thibeault, Sundown Optimist Buffalo Gals, Regina
- Kiera West, Sundown Optimist Buffalo Gals, Regina
- Matthew Johnson, Tornados, Toronto

In addition to those athletes invited to represent CBTF, three other well-known CBTF athletes were invited as the CNBTA representatives:

- Kasey Bretherick, Camaros, Oshawa
- Samantha Metelski, Camaros, Oshawa
- Chantal Sutton, Camaros, Oshawa

Men and Women compete in separate divisions. There are no age divisions in the Invitational. In the Women's Preliminary Round competition, Canada's highest placing athletes were:

- Sara Thibeault finished 10th in Solo
- Sara Thibeault finished 5th in 2-Baton
- Sara Thibeault finished 2nd in Freestyle
- Sara Thibeault finished 4th in the overall result, qualifying for Finals. Sara was the first Canadian woman to qualify for Congressional Cup Invitational Women's Finals since Michelle Smith in 2001.

In the Men's Preliminary Round competition, Matthew Johnson placed 5th in Solo, 4th in 2-Baton and 2nd Freestyle (including a 1st from one of the judges), returning a 3rd in the overall result and qualified for Finals.

### Women's Preliminary Round Results

	Solo	2-Baton	Freestyle	Overall
Jennifer Marcus	1	1	3	1
Brianna Watkins	2	4	5	2
Melissa Nugent	4	6	1	3
<b>Sarah Thibeault</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Jameson Kennerly	5	9	4	5
Kaytlyn Schmitt	7	3	8	6

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Brittany Frankel	3	8	10	7
Harlie Dale	6	14	5	8
Tasha Taylor	9	11	11	9
Rachel Reiss	10	16	7	10
Domenica Iocco	12	10	14	11
Hayley Garrity	8	21	9	12
Nicole Johnson	12	15	12	13
Kristina Terwilliger	16	2	22	14
Haley Shiver	14	12	15	15
Rachel Johnson	15	17	12	16
Kiera West	20	7	20	17
Emily Doms	22	13	16	18
Samantha Metelski	17	19	16	19
Chantal Sutton	18	18	16	20
Brianna Bolinger	19	20	21	21
Hannah McCabe	23	21	16	22
Kasey Bretherick	20	23	23	23

In the Final Round, Sarah Thibeault finished in 5th place with a 5th place finish in Solo, a 3rd place finish in 2-Baton and a 4th place finish in Freestyle. The final combined result was:

1. Jennier Marcus
2. Melissa Nugent
3. Brianna Watkins
4. Jameson Kennerly
5. Sara Thibeault

### Men's Preliminary Round Results

	Solo	2-Baton	Freestyle	Overall
Matt Freeman	2	1	1	1
Jonathan Burkin	1	1	3	2
Matthew Johnson	5	4	2	3
Richie Terwilliger	3	5	5	4
Joel Claudio	6	3	4	5
Jacob Griffith	4	6	6	6
Connor Rudd	7	7	7	7

In the Final Round, Matthew Johnson finished in 3rd place and recorded 3rd place finishes in all three events. The final combined result was:

1. Jonathan Burkin
2. Matt Freeman
3. Matthew Johnson

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