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WG Fencing shines at Sunshine State Games

Winter Garden Fencing Academy (WGFA) matched its 2006-07 season medal count this month at the Sunshine State Games. With the addition of gold, silver and bronze medals, the academy finished with 25 medals for the 2007-08 season.

Carlene Carter and Hunter Wert fought hard in the girls youth14 event to bring home second- and third-place finishes, respectively. The two young ladies fenced against each other for the silver, with the final touch awarded to Carter as she forced her classmate off the end of the strip.

Matthew Breen once again captured first place in the boys youth12 event. This marked his last event in that age category, as he moves on to the Y14 and D/Under divisions. Nicholas Farrell missed a third-place finish by one bout in the boys youth 14 class.

Overall, WGFA fencers fenced very well. With 41 competitors in the D/Under group, all of the academy's participants placed within or near the top half. Justin Eng placed highest at 16th.

"We've done far better in the D/Under," said Coach Jason Seachrist, "but our fencers had already used a lot of energy in their primary events for this tournament."

In the women's foil event, Tausha Urban earned 10th place out of 21 competitors. With two years of training, Urban is WGFA's most experienced adult student. Both of her children also fence with the academy.

For more details on WGFA, contact Seachrist at 407-869-4482.



WGFA fencers (l-r) Justin Eng, Donovan Cacace, Devyn Grover, Spenser Nampon and Carlene Carter await their upcoming bouts at last weekend's Sunshine State Games.