

Morehouse Takes Bronze in Madrid

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Tim Morehouse improved to 13th in the FIE world rankings with a 3rd place finish at the Madrid World Cup. US team members finishing in the top 32 were Ben Igoe (9th), and Daryl Homer (13th).

Morehouse came into the tournament as the 5th seed and made his way to the top 8 where he faced off against Italy's Luigi Samele, who he defeated 15-12. Tim then faced off against Hungary's Zsolt Nemzsek and lost a 15-9 match.

{sidebar id=1} Olympic team mates James Williams finished 35th and Jason Rogers finished 40th.

Morehouse's run to his third place finish was not without difficulty. In the round of 32 he found himself down 7-13 before going on an 8 point run to cut down Hugo (FRA) 15-13. (Just goes to show that a match is never over until it is over.)

Tim recounts his run in his blog:

I fenced Kudo of Japan in the round of 64 and just barely squeezed by with a 15-12 win. In the next round, fencing a young Frenchman named Hugo I was down 7-13 before rallying to 15-13 victory! (The biggest comeback I have had in awhile) After that match I really turned it on and defeated Zalomir of Romania 15-7 and then Samelle of Italy 15-12 before falling to Nemzsek of Hungary 15-9 in semi-finals.(Live on Spanish TV lol)

Ben Igoe and Daryl Homer also had strong performances advancing to the round of 16. James Williams, Jason Rogers, Jeff Spear and Mike Etropolski lost in the round of 64. Ben defeated Etropolski in round of 64, Tricarico of Italy in the round of 32 before falling to Nemzsek in round of 16. Daryl beat Imperato in the round of 32 before falling to Hanceanu of Romania.

The US team is next headed to Padua, Italy for the final Grand Prix of the season.