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Masterton Novice Takes Home The Trophy

MASTERTON shearer Tane Matiaha-Paku did his hometown proud today when he took out the novice competition of the 49th Golden Shears at Genesis Recreation Centre.

The 17-year old finished first on the stand and kept up his quality to take out the top spot in a field that included fellow Masterton man Conan Gray, who finished in third.

In second was crowd-pleaser Simon Goss, aged just 12, of Kimbolton and fourth was Ireland's Brendan Graham.

Selena Birchler of Eketahuna was fifth followed by Wanganui's Chris Hay in sixth place.

Usually a wool presser, Matiaha-Paku said he blown away by the shearing win.

"It's a huge honour and a privilege to be here in front of you," he said.

"And thanks to my brother for lending me all his gears. Too much bro."

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