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2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNSW JUNIORS SHINE IN THE MEDAL TALLY

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The Geelong Arena was the venue for the 2016 National Championships. There was a big group from UNSW with over twenty entries, plus our coaches and supporters. Our group enjoyed a successful weekend, taking 5 gold medals, 3 silver and 5 bronze. Many others put in some good performances, without making it to the podium.

The event went off smoothly (except for a pretty disastrous start on the Friday evening...) The venue was good, and the crowd was able to closely follow the action.

Stars for UNSW were of course our gold medallists, but some others also made their mark, fighting with skill and determination, but not featuring in the results...Josh Koenig, Angus Hutcheon, Elizabeth Goutzas all gave their best. Brendan Miu continued his improvement, taking a bronze in the senior boys 60kg.

There were, of course, some disappointments. Oren Janiv had hoped for better than his bronze in the men's 73kg. Oren started well with a couple of strong wins to make it to the semis, where he came unstuck against rising star from WA Calvin Knoester. Oren recovered from that setback to win his next fight with ease for bronze. In the same category, Sylvain Lemoine also battled his way to the semis, where he fell victim to some questionable penalties to lose out to defending champion and Rio Olympic rep Jake Bensted.



Heidi Wright had some heavy expectations on her, but it all went wrong in her first fight, losing a heartbreaking decision against NSW teammate Kiliane Beunard with a tough penalty in golden score. Heidi too fought her way back to take bronze with a nice uchimata...but not what she came for. Kiarn Kelly also had a tough call against her, depriving her of a place in the final of the 57kg.



Heidi (R) on the 63kg podium

In the cadet men, Matt Peppas looked good in taking silver in the 73kg after three good wins on the way to the final. Nick Leong and Jacob Angelou managed a win each, but could go no further.



Kiarn gets her bronze



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DR MICHAEL BRIERS AO

Long standing club member Michael Briers has been named an Order of Australia (AO) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

A former National champion, Mike was for some time President of the JFA (NSW) and also National President. He has also been active as a club coach.

The citation for the award reads:

"For distinguished service to the finance and digital technology sectors, particularly in the area of data intensive research and analysis, to higher education, and to Judo."

We congratulate Mike on this honour



NATIONALS Cont'd...



Jordan attacks with tomoenage



Jacob on his way to a first-up win

While our seniors weren't able to make it to the top of the podium, our youngsters had a field day. Our winners were Iakov Ivanets and Alexandra Spaska in the junior boys/girls; Dylan Katz, Ryan Koenig and Tiana Goutzas in senior boys/girls. The wins for our athletes were all the more impressive by the way they were achieved...good aggressive judo, some big throws, and tenacious groundwork.



Ryan on top of the 45kg podium



KK was very happy with both her boys

Dylan and Ryan were particularly impressive and were clearly dominant in their categories, showing effective fighting in all their matches. Other pleasing results came from Dylan Nguyen and Brendan Miu, taking silver and bronze in their 60kg category.

As an aside to the competition, State team manager and UNSW member Kirsten McDougall was named "volunteer of the year" for NSW. The weekend was also a good opportunity for some socialising among club members.

SHINSEI JUNIOR COMPETITION

On the 22nd May a small contingent of 9 junior players from UNSW Judo club attended the Shinsei tournament at Blacktown PCYC. This tournament is a great tournament for junior players as an introduction to competition. Learning the rules and the processes of registration, weigh ins, bowing and competition intensity is all part of learning Judo.

First timers Mateo, Ariana and Jamie really stood out and gave a good showing of what they are capable of in the future. Ethan Carpenter had the throw of the day with a beautifully executed Uchimata for Ippon.

All players who attended came away with a medal and all had 2-3 fights and in some categories more.

Attending the comp were:

Jemma Angelou
Egor Grachev
Ethan Carpenter
Lucas Valesque
Jamie Ashcroft
Cormac Hickey
Ariana Gackowski
James Murdoch
Mateo Lopez

Our picture at right shows the "next generation" of UNSW competitors



COUNTDOWN TO RIO OLYMPIC GAMES... AUSSIE TEAM CONFIRMED



After a long and arduous campaign that took athletes to all corners of the globe, the final qualifiers have been determined. A total of 386 judoka will compete for 14 gold medals in Rio de Janeiro in August. The complicated system provides for direct qualification (the top 22 men and top 14 women on the IJF World Ranking List), Continental quotas, Invitation cards, and host country representation. The Judo competition will be held from 6-12 August at the Carioca 2 Arena.

Japan and France top the list, both with full quotas of 14 athletes all directly qualified. Germany and Mongolia with 13 direct qualifiers, plus a continental spot will also have full teams. South Korea, Russia and the Netherlands round out the top six nations, with of course the host country Brazil having a full complement.



The Australian Olympic Committee has confirmed the selections of the Australian judo team for Rio. Our team is:

Josh Katz (NSW)	60kg
Nathan Katz (NSW)	66kg
Jake Bensted (VIC)	73kg
Eoin Coughlan (VIC)	81kg
Chloe Rayner (QLD)	48kg
Katharina Haecker (VIC)	63kg
Miranda Giambelli (NSW)	78kg

Miranda is the seventh UNSW athlete to represent at the Olympic Games.

We wish all our athletes the best of luck in Rio!

UNSW PEOPLE AND EVENTS



All Japan Champs opening ceremony

It was something of a “busman’s holiday for the Koenig family and JB when they went to Japan recently. The Koenigs toured several areas of the country, including Hiroshima where they received a scare from the earthquake that devastated parts of Kyushu. JB was there mainly to see the famous All Japan Championships, held in the Nippon Budokan, which will be the venue for the judo in the 2020 Olympic Games.



JB with Hitoshi and Nina at the Champs

Their itineraries merged for a day when they visited Obusuma, where Ryan and Josh enjoyed a training session at Obusuma junior high school, before a social evening at old friend Norio Kasahara’s house.

The All Japan Championships are a wonderful spectacle...a very traditional competition, where both athletes wear white judogi, and the old system of a referee and two judges is still used. The standard of judo was, of course, extremely high, with the final pitting Ojitani (Tokai University) vs Kamikawa (Meiji). Ojitani was the aggressor from the start, scoring waza-ari with osotogari in the first 30 seconds, and then another with a huge sasae to clinch the title.

Shortly after the event, the All Japan Judo federation announced that Hisayoshi Harasawa, world no2 in the heavyweight category, has been selected to try to wrest the Olympic crown from France’s Teddy Riner.

Welcome Tomotaro Iida

Tomo is our latest Japanese visitor. In Sydney mainly to study English, Tomo is proving a popular figure with members and a good training partner for our lightweights



Nina stays on in Japan...

Nina Takenaka has opted to remain in Japan as she continues her rehabilitation after her knee surgery. She is on track to return to the mat soon, and will be getting the best training under head coach Eigo Nose at Shukutoku University, and the watchful eye of our man in Japan, Hitoshi...

Heidi Wright awarded University Blue.



Heidi with Warren at the Blues dinner

A “Blue” is the highest sporting honour bestowed by the university on its students. It is given to those who have excelled in their sport during their time at uni.

Heidi received hers following some impressive results in the past two years. These include winning the National Junior women title in 2015, and 3rd in the seniors; NSW champion 2015, 2nd in Sydney International 2015, 2nd ACT Open 2016 and 3rd QLD Open 2016. She also had a fine fifth place in the OJU Continental Cup in 2015.

Heidi was presented with her traditional Blues Jacket at the sports Association Dinner on 17 June.

“Bits and Pieces”...

...Good to see **Josie Choy** as she made a flying visit home from England. Noisy as ever!

...congratulations to **Matt Peppas**, who was promoted to first kyu (brown belt) at the senior grading on 26 May (see pic P 4)

Sam Asher and Liesel Schmidt are on the mend and we hope to see them back on the mat soon....

...great to see the **Sunday newaza sessions** increasing in popularity. A good opportunity to improve your skills and enjoy the traditional breakfast and coffee afterwards. See pic P4

CENTRAL COAST OPEN 17 APRIL

This competition goes from strength to strength, showing the growing popularity of these regional tournaments. UNSW had a small group of juniors, plus a few seniors, all of whom had a good day out.

In the junior boys and girls Iakov Ivanets continued his winning ways, easily taking out the 42kg category. Clubmate Sasha Danko took third behind him. In the girls, Alexandra Spaska also fought well to take a third place.

Dylan Katz and Dylan Nguyen were dominant in their weights, both taking gold in comfortable fashion, although Dylan Nguyen had to work hard against Brendan Miu, who continues to improve as a result of his hard work.

Our three cadet men all came away with medals. In the 55kg, Josh Devine and Will Crouch carried on their rivalry. This time it was Josh who emerged with the gold, closely followed by Will. It was very pleasing to see some good varied judo from both boys. In the heavier combined weight category, Tas France battled hard to take second place.

We only had three seniors, and unfortunately one of them fell by the wayside in his first fight. Indra Sadeli had the bad luck to suffer a nasty cut to his mouth early in the fight and was unable to continue. Sam Asher had a strong day, taking two good ippon wins to come in third in the 73kg. A good confidence boost as Sam improves. Tin Pavlinic, was relatively untroubled to take out the 100kg.

More pics from the National Championships



Kirsten's award



A relaxing dinner after the competition

UNSW RESULTS SUMMARY

Jun boys/girls

Iakov Ivanets 1st 46kg
 Sasha Danko 2nd 46kg
 Alexandra Spaska 1st 36kg

Sen boys/girls

Dylan Katz 1st 36kg
 Ryan Koenig 1st 45kg
 Dylan Nguyen 2nd 60kg
 Brendan Miu 3rd 60kg
 Tiana Goutzas 1st 63kg

Cadets

Matt Peppas 2nd 73kg

Senior men/women

Oren Janiv 3rd 73kg
 Sylvain Lemoine 5th 73kg
 Amy Meyer 3rd 48kg
 Kiam Kelly 3rd 57kg
 Heidi Wright 3rd 63kg
 Matle Fung 3rd kyu women 57kg



Our Junior boys and girls medallists



Golden smiles for Tiana



UNSW seagulls at Geelong pier

...and from here and there



Training at Obusuma for Ryan and Josh



Huge senior grading on 26 May

Sunday newaza rolls on



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