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SPECTACULAR OLYMPIC JUDO COMPETITION

RINER AND HARRISON ARE DUAL OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS



After a gruelling two year qualifying process, involving some 70 point-scoring tournaments across the globe, 390 athletes from 136 countries took to the tatami in Rio for the judo competition at the Games. Confirming the importance of judo as a true world sport, nineteen nations chose judoka to carry their flags into the opening ceremony, three of whom went on to win gold. Two judoka were part of the special refugee team sponsored by the IOC.

Once again the cauldron of the Olympics produced a competition full of surprises, and some history-making victories. We saw Teddy Riner (FRA) and Kayla Harrison (USA) successfully defend their Olympic titles, while many others fell along the way.

Sadly, it was also the last time we would see the legendary Greek Ilias Iliadis; the triple World Champion and 2004 Olympic champion announcing his retirement.

History was made in the form of Argentina's Paula Pareto taking gold in the 48kg; Kosovo's Majlinda Kelmendi in 52kg, and Czech Republic's Lukas Krpalek in 100kg.

In another spine tingling result, Tina Trstenjak of Slovenia won the 63kg, thus taking the baton from countrywoman Urska Zolnir who won in London. Slovenia also took a bronze in the 78kg, an amazing achievement for this tiny country. Incredibly, the Sankaku club in Celje, so familiar to many UNSW members, has now produced five Olympic medallists over four Olympics.

The Aussies

Being unseeded in their categories, the Australian team had some tough draws, and realistically only had three winnable fights. It is to their credit that they won two of these and went tantalisingly close in the other. Our winners were Jake Bensted, who held Mlugu (TAN) for ippon in 73kg, and Katharina Haecker who belted Salles Lopez (AND) with osotogari.



Haecker throws Salles Lopez



Jake Bensted wins his first round

In the 66kg Nathan Katz was well ahead on penalties against Bassou (MAR) into the final minute, when he attempted uchimata and was countered. A heartbreaking loss after so much effort Chloe Rayner went out to experienced Frenchwoman Laetitia Payet. Just 18, Josh Katz fought hard against eventual silver medallist Urozboev (UZB) as did Eoin Coughlan against Lee (KOR) in 81kg. Miranda Giambelli did not get going, and lost out to World champion Mayra Aguiar (BRA) who went on to bronze. Our young team must now turn their sights on Tokyo.



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Tina Trstenjak and coach Fabjan Marjan

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Memorable moments

Where to start?? One of the biggest surprises was the gold medal performance of flamboyant Fabio Basile of Italy (below) who brushed aside more fancied opponents with some devastating judo to win the 66kg.



In the 57kg, sentimental favourite Rafaela Silva (below) raised in the favelas of Rio, set the stadium alight when she took the gold, relegating hot favourite Matsumoto of Japan to bronze.



Perennial warrior Travis Stevens (USA) overcame world no1 Tchrikishvili (GEO) to take silver in the 81kg. Shohei Ono showed pure Japanese style in winning the 73kg category. Kayla Harrison (USA) joined the select group of dual Olympic champions when she dominated the 78kg category...all fights won by ippon, and all in ne-waza!



Tremendous uchimata by RUS in 81kg final

There was a golden finale for France when Emilie Andeol surprisingly joined Teddy Riner as gold medallists in +78 and +100kg on the last day. Their wins lifted France to number two on the medal table, behind Japan



Kelmendi wins 52kg for Kosovo

The power of Competition

Showing the spread of judo across the world, and the competitive nature of the sport, no fewer than 26 nations won medals at these Games. If you include those who just missed the podium that rises to 31.

While there were some breathtaking results from lesser known countries, many highly regarded judo nations failed to live up to expectations...the Netherlands and Germany could manage only a single bronze medal; Korea will be disappointed with their two silver and one bronze, as will China with two bronze.

...and so the cycle begins again, looking ahead to Tokyo in 2020.



NSW JUNIOR POINTS AND KYU GRADES COMPETITIONS

Juniors and Kyu grades 10 July

We had a good group of UNSW kids at this event, several having their first competition. There were some great performances after some determined fighting by the youngsters. Dylan Katz and Dylan Nguyen continued their winning ways, both taking out their weight categories. Brendan and Aiden Miu also has a good day, Aiden taking a gold and silver, and Brendan having his first win over Dylan Nguyen in getting bronze. One of Aiden's wins was against a boy some 15kg heavier, whom he eventually held for ippon. A great boost to his confidence.

In the senior kyu grades, Toki Ling was desperately unlucky, being robbed of gold in his category by the stupidity of the new rules, ending with silver. Nic Lowe fought well, but lost out in newaza. Matle Fung had a hard day and went away without a win.

Good to see Con Dimos make his refereeing debut at the tournament.



Dylan and Angus having a spirited battle

Juniors and Kyu grades 7 August

Another good turnout for UNSW, producing some very satisfying results. Great to see so many of our new youngsters making such good progress, and enjoying themselves into the bargain. Ethan Carpenter, Aiden Miu and Elijah Raif all got amongst the medals

Of the experienced juniors, Dylan Katz and Dylan Nguyen continued their winning ways, although Brendan Miu is starting to show improvement. Tiana and Elizabeth Goutzas both came second in their categories.

In cadets, Jacob Angelou and Josh Devine fought well to take gold and silver respectively.

There were just a few of our seniors on hand. Toki Ling looked sharp in winning the 81 senior category, and Nic Lowe took second in the 90kg and masters divisions. In the 4'3 kyu 81kg Oleg Putilin started out with two strong wins, but was forced to withdraw with an injury.



Sen boys 66kg: Dylan and Brendan



UNSW PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Welcome to our new international members and visitors. We have recently had some great additions to our training group.

Andreas de Patre (Italy)



Tanya Ivanova (Russia)



Thoma Wetula (England/France)



Andrea & Simone Pallotta (Italy)



The club is all the richer for having these quality judoka here. Tanya is already helping Tatiana with our juniors.



Marieta Clozel is on the mend after surgery in Brazil. We look forward to welcoming her back.

A special night's training on 12 August as old friend Norio Kasahara dropped in for a brief visit.



Our volunteers...the unsung heroes of our sport. Kathy Meyer, Kirsten McDougal, Matt Carpenter, Jim Peppas. Plus others who also help out ..."Oiling the wheels" and keeping the show running.

Kirsten McDougal



Kathy Meyer



Ben Miu



Angus Hutcheon at the Kodokan

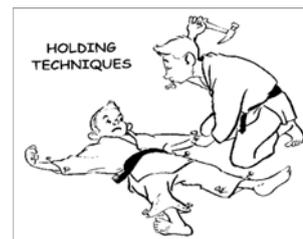
On a recent holiday in Japan, Angus took time out for a training session at the home of judo in Tokyo. Good to see such keenness!



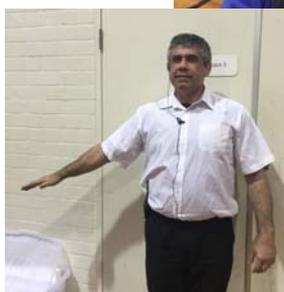
Dan grading results: Roman Sulovsky, Dave Jordan shodan, Oren Janiv nidan, Mark Brewer Sandan. Wonderful to see Roman promoted at long last! A just reward for his long dedication to training and contribution to the club. For Dave it has been a rapid and well-earned rise, coming about as a result of his excellent competition record in the past two years. Out of competition for the last two years because of a string of injuries, Mark Brewer now joins the senior dan ranks. A great job from all of these boys.



JB with our two new shodan



Con Dimos' referee debut



JUNIOR COMPETITIONS GIVE OUR KIDS EXPERIENCE

Over the past couple of months, groups of our youngsters attended competitions in Wollongong and Blacktown.

These events are a great way for our younger brigade valuable exposure to competition, and to gain confidence as they "lay it on the line." Many of them enjoyed success, and were very happy to show off their medals. More important, they enjoyed themselves.

Head Coach Warren travelled with the group and was very pleased with the way they went about their participation.



More pics from the Olympics



The 48kg podium: Pareto gold

The Aussie judo team



Shohei Ono takes the 73kg gold



Chloe Rayner battles Payet FRA



Teddy Riner: dual Olympic gold



Mashu Baker wins the 90kg final

...and from Junior/Kyu comps July & August



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