

# UNSW Judo News

June 2018

## 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### SPECTACULAR ACTION ON THE GOLD COAST

The training was over, and the Nationals rolled round again. As for last year, the venue was the Carrara Indoor Sports Centre on the Gold Coast. It was the biggest Nationals ever, with over 1000 entries, and UNSW was well represented; although our ranks were somewhat depleted due to a number of injuries, probably costing us some medals.

It was wonderful to see 1988 Olympic champion Sue Williams make an appearance, and be suitably honoured by Judo Australia. Sue is far and away Australian judo's most successful athlete, an unsung hero, and it is great to see her involved with the sport again.



Sue Williams  
1988 Olympic  
Champion

It was also good to have Hitoshi Kimura on hand to observe the competition, and take part in meetings with national officials. Hitoshi has been of immense assistance to Australian teams and athletes for many years, and is now our official liaison person in Japan.

To the judo...there were some great fights across the weekend – in particular, the senior finals of 73, 81, 90 and 100kg stood out with their quality and action. Wins in those categories went to Calvin Knoester (WA) Eoin Coughlan (VIC) Sebastian Temesi (QLD) and Kayhan Takagi (NSW)..shown below in the final vs Yoo (WA)



UNSW results were mixed, with the usual joys and disappointments. National Championships went to Ivan Samsonov and Tiana Goutzas (who won two!) Silver to Angus Hutcheon, and bronzes to Elizabeth Goutzas, Elijah Raif, Iakov Ivanets, Mel Budiarto, Maricarmen Wachter, Shaun McDougall and Alex Womersley. Along the way there were many good individual wins, and several of our athletes just missed out on the podium.



Angus Hutcheon's uchi mata

It's hard to single out individuals, but the best UNSW performances came from Angus Hutcheon, Elijah Raif and Tiana Goutzas. Angus and Elijah dominated the senior boys 40kg category, and it was only an extraordinary blunder by the referees that robbed Angus of the gold. Our two boys met in the semi final in an epic struggle. Tiana returned to national level competition to easily win both the cadet and junior women's divisions, taking all her fights by ippon... in less than a total of two minutes! Young Reuben Brodie, in his first nationals, won three fights in junior boys 42kg, but just missed a medal.



2 Gold to Tiana, bronze to Elizabeth



In the seniors, Amy Meyer (above) also suffered from an appalling referee blunder, when she strangled her opponent, only to have the submission go unnoticed! To make matters worse, the girl went on to take gold. Mel Budiarto, fresh from her training in Japan, looked sharp in taking bronze in 63kg with three solid wins. Maricarmen Wachter had a nervous start, but recovered to also take bronze. Shaun McDougall was in pretty exalted company on the 100kg podium with Kayhan Takagi (gold) and Korean Yoo (silver).



Ivica waits with Alex & Maricarmen

The State Coaching team, which included Kylie Koenig and Ivica Pavlinic, worked hard all weekend supporting the NSW team. Special thanks also to Sam Asher for arranging accommodation, his photography and general enthusiasm. As usual, there were some nice social moments over the weekend, where athletes, coaches, parents and supporters were able to gather together to congratulate and commiserate...

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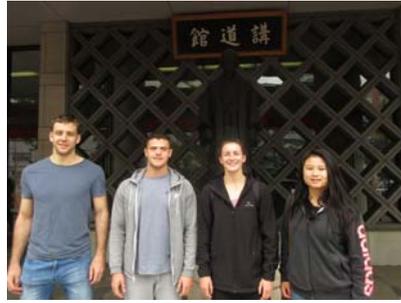
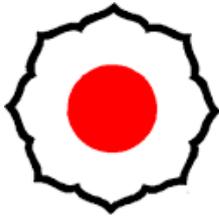
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## JOURNEY TO JAPAN

A small group of athletes, Melissa Budiarto, Lucas Miramont, Alex Womersley and kiwi Louise Kelly, accompanied by coach JB, trained in Japan during April and May.

The group trained at several universities: Saitama, Shukutoku, and Rikkyo, attended training camps and of course visited the Kodokan, where they also took part in some great training sessions. For Lucas and Alex this was their first taste of training in Japan, and they found it a valuable, if somewhat daunting, experience. Thanks to "our man in Japan" Hitoshi Kimura for his invaluable assistance in making the trip run smoothly.



The obligatory Kodokan photo...



The group at Saitama University



Women's training at Shukutoku University



JB with sensei Nose Seiki (check the T shirt)

## ALL JAPAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Our small UNSW group were among the audience for this iconic tournament. Held in the famous Nippon Budokan, the competition is cherished in Japan, where the winner is accorded similar status to an Olympic or World Champion.

While it is an open weight competition, this year's event was spiced by the presence of reigning World Champions Takato Naohisa (60kg) and Hashimoto Soichi (73kg). (AJJF rules allow current World Champions automatic eligibility, regardless of their weight category). Facing athletes much heavier than themselves, neither was able to make it past the third round.

This year, Ojitani Takeshi was attempting to win the event for the third year in a row. He made it to the final, where he was outclassed by Harasawa Hisayoshi. Ojitani was well below his best, looked out of sorts, and suffered the indignity of losing by hansokumake.



The magnificent Nippon Budokan



Harasawa vs Ojitani in the final

## NEW NATIONAL COACHING FRAMEWORK INTRODUCED



The JFA, now known as Judo Australia, has recently announced the introduction of a new coaching ranking and accreditation scheme, replacing the NCAS classification, which has been in operation since the 1980's. The new system is based on the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, and will comprise four levels of coach accreditation: Assistant Coach, Coach, Senior Coach and Advanced Coach.

Detailed information on the new scheme, including proposed accreditation courses, and transition arrangements, may be found on the Judo Australia website.

# UNSW PEOPLE AND EVENTS

## SUJC visit 20 Apr

A big night of training when Sydney Uni members visited us on Friday 20 April. There was lots of spirited randori, and some technical instruction from Ivica, as the two clubs renewed their friendship. Hopefully we will see more similar sessions in the future.



## Central coast Open

UNSW was well represented by our younger brigade at this competition, which continues to grow in popularity as a means of gaining contest experience. Our group included many kids either making their competitive debut, or to gain further experience. They had a good day, and came away with some very satisfying results. Our winners on the day were Reuben Brodie, James Murdoch, Dylan Katz, Dylan Nguyen, Brendan Miu, with many others taking medal placings. In the senior boys 40kg, UNSW had a clean sweep, with Angus Hutcheon and Elijah Raif coming in close behind Dylan Katz. In the senior men, Andre Aravena had a hit out after many years, taking third in 81kg.

## UNSW Sports Dinner 11 May



The judo club was well represented at this annual dinner, which celebrates the achievements of UNSW clubs and athletes in the past year. Judo did not figure in the awards on this occasion, but were acknowledged for their good results at the 2017 University Games, which contributed to the best ever overall placing for UNSW.

## Jurassic Judo Begins

The long-awaited "over 35" judo sessions began on 10 May in the new South Sydney dojo. Although only a small group were on hand, coach Larry Brand hopes to see numbers increase. Come on, all you mums and dads...try judo yourself!



## Senior Kyu Grading 27 May

Congratulations to all those who successfully completed their grading exam on 27 May. We now have several new senior kyu grades sporting their new belts. Sam Asher, Shoma Kimura, Stefan Heap and Jordan Bond all were promoted to second kyu (blue belt) and Matt Carpenter, Nic Lowe and Per Tronnes achieved their first kyu (brown belt). (See pic P 4)

...and More senior grades...Javier Garcia (3<sup>rd</sup> kyu) Ryan Koenig and Tiana Goutzas (2<sup>nd</sup> kyu) graded on 17 June.

**Tiana Goutzas to get her first taste of international judo! As a result of her fine double gold medal performance at the Nationals, T has been selected in the Australian cadet and junior team to tour Asia in July. The team will compete in Asian Opens in Hong Kong and Macau, and take part in a training camp in Macau.**



## Inter-Uni comp 28 April

UNSW hosted Sydney and University of Technology judo clubs for an inter-varsity tournament on 28 April. The competition was designed to give experience, and provide an introduction to contest, to kyu grade athletes who will later take part in the Uni Games. The day was a credit to our organisers, notably Maricarmen and Angus, and was a wonderful opportunity for the clubs to share experience and test their skills. Thanks to all who assisted on the day.



## MORE PICS from the NATIONALS



The successful candidates and examiners at the senior grading 27 May

**STOP PRESS....OJU loses its points status for World Ranking Points from 2019**

In a move that will severely impact Australia's ability to qualify athletes for future Olympic Games, it appears that the IJF has announced that from 2019, results obtained in the OJU Continental Championships will no longer carry World Ranking (WRL) points.

Instead, our athletes will be invited to participate in the Asian Continental tournament. This will pit our best against athletes from such powerhouse nations as Japan, Korea and China, not to mention North Korea, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, etc. To place highly in this company will be a huge task.

It must be said that there has long been consternation in many quarters that the OJU championships carried the same value as the European and Asian Championships for WRL points. This latest move reflects that concern.

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