

UNSW Judo News

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NSW JUNIOR POINTS and KYU GRADE COMPETITIONS

LIVELY TOURNAMENTS FOR OUR UNSW ATHLETES

First Comp 8 July

While our seniors were thin on the ground, the UNSW kids and juniors put in some great performances at this competition.

In the junior divisions, our best results came through Angus Hutcheon and Dylan Katz, both of whom won their categories in fine style, showing some excellent techniques. In the younger u12 division Priya Carpenter, Cian Bligh and Reuben Brodie fought hard for their medals. Claudia and James Murdoch also performed well, as did Ethan Carpenter, who had a really tough category.

In the seniors, Per Tronnes and Adam Abatte made a welcome return to competition and both took silver in their categories. Only 16, Brendan Miu had his first outing in senior men, and was a little unlucky not to take gold with some good fighting against a much older and more experienced opponent.



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Second Comp 19 August

The second Junior points and senior kyu competition was well subscribed, and UNSW had a strong contingent across all age divisions.

The day began with the mons "littlies" having their battles, after an entertaining warm up session (below) led by Ivica. Tiny Claudia Murdoch had a lot of fun, and won her category. Dylan Katz came back from some injuries to take out the senior boys 45kg, after a good tussle with clubmate Josh Koenig. Ivan Samsonov took silver in the 60kg category, and James Murdoch bronze in 55kg.

In the senior division, Alex Collares made a spectacular debut, taking gold in both the 81kg and masters categories, in the process showing some great throwing skills. Sarah McCormick also had a good first outing, with silver in 57kg. Brendan Miu broke through for his first win in senior men, showing real skill and maturity. Although light on preparation, Matt Peppas looked sharp to win the senior 81kg, with Per Tronnes in third place. Shoma Kimura started well, but was forced to withdraw after a nasty head knock in one of his fights.

And thanks to the unsung heroes who worked behind the scenes to run the event....President Nic Lowe, Kathy Meyer, Matt Carpenter, Adony Goutzas, Phil McDermott.



NEW DAN GRADES FOR THE CLUB



Kylie Koenig, Indra Sadeli and Eamonn Briers were all successful at the dan grading on 1 July. Eamonn and Indra began their judo in our kids' program at six years of age, and have studied at UNSW. Both were promoted to shodan, a good reward for their efforts and progress. Kylie has been a major contributor to the sport since retiring from competition a few years ago as Australia's top 63kg athlete, and is now a State and National coach. Kylie has been recommended for her 4th dan.



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JUNIOR COMPETITIONS PROVIDE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

ILLAWARRA

Coaches Ivica and Matt took a small group of club youngsters down to Illawarra International for this competition. For several of our kids it was their first taste of contest judo. James, Toby, Luke, Zac, Roman, Vlad and Claudia all competed well, coming away with several medals and some good contest experience.



Ivica with his successful group



Some of the kids receive their medals

SHINSEI BLACKTOWN

This popular junior tournament continues to provide good experience for those kids starting out on their competitive career. Ivica was there to support our group as they went through their paces. There were some really good performances, especially from Josh Koenig, Peter Damianos and James Murdoch, all of whom won their categories. Our kids also took a swag of other medals:

Pearl Galliere -silver, Vlad Glazunov - silver, Ryan Ovington-silver, Cian Bligh- silver, Claudia Murdoch-bronze



The group show off their medals after the competition



UNSW PEOPLE AND EVENTS

She Can

Can she ever!

"She Can" is an initiative by ARC sports aimed at getting more women involved in sporting activities. This event was held on 13 August at the Roundhouse, and attended by many of the Uni's sports clubs. Judo was well represented by Pres Maricarmen, Nina, Josie and Sarah. The girls had fun (as you can see!) and were great ambassadors for the club. Interestingly, Judo had the most number of women present of all clubs on the night.

.....and as a result, 12 new girls showed up for a trial session on 16 August!



A few farewells...



On 20 July we said farewell to **Marco Ferrera**. Marco has been with us for several years, His judo experience, combined with his strength and conditioning expertise making a strong contribution to our coaching team. Marco also started his own club at Rosebank College, producing some handy judoka. Marco has headed home to Italy, and we hope to see him again some time in the future.



Another to depart was **Lucas Miramont**, who has been with us for several months on an extended holiday. Lucas has been a wonderful asset to the club during his time with us, a skilful training partner. Lucas also toured Japan with a club group in April.



We also said good bye to **Jesse Briand**, another young French judoka who had been with us for only a few weeks, but who had made a very favourable impression during training sessions.

...and a Japanese visitor

We were very pleased to have Mayu Sugie with us for a short time. In Sydney to study English, Mayu, a sandan and skilful lightweight from the powerful Nittai Dai University, was a welcome training partner during her stay. Mayu really enjoyed her time at UNSW, and hopes to return.



Warren and Mayu

Tomas Hudecek also left us, we hope temporarily, to return home to the Czech Republic

TIANA GAINS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE ON ASIAN TOUR

As a result of her wins at the nationals, Tiana Goutzas was a member of the national cadet and junior tour of Asia in July. The team competed in Asian Cups in Hong Kong and Macau, with a three day international training camp in between. Tiana reports that she enjoyed the tour, her first exposure to international judo. She made new friends on the team, and benefited immensely from the experience. Icing on the cake was her bronze medal in the junior division in Hong Kong, achieved when her Korean opponent was unable to take the mat due to injury. The tour left T hungry for more.



Tiana on the podium in Hong Kong and (R) with other AUS team members flying the flag on tour



LATE NEWS

NSW Junior development squad trains at the AIS

Dylan Katz, Angus Hutcheon, Elijah Raif and Aidan Miu from the club were selected as part of a NSW junior squad which had their first taste of training at the nation's elite sporting centre, the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Under the guidance of State coaches Phil Kearney, Kerrye Katz and Nigel McClifty, the young squad went through a rigorous weekend of training similar to that of the top senior athletes. Wonderful exposure for the youngsters. The club received very good feedback from the coaches on the performance of our boys, who also reported that they had a great time, enjoyed the wonderful AIS catering, and learned a lot from their experience.



And MORE PICS ...from here and there



...pick the Judo Monster...



A pensive Ivica surrounded by the zoo creatures at Shinsei

...and some of our
UNSW medallists at
the recent junior and
kyu grades competi-
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