

# UNSW Judo News

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## SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2018

### SPECTACULAR JUDO ACTION AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

A big day's judo on 23 September with the holding of the Sydney International Open. Despite the date clashing with the World Championships and Australian University Games, the tournament was well supported, with a record number of entries. The international flavour of the event was boosted by large teams from New Caledonia and New Zealand. Unfortunately for UNSW, many of our athletes, especially our seniors, were absent for a variety of reasons.



Angus Hutcheon winner in SB 40kg

Nevertheless, our younger brigade came through, taking a number of medals in the highly competitive junior categories. Angus Hutcheon was impressive in taking out the senior boys 40kg...sadly our only gold on the day. Our other medals in the boys division came from Dylan Katz, Iakov Ivanets, Hayden Fu and Ivan Samsonov.

In the cadet men, Ryan Koenig and Brendan Miu took silvers. In an impressive display, Ryan backed up to also snare a bronze in the junior men...an outstanding achievement at just 15 years.

In the seniors, club regular Alex Womersley took out the 100kg.

Our other seniors, Mel Budiarto and Alex Collares competed without getting into the placings.

Well done to all who competed, and thanks to all the club volunteers who helped to make the day a success.

#### UNSW RESULTS SUMMARY

Sen boys 40kg Angus Hutcheon 1<sup>st</sup>

Sen boys 45kg Dylan Katz 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sen boys 50kg Iakov Ivanets 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hayden Fu 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sen boys 60kg Ivan Samsonov 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cadet men 55kg Ryan Koenig 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cadet men 73kg Brendan Miu 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jun men 55kg Ryan Koenig 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## SUE WILLIAMS BELATEDLY AWARDED IJF SEVENTH DAN



Ask most judo people "who is Suzanne Williams?" and many would struggle to answer. This is a great shame, as Sue is unquestionably Australia's most successful competitor. A welcome sidelight to the SIO competition was the opportunity to present Suzanne Williams with her IJF seventh dan certificate.

Foremost among her achievements is winning Australia's only Olympic gold medal, in the women's demonstration event in Seoul 1988. Not only that, but she is a two-time winner of the British Open at a time when it was the unofficial world championships for women.

She followed this with three silver medals in the World championships, gold in the inaugural Fukuoka tournament, and two gold in the Pacific Rim championships.

She won an unparalleled 20 Australian national titles, a feat unlikely to be repeated...

The promotion makes Sue the highest graded woman ever in Australia.

# HISTORY IN BAKU - 2018 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2018 World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, attracted 755 athletes from 124 countries and was as spectacular as ever, laced with many history-making performances, along with the surprises we have come to expect...

On day one we saw Daria Bilodid of UKR become the youngest ever senior world champion, at just 17. The lanky young blonde carried all before her; the 48kg win catapulting her to number one world ranking. Her performance overshadowed Takato's third world title in 60kg.

The very next day saw the dynamic brother and sister act from Japan, Uta and Hifumi Abe, take out the 52kg and 66kg categories in style. Uta's uchimata in the final was perhaps the throw of the whole tournament.

Yet more history was made when Sherdazishvili of ESP took gold in the 90kg... a huge surprise, and the first world championship to a Spanish man.

Among the surprises were the early round exits of several Olympic and World champions.

For the Australians, Katharina Haecker put in an outstanding effort for her seventh place in 63kg. Tinka Easton and Harrison Cassar also showed some good judo in winning their first fights.



Some sort of history was made in the men's +100kg, in that Teddy Riner did NOT win...he had elected to miss the competition. So the gold medal changed hands for the first time in 10 years, going to the dynamic young Georgian Guram Tushishvili (above)



Katharina Hecker defeats Vemeer (NED)

The tournament concluded with the first ever mixed teams event at the Worlds; Japan defeating France in the final to add to their comprehensive gold medal tally. A combined South and North Korea took a bronze.

## UNSW BLITZES AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

The club sent a strong team of men and women to this tournament on the Gold Coast: Nina, Josie, Maricarmen, Isabelle, Sarah, Kuba, Angus, Vinh, William, Ben, with Heidi as coach. In addition, we had Indra, Matt and Boris representing other universities...

The outcome was a wonderful result for UNSW - first place overall in the judo competition... Women's team first, Men's team third. The successes continued in the individuals... Kuba gold, Will silver, Heidi gold, Isabelle gold, Nina silver, Sarah silver. The results were further enhanced by Indra Sadeli gold (Macquarie), Matt Peppas gold (UTS) Boris Amromin silver (ACU) Unfortunately both Maricarmen and Josie had to withdraw due to injuries, as did Ben.



# UNSW PEOPLE AND EVENTS



A big night of training on 24 Sept with a visit from members of the NCL, NZL and VIC teams who had competed in the Sydney International... a pity we didn't have more of our own members on hand for a great session of randori.

**They came, they saw...** Ryan and Ivica take the SA Open by storm... There were only two of them, but they came away with four gold medals! Young Ryan Koenig, who just continues to improve, won the cadet, junior men and senior men categories with a display of mature technical judo. Ivica, there to coach, could not resist the lure of some prizemoney on offer, and blitzed the field to win the men's open category. We weren't game to ask how they celebrated that evening, in case we had to tell mum...



**Gav Kelly and Kylie Koenig re-appointed National coaches for 2019.** Good news for Australian athletes. These two vastly experienced former champions have much to offer.



**Hitoshi Kimura visits training sessions** Ever the judoka, Hitoshi made the most of his time in Sydney by taking in as many training sessions as possible at the club, and even made the trip out to Kylie's Zoo!

## World Judo Day 28 October ...

Happy birthday all you October babies!! None more important than Jigoro Kano... plus lots of notable club members, including Warren, Kylie, Rob, Hitoshi, Roman, Josh Cook, Tiana Goutzas, Josh Devine, Tom Sarran, Manas Joshi... Apologies to anyone we've missed.

**Kugatsu visit 8 Sept** Great turnout, full mat, good training friendly atmosphere, spirited randori and Tech instruction from Ivica.



## Josh Cook and Kiarn Kelly wedding!

It was a great day at the Blue Mountains "Seclusions" resort on 13 October to celebrate the wedding of this popular couple, and many club members joined their families and friends for the occasion. Long-time friend Hitoshi Kimura even made the trip from Japan to be there. Josh and Kiarn have been a couple some fourteen years...no sense in rushing things! Warren (who keeps track of these events) tells us that this is the incredible 27<sup>th</sup> wedding to come out of the club.



## ...more pics from the Sydney International



Ryan silver cadets 55kg



Brendan silver cadets 73kg



Dylan Katz bronze 45kg



Ivan bronze 60kg



Iakov silver, Hayden bronze 55kg



Ryan bronze in jun men 55kg

## ...and from the Worlds



Australia's Lubo Petr officiates



Mollaie (IRI) defeats Fujiwara (JPN) in 81kg final



An (KOR) throws Hashimoto (JPN) 73kg final



Japan wins the inaugural mixed world team event

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