

UNSW Judo News

DECEMBER 2007

IN THIS ISSUE

- OJU Open, Perth
- Uni Challenge
- Sydney Open
- "Fight Night" Final
- International Kata Champs
- And much more...

OJU OPEN PROVIDES OLYMPIC POINTERS

With Olympic selection on the line, the OJU Open in Perth attracted a good field of athletes from the Region. Unfortunately, once again there were virtually no outsiders, meaning that the top Oceania athletes faced their usual rivals.

From the Uni of NSW we had a number of contenders, and when the dust settled several were still alive in their Olympic hopes.

Our women fared pretty well. Janelle Shepherd and Laisa Laveti were unfortunately drawn to face each other first up in the +78 category. Janelle squeaked home thanks to a rather dubious penalty against Laisa, and went on to easily win the final against Simone Dahl (QLD). Although relegated to third place, under the Olympic selection rules Laisa was also credited with 2nd place points.

Sonya Chervonsky had a similar outcome in 52kg. After a great start against Chelisa Chester (VIC) she lost a spot in the final to Kasumi Muramatsu (VIC) but came back strongly to take 3rd, and equal points to the silver medallist Kristie-Anne Ryder (QLD).



Sonya on the podium

Kylie Koenig had a miserable day in the 63kg category. Still recovering from knee surgery she started well, losing narrowly to eventual winner Catherine Arlove (VIC). Things went pear-shaped after that as she lost to Joy Williams (NZL) and Emily Bensted (VIC) to finish out of a place.

In the men, **Semir Pepic** was untroubled to take out the +100 gold medal. Fresh from hard competition in Europe, Semir proved once again to be in a class of his own, winning all his fights in a surprisingly strong field by ippon in very quick time.



Semir battles in the final

Matt Lipman faced extremely tough competition in the 73kg category, which attracted the largest entry. Displaying his usual aggressive style he battled his way into medal contention with some good wins. Unfortunately he narrowly lost the bronze medal fight to classy Ghanan Emanuel Nartey.

As the **results table on page 4** shows, Australia dominated the womens cate-

gories, while the mens honours were fairly evenly shared with New Zealand.

The final OJU Olympic selection tournament will be the OJU Championships, to be held in Christchurch in March 2008.



The tournament was followed by a training camp, conducted by the OJU coaches. The camp was well attended, although Aust numbers were disappointing. Nonetheless, a great deal of benefit was taken by participants, especially those from some of the smaller island nations.

Our picture above shows UNSW coach JB giving some pointers to Ronnie Mae of the Solomon Islands.



FOR ALL THE NEWS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.unswjudo.net.au

We wish all our members, families and friends the very best for the Christmas season. Here's to an even bigger and brighter 2008

And a reminder...the Last training session for 2007 is Friday 21 December... and the first for 2008 is Monday 7 January



AUSSIES DO WELL IN INTERNATIONAL KATA COMPETITION

Rob Maurency and Rob Ivers recently attended the first ever Kodokan Kata International Tournament in Tokyo.

There were around 20 countries represented – Australia, NZ, Russia, Brazil, US, Canada, Germany, Belgium, tonnes of Spanish and Italians and many others.

There were 4 katas contested with 10 pairs in each - Nage no Kata, Katame no Kata, Ju no Kata and Kime no Kata. Most brown and black belts will probably be familiar with at least Nage no Kata – the forms of throwing techniques that is required for first dan. Katame no kata is the kata of grappling techniques and comprises holds, strangles, armlocks and a leg lock.

Ju no kata, the kata of gentleness, is one of the more esoteric katas. It consists of movements designed to demonstrate the yielding principle of

judo, ie using your opponents movement against them. Despite its name, this kata is extremely difficult to master, requiring great control.

Our Robs competed in the Kime no Kata – the kata of decision. This kata consists of self defence techniques hailing from old Japan. Techniques are demonstrated in the defence against unarmed and armed attacks from both kneeling and standing positions. Weapons include the dagger and the samurai sword.

The Robs made a very respectable performance finishing 7th. They scored highly on the execution of the techniques – showing good control with the closeness of their attacks.

The overall standard was very high in all the katas, with Japan taking most of the medals. Although the Spanish and Italians seemed to

send over a group of “kata specialists” it was good to see some real ex-competition players from many countries showing their technique in the katas.



Ivers and Maurency prepare to take to the mat

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AT ROUNDHOUSE

The University Invitational Challenge once again provided a great night of spectacular and entertaining judo at the UNSW Roundhouse. As in 2006, there were four teams competing for the honours.

In the first match, Zenbu dominated Kugatsu, six wins to two, to progress to the final. Very impressive were Jason Phillips, Ben Zellner and Gareth Knight.



Janelle dumps Hannah Jones (SUJC)

Next came the traditional “Uni Challenge” between UNSW and Sydney Uni. As in the past couple of years, Sydney struggled to field a competitive team and UNSW went on to a comfortable win (6-2). But only after Sydney’s kyu grades showed their traditional fighting spirit with David Wong and Stephen Mc George giving them an early lead. Sydney could not keep up the momentum against UNSW’s experienced women and dan grades, all of whom had fairly easy wins.

The final between Uni of NSW and Zenbu was a real cliff-hanger. The tough Zenbu kyu grade men gave their team what looked like a winning lead, jumping to three nil with good wins to Patryk Kelly, Jason Phillips and Ben Zellner. Once again the Uni had to rely on their women to bring them back, and their line up of Janelle Shepherd, Sonya Chervonsky and Laisa Laveti did not let them down. So it was three wins apiece going into the mens dan division.

Rob Maurency and Gareth Knight fought out a fierce draw, worthy of a National event. Martin Kelly then put the Uni in front for the first time with a one-sided win over Daniel Mitchell.

The last match between Athens team mates Semir Pepic and Morgan Endicott-Davies, was fast and furious, Semir stalking and Morgan using his speed to stay out of trouble. Draw.



Morgan tries taiotoshi on Semir in the final

So the night ended with the narrowest of wins to Uni of NSW – four wins to three (37pts-32pts). Another great night showcasing judo, with twenty of the twenty seven fights ending in ippon.

Sonya Graduates...

Sonya Chervonsky is congratulated by coach Warren Rosser at her graduation ceremony in December.

Having started judo at UNSW in 1998, Sonya is one of the club’s most successful Members. A multiple National and Oceania champion, and Ben Lexcen scholar, her career so far has been highlighted by her participation in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.



UNSW PEOPLE...and events

Scenes from the club's annual dinner, held at "Churrasco" Brazilian restaurant at Coogee.



Kazuya tucks in - "is this how it's done?"



Nataly faces a difficult choice



JB guards his glass, as Sonya steals his food.



Kylie and Laisa discuss their training program



Azita and Warren: ..."are you sure it's costing that much?"

FIGHT NIGHT FINAL 30 November

Unfortunately UNSW were unable to field their strongest team, and although proving too good for Kugatsu in the preliminary round, couldn't match the consistency of Budokan in the final.

Fresh from her win in the OJU Open, **Janelle Shepherd** gained selection in the Australian team for the Asian tour.

They never learn... while on holidays in Europe, **Warren** just couldn't resist the urge to train. Meeting up with **Sarah Taylor**, he was coaxed into a session at the Budokwai in London. Reckons the place is still the same.

As reported in last issue, **Kazuya Maruyama** is now with us and enjoying his first Aussie summer. Currently taking a short break in Cairns

Sonya, Kylie and Laisa head for Japan and Tokai University in January in preparation for the important upcoming tournaments early in 2008.

Dates for your Diary in 2008

Illawarra International Training Camp 19-20 January
 ACT Open 10-11 February
 Sydney Open Championships 24 February
 NSW State Championships 9 March

UNSW Judo Club Awards for 2007

Male player of the year	Semir Pepic
Female player of the year	Janelle Shepherd
Junior player of the year	Paddy Kearney
"Rookie of the year"	Adam Abbate
Most improved (Comp)	Matt Lipman
Most improved ((Male Kyu)	Jason Galea
Most improved (Female)	Amy Meyer
Most improved Junior boy	Eamonn Briers
Most improved Junior girl	Maxine Germes
Club Spirit (Winnie Au) Awards	Kath Meyer, Azita Karpour, Nicholas Waldman
Training Award	Roman Sulovsky
Uni Challenge Award	Sonya Chervovsky Rob Maurency

And for fun...

Leukoplast Award (most injured)	Kylie Koenig
Alarm clock Award (most often late for training)	Laisa Laveti
Scarlet Pimpernel Award (they seek her here..)	Janelle Shepherd
Academy Award (most entertaining)	Ray Abela
Jetset Tours Award (most travelled)	JB
Gen. Macarthur Award (I shall return)	Daniel Waldmann
Ronald Reagan Award (the Evil Empire)	Budokan Judo Club
The Club Mum Award	Azita Karpour
Florence Nightingale Award	Peter Hunt
Partner of the Year	Wal Koenig

BIG DAY FOR UNSW at SYDNEY OPEN

The final JFA tournament for the year attracted a good entry list, UNSW having no fewer than 29 fighters! The event was also significant as it saw the return to competition by Daniel Waldmann, Amy Meyer's first foray into junior and senior women, and the competition debut for Waverley College boys Clay and Rhys Brodie, Jack Thomas and Richie Jang. All our young members performed well, as can be seen from the results table.

Jun men and Women. Although she had to fight up to 57kg, Amy Meyer (48kg) fought well to take second in the junior women. Daniel Waldmann started off looking a bit rusty, but soon let loose with some great throws for a series of ippon wins to take out the 73kg category.

Senior men. Daniel backed up well and continued his successful return to competition to take second in the 73kg category, maybe a little unlucky to lose to Igor Fuentes in the final.

Senior women. Sonya Chervovsky was untroubled to take the 57kg category, and then for some additional work backed up to take part in a special category, where she finished second to veteran Andrea Koltai. Noa Segoly had some tough battles, but finished out of a medal. The tournament meant another long day for all concerned.

Thanks to the many club members who stood as volunteers on the day - Anabel Kearney, Kath Meyer, Nicholas Waldmann, Nina Magoc, Steven Dong, Yasuhide Sakamoto, Alex Else.

Boys u13

Dylan McDermott	34kg	3 rd
Sean O'Byrne	38kg	1 st
Marcello Gallupo	38kg	
Eamonn Kearney	42kg	1 st
Matthew Malone	42kg	3 rd
Liam Matthews-Peat	50kg	2 nd
Jacques Saba	55kg	2 nd
Dino Tsakiris	55kg	
Daniel Burlutsky	60kg	1 st

Boys u16

David Driels	46kg	3 rd
Michael Barrett	50kg	
Paddy Kearney	55kg	2 nd
Eamonn Briers	55kg	3 rd
Thomas Jack	60kg	1 st
Richie Zhang	73kg	3 rd
Rhys Brodie	+81kg	3 rd

Girls u13

Maxine Germes	38kg	2 nd
Jun Women		
Amy Meyer	57kg	2 nd
Women		
Amy Meyer	52kg	
Sonya Chervovsky	57kg	1 st
Noa Segoly	63kg	

Jun Men

Daniel Waldmann	73kg	1 st
Aidan Fitzgerald	90kg	2 nd
Clay Brodie	+100kg	1 st
Nicholas Pegios	+100kg	2 nd
Men		
Daniel Waldmann	73kg	2 nd



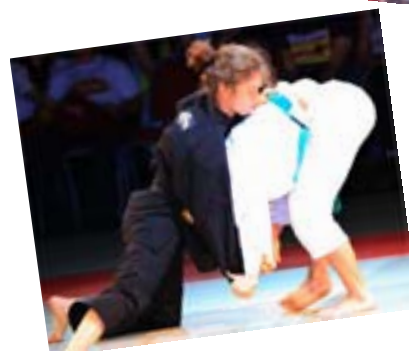
OJU OPEN WORLD CUP - RESULTS

Women			Men		
48	1 Robertson, Helen NZL 2 Day, Tiffany AUS		60	1 D'Aquino, Matthew AUS 2 Giudice, Steven AUS 3 De Casanove, Beau AUS 4 Venn, Clinton AUS	
52	1 Muramatsu, Kasumi AUS 2 Ryder, Kristie-anne AUS 3 Chervovsky, Sonya AUS 3 Fong, Kelly AUS 5 Chester, Chelisa AUS 5 Downing, Natasha NZL		66	1 Leat, Alistar NZL 2 Calder, Lee NZL 3 Brown, Steven AUS 3 Malcolm, Taro AUS 5 Dos Santos, Ivo AUS 5 Morgan, Nick AUS	
57	1 Pekli, Maria AUS 2 Lewis, Carli AUS 3 Bell, Kate AUS 3 Moceyawa, Anne NZL		73	1 Iverson, Dennis AUS 2 Collett, Andrew AUS 3 Nartey, Emmanuel GHA 3 Pejic, Nikola AUS 5 Lipman, Matthew AUS 5 Carlyon, Addison AUS	
63	1 Arlove Catherine AUS 2 Williams, Joy NZL 3 Bensted, Emily AUS		81	1 Dill-Russell, Ryan NZL 2 Choi, Woo Su NZL 3 Naulu, Josetaki FIJ 3 Hill, Tom AUS 5 Latu, Akapei TGA 5 Anthony, Mark AUS	
70	1 Naisiga, Sisilia FIJ 2 De Villiers, Moira NZL 3 Bourke, Zoe AUS 3 Hunter, Sarah AUS		90	1 Fogagnolo, Priscus AUS 2 Kelly, Daniel AUS 3 Endicott-D., Morgan AUS 3 Faka'osi, Epoki TGA 5 Hill, Matthew AUS 5 Bourke, Daniel AUS	
78	1 Arscott, Catherine AUS 2 Michaelis, Sophia AUS 3 Grant, Stephanie AUS		100	1 Pragnell, Andrew NZL 2 Koster, Jason NZL 3 Celotti, Matt AUS 3 Bade, Scott NZL 5 Kobelke, Charles AUS 5 Cutajar, Michael AUS	
+78	1 Shepherd, Janelle AUS 2 Dahl, Simone AUS 3 Laveti, Laisa AUS		+100	1 Pepic, Semir AUS 2 Georgiadis, Stephanos AUS 3 Takayawa, Nacanieli FIJ 3 Blas, Ricardo Jr GUM 5 Takayawa, Nemani FIJ 5 Fairley, Donald NZL	

Black Power!



Sonya Power!



...Semir Power!

GIRL POWER!!!



??? WANT THE LATEST JUDO NEWS & CLUB ACTIVITIES ???

Visit our website: www.unswjudo.net.au

Enquiries: UNSW Sports Association 9385 4880