

# UNSW Judo News

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## OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS SETTLE OLYMPIC SELECTIONS

The picturesque, even quaint, city of Christchurch was the setting for the final OJU Olympic Selections for the Beijing Olympics. For some, the tournament was to realise their dreams – for others it brought great disappointment. Only the athletes can know the highs and lows that such situations bring.

For Uni of NSW there were high hopes of a good representation in the Olympic team. We had three girls and one man in the running, and several were favoured to take the prizes. Alas, it was not quite to be, but at the end we have two more Olympians for the club's honour roll.

In the men, **Semir Pepic** fought like the red-hot favourite he was, and just demolished his opponents to win the +100kg category and a place in his second Olympic team. It was obvious what was going to happen as he smashed his first opponent (all 200kg of him!) with a glorious left harai-goshi. This became the pattern, as Semir blasted everyone with ippon to take gold.

Let's hope Semir can reproduce the form that saw him take a top-ten place in Athens...



Our women started off well, **Janelle Shepherd** looking sharp and aggressive in the +78kg. Fresh from some tough training in Japan, she really looked the goods, also winning all fights by ippon, snaring her first senior OJU crown, and an Olympic spot to boot! In the same category clubmate **Laisa Laveti** could not repeat her earlier form where she had pushed Janelle hard. Laisa not only lost to Janelle, but also to Simone Dahl (AUS) to finish third.

**Sonya Chervovsky**, hoping to repeat her Athens success, was the favourite for the 52kg category, with recent wins over her main rivals, Kelly Fong and Kristie-Anne Ryder. Sonya started well, if a little tentatively, with a good win over Kelly, but then came unstuck against Rocket. Ahead by waza-ari, she looked to have the fight under control, when she was suddenly dumped for ippon in a scrambling exchange. Although Sonya came back strongly with two more ippon wins, the horse had bolted, and Kristie-Anne emerged in the top spot.

**Kylie Koenig's** dreadful run of luck continued. Having courageously fought back from major knee surgery, and out of running for Olympic selection, she was hoping to prove a real stumbling block. But in final preparation after arriving in Christchurch, she once again injured that troublesome knee, and was forced to watch from the sidelines.

The Australian Team performed magnificently in the Oceania Championships to secure six out of seven Olympic nominations for men, and five out of seven for women. The full list of Olympic qualifiers is:

**Men:** 60kg Matt D'Aquino (AUS) 66kg Steven Brown (AUS) 73kg: Dennis Iverson (AUS) 81kg: Ryan Dill-Russell (NZL) 90kg: Daniel Kelly (AUS) 100kg: Matt Celotti (AUS) +100kg: Semir Pepic (AUS)

**Women:** 48kg: Helen Robertson (NZL) 52kg: Kristie-Anne Ryder (AUS) 57kg: Maria Pekli (AUS) 63kg: Catherine Arlove (AUS) 70kg: Sisilia Naisiga (FIJ) 78kg: Stephanie Grant (AUS) +78kg: Janelle Shepherd (AUS)

There were a few surprises at the conclusion of the selection events. Some favourites (Sonya Chervovsky 52kg, Andrew Collett 73kg, Catherine Arcott 78kg) fell by the wayside, and Steven Brown came through the pack in 66kg to become the first judo Olympian from South Australia.

**The Australian team is an exciting mix of youth and experience. Only Daniel Kelly and Semir Pepic in the men, and Maria Pekli and Catherine Arlove in the women have been to previous Games.**



Janelle and Semir after their wins



The UNSW group at Oceania: (L-R) Janelle, Laisa, JB, Semir, Sonya, Kylie



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# UNSW'S OLYMPIC HONOUR ROLL EXPANDS



Natalie Galea, Gavin Kelly, Angela Deacon - all officials in the Australian Judo team to Beijing come from UNSW !!

As briefly mentioned last issue, UNSW club members Gavin Kelly and Angela Deacon have been appointed coaches to the Australian judo team for Beijing. They join fellow club member and Atlanta Olympian, Natalie Galea, who is Judo Section Manager. This is in fact Angela's second Games coaching role. Semir also joins the select ranks of dual Olympians, having placed ninth in Athens

With Semir Pepic and Janelle Shepherd as team members, surely this must rank as something of a record, to have two athletes and all team officials from the one club!

For the record, UNSW's honour roll of Olympians now reads:

1980	Moscow	Mark Carew
1984	Los Angeles	Andrew Richardson
1988	Seoul	Warren Rosser
1996	Atlanta	Natalie Galea
2004	Athens	Sonya Chervonsky
		Semir Pepic
2008	Beijing	Janelle Shepherd
		Semir Pepic



Gavin Kelly



Angela Deacon

## UNSW KIDS SHINE AT STATE TITLES

The Duncan Gray Velodrome was the unusual venue for the NSW State titles on 9 March. With the mats squeezed into the centre of the cycling track it made for a few problems, but did not deter our youngsters from making a big impression. The u16 results were especially pleasing when you remember that most of our boys are just 13.

U13yrs	Dylan McDermott	2 <sup>nd</sup>	34kg
	Marcello Gallupo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	38kg
	Eamonn Kearney	1 <sup>st</sup>	46kg
	Jacques Saba	1 <sup>st</sup>	60kg
	Liam Matthews-Peat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	55kg
	Daniel Burlutsky	1 <sup>st</sup>	66kg
U16yrs	David Driels	3 <sup>rd</sup>	50kg
	Paddy Kearney	1 <sup>st</sup>	60kg
	Eamonn Briers	3 <sup>rd</sup>	60kg
	Francis Young	3 <sup>rd</sup>	66kg
	Richard Zhang	3 <sup>rd</sup>	73kg
	Rhys Brodie	1 <sup>st</sup>	+81kg

Jun men Clay Brodie 2<sup>nd</sup> +100kg

Not to be outdone by the kids, Daniel Waldmann easily won the mens 73kg, and gained some more valuable points towards his dan grade



Francis - always happy



David ponders his next fight



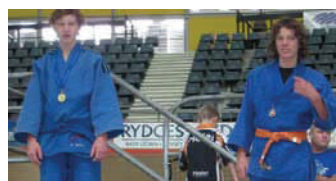
Liam shows off his bronze



Marcello (L) and Eamonn K looking pleased with their results



Jacques - another winner!



Paddy (L) and Eamonn B share the podium



Dylan



Daniel with gold

# UNSW PEOPLE...and events

**Kazuya Maruyama** has headed off home to Japan for a brief visit. Keen to contribute to helping Aussie youngsters, he accompanied the team to the Kindai Cup in Tokyo. On his return he has been invited to Queensland to do some coaching up there.

**Scott Smith wins HK Championships** Just to prove he can still get out there, our man in Hong Kong dusted off his gi to win the HK Championships recently. Our photo below shows him on the way to victory with Uchi-mata. Not sure if he really wants everyone to know that he competed at 100kg! Too much good living??



At long last **Azita Karpour** has gained her Permanent Residency in Australia. After years of nerve-wracking uncertainty, and bureaucratic fumbling, Zi has finally been granted PR in OZ.

Club members and their friends gathered at the Cushion Bar in Coogee on 4 April for a **Social evening**. There were various reasons for celebration – Azita's PR, our new Olympic selections, latest romances (!!!???) etc. Although no excuse is ever really needed for a get-together



Some of our girls enjoy the night (L-R) Laisa, Sayaka, kylie, Azita, Sonya

Congratulations to "**Physio Pete**" - **Peter Hunt**, our resident pummeller, who has been chosen by the National Judo Federation to accompany the Australian Olympic judo team on their training trips to Asia and Europe.

More congratulations to UNSWJC club Patron **Raymond Leung**, who has been made the first honorary life member of the National Dragon Boat Association. Raymond has been a great force behind these events for many years.

## Shoalhaven Open 6 April

Well done to our two boys who made the trip to this competition - both returning with medals  
Liam Matthews-Peat 2<sup>nd</sup> u13yrs 50kg  
Karlsson Steiner 1<sup>st</sup> u16yrs 66kg

Sadly, we have said farewell to **Sayaka Abe** as she heads off for a working holiday in Queensland, including a trip to Cairns. Good news is it's only for a while, and she will be back in a few months. Sayaka has made a lot of friends in the club, and has been a great help to Warren with the kids classes.



Sayaka with Laisa and Kylie



## What has this girl done!???

More surgery for Kylie Koenig on her injured knee. Into hospital again for a quick "nip and tuck". She is recovering well, and still has her eyes on defending her National title in June.

**Paddy Kearney** gained selection to attend the National talent ID training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. After a hard, but enjoyable, week of training Paddy unfortunately suffered a shoulder injury that will keep him off the mat for a few weeks.

A big day for the club on Saturday 19 April, with the **NSW State Squad** training here. The technical session, appended by around 50 squad members, was led by High Performance coach John Buckley, with leading referees Tom Godkin and Lubo providing information on the latest rule changes.

Another big day for popular **Gavin Kelly**, who (a bit reluctantly) recently celebrated the big **4-0** with a group of club members and friends.

You can never keep anything secret in this club Gav! As reported elsewhere, Gavin has just been appointed as men's coach for the Beijing Olympics.



Plenty of help to eat the cake, as UNSW members celebrate Gav's birthday



**Congratulations to those members who were recently successful in their grading examination:**

Michael Penkov	Brown
Alyaha Sjarif	Green
Harry Grech	Green
Zhao Meng (Steven) Dong	Green
Stefanie Brown	Green
Adam Abbate	Green
Duane Hamacher	Green
Lennart Moller	Green
Jason Galea	Green
Amy Meyer	Green
Jessie Driels	Green
Phillip Cook	Green
Tim Foley	Orange
Luke Jennings	Yellow
Jason Sverkidis	Yellow
Greg Jennings	Yellow
Yuen Tung Ho	Yellow
Steinar Karlsson	jun Orange
Michele Sedran	jun Orange

**We look forward to continuing to see more members involved in competition.**



Returning from injuries which have kept her out of competition for a while, **Amy Meyer** headed off to the Auckland Open on 3-4 May. Looking to gain some valuable experience, Amy was not disappointed, and competed in several categories. Her trip was rewarded with a third placing in the 48kg of the cadet division. Well done...

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### FULL OCEANIA SENIOR RESULTS

Men			Women		
60kg	1. Matthew D'Aquino 2. Steven Giudice 3. Anthony Pouillon Gareth Carter	AUS AUS NCL NZL	48kg	Not contested	
66kg	1. Ivo Dos Santos 2. Steven Brown 3. Taro Malcolm Paul Dulac	AUS AUS AUS NCL	52kg	1. Kristie-Anne Ryder 2. Sonya Chervovsky 3. Kelly Fong	AUS AUS AUS
73kg	1. Dennis Iverson 2. Adrian Leat 3. Justin mitchell Andrew Collett	AUS NZL NZL AUS	57kg	1. Maria Pekli 2. Carli Lewis 3. Sandrine Perel	AUS AUS NCL
81kg	1. Mark Anthony 2. Thomas Hill 3. Josateki Naulu Ryan Dill-Russell	AUS AUS FIJ NZL	63kg	1. Catherine Arlove 2. Joy Williams 3. Emily Bensted	AUS NZL AUS
90kg	1. Daniel Kelly 2. Priscus Fogagnolo 3. Morgan End. Davies Epoki Faka'osi	AUS AUS AUS TGA	70kg	1. Sisilia Naisiga 2. Moira De Villiers 3. Zoe Bourke Deborah Hill	FIJ NZL AUS AUS
100kg	1. Matt Celotti 2. Michael Cutajar 3. Jason Koster Justin Miller	AUS AUS NZL CNZ	78kg	1. Stephanie Grant 2. Catherine Arscott	AUS AUS
+100kg	1. Semir Pepic 2. Stephane Courtine 3. Ricardo Blas Jnr Nacanieli Takayawa	AUS NCL GUM FIJ	+78kg	1. Janelle Shepherd 2. Simone Dahl 3. Laisa Laveti	AUS AUS AUS



Warren tries to keep his food away from Laisa at the club's social night



Gav's cake - tasted as good as it looked!

#### Coming events for your diary!!

Kyu Grades Champs	18 May	Illawarra
Hunter Valley Open	25 May	Maitland PCYC
Nationals	7-9 June	Castle Hill Sydney
State Kata Champs	15 June	Judo Hall Homebush
Jun and Sen Kyu Grade & Masters Champs	6 July	Judo Hall Homebush

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