

UNSW Judo News

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ACT INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2011

GOOD RESULTS FOR UNSW MARRED BY INJURIES

The ACT Open is the traditional start of the National tournament circuit, and always attracts a strong field of entries. This year was no exception, with good numbers in most categories.

There were some extreme highs and lows for our UNSW members...some outstanding performances and great results, but also some real disappointments with a string of injuries.

It was especially pleasing to see the performances of many of our younger members – most of them making their competition debuts in higher age groups of cadets, junior men and women and in some cases the seniors. Our stars were Karen and Kevin DaSilva.



Kevin with one of his medals

Karen, still only 14yrs, won both the cadet and junior women 70kg. In so doing, she showed great maturity to go along with her skill and aggression, defeating much older and more experienced opponents. Kevin DaSilva also fought extremely well to win the junior men, and take second to Olympian Matt D'Aquino in the mens 60kg.



Other members of the younger brigade to impress were Dylan McDermott, Luc Baumgartner, Eamonn Briers, Paddy Kearney and Maxine Germes.



Saturday night dinner

The senior divisions were very competitive, with good numbers and some extremely strong athletes. Catherine Arscott, now a club member since moving to Sydney, made a welcome return to competition and was relatively untroubled to win the 70kg. Kylie Koenig, clear favourite for the 63kg category, unfortunately suffered a severely dislocated finger on her way to the final, and had to withdraw.



Kylie (above) and Cath (below) on the podium



Our men had some fierce battles, and came away with some good results. Veteran Gav Kelly smashed his way into the final, but ran out of steam when well ahead, and was thrown for ippon by National no1 Jake Andrewartha. Brothers Nikola and Jovan Pejic both had good days, taking bronze in the 73kg and 81kg respectively. Newly arrived Kiwi visitor Mark Brewer fought hard to take several good wins and finish 7th 81kg. Kel Locke-Sodhi made his serious debut in his new weight category of 81kg, and did enough with two strong wins to show he will be competitive at the new weight.

Our adopted French members Solal Tripodi and Arnaud Ciron showed their class, and made the final of the 73kg an all-French affair, with Solal prevailing in a close fight.



73kg Podium with Nikola 2nd right



81kg Podium, Jovan on right

Expatriate Kiwi Mark Brewer, now also a club member, had a strong hit-out, taking 7th place in the 81kg.

...And of course there was the socialising. Our group stayed together at a small motel somewhere out in the boon docks – basic, but comfortable, where we could enjoy each others' company.



Our traditional pit-stop at Marulan on the way home

Thanks to all the coaches and other supporters who made the trek down to Canberra to cheer on our fighters.

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NITTAI-DAI MAKES WELCOME RETURN VISIT

The powerful Nittai Dai University made their annual visit to Sydney once again on 15 February. A strong group of judoka mixed it with representatives of a number of Sydney clubs for a spirited training session. In all, there were some 80 judoka on the mat. The session consisted of an hour's randori, after which some of the leading Nittai Dai students demonstrated their favourite techniques. A feature of the evening was instruction by Head Coach Yosuke Yamamoto (1987 World Champion) in his famous tomoe-nage.



Head Coaches Yamamoto and Rosser survey the training



The group after training

Warren and Ayumi Kasahara



There was a special connection for UNSW on this occasion, as the Nittai Dai group included **Ayumi Kasahara**, daughter of our old friend Norio. Ayumi, seen here with Warren, is now a very accomplished competitor, and is currently ranked no3 in Japan in the 48kg category.



Some of the spirited randori

Illawarra International Training Camp 2010 a huge event.

The twelfth Illawarra training camp set new records for participation, with some 150 people on the mat on the Saturday afternoon. Undoubtedly the largest training camp in Australia, it brings together judoka from all over the country, some people travelling from as far away as Darwin to be part of the action. There was a special effort this year for the large Queensland contingent, shrugging off the effects of the devastating floods that have ravaged the State they came in big numbers. The camp followed the usual format, comprising technical instruction from a leading range of International athletes and vastly experienced coaches, who willingly shared their knowledge and skills for the benefit of all.

For UNSW we had Kylie, Sonya, Lena, Karen, Nikola, Jovan, Kel, Kevin, Eamonn Briers, Paddy and Eamonn Kearney, Liam Matthews-Peat, Dylan McDermott all there, plus coaches Warren, JB, Mike Briers, Phil Kearney, Phil McDermott and Hitoshi Kimura.



UNSW PEOPLE...and events

Hitoshi Kimura has been awarded his Kodokan 4th Dan. Congratulations to Hitoshi for achieving this honour. Hitoshi is currently back in Japan while he works on obtaining a permanent Australian visa.

Paris Grand Slam While the locals were fighting it out in the State trials at Homebush, our solo expatriate **Sonya Chervovsky** was doing battle in one of the toughest events in the judo calendar...the Paris Grand Slam (79 countries, over 500 entrants). Drawn against the German champion in the first round, Sonya had no luck and was thrown for ippon early in her fight. Her Aussie teammate Mark Anthony had a hard battle and only narrowly lost his first fight to a strong Netherlands player. The following week, Sonya fared better, taking 7th place in a French A tournament in Laval.

Only Warren could get away with this!



Amy Meyer is back from her long World jaunt. Amy's trip took her all around Europe, and finished in South America. Amy is keen to return to training...despite the setback of a broken foot suffered while away! Amy has been awarded a Sport Scholarship from Sydney University, where she is studying Sports science



Good to see **Daniel Waldmann** returning to training after a long break due to knee surgery. Daniel has had bad luck with injuries over the years, and we welcome him back.

...also great to see club stalwart **Winne Au** back training after a long absence. Of course Winnie has brought along husband Daniel, Mitchell, who it's also good to see on the mat

Our Hong Kong "Ex-Pat" former club President **Scott Smith** continues to move in exalted circles. Here he is again with four times world Champion Shozo Fuji.



NTID Selection weekend 26-27 February

The weekend began with a visit to the club by new National NTID Coach/Co-ordinator Dennis Iverson. Then it was a hard day's work for the prospective candidates as they went through some gruelling testing procedures. UNSW was well represented, with Kevin DaSilva, Eamonn Briers, Dylan McDermott, Jack Newman, Luc Baumgartner, Karen DaSilva, Nina Takenaka and Maxine Germes all going through their paces under the supervision of Dennis Iverson, and State NTID Co-ordinators Kerrye Katz and Phil Kearney

Kel Locke-Sodhi and Harry Grech win UNSW Sport Scholarships.



The University of New South Wales provides considerable support for elite athletes among its student body. This support takes the form of various scholarships to assist them combine their studies with the demands of their sporting careers. The scholarships entitle selected students to various forms of financial support, and flexibility in arranging their study and examination schedules where necessary.

Kel has been awarded a prestigious Ben Lexcen Scholarship, while Harry receives a High Performance Athlete support award.

These awards are keenly contested, and it is a credit to Kel and Harry that they were successful, as the competition this year was very fierce. Their success also is good news for the Judo Club, and maintains our high profile with UNSW sport. Well done!

LOCAL COMPETITIONS GET UNDER WAY FOR 2011

Kosen Judo competition 30 January

Roman Sulovsky, Marcel Schultz (in his first competition) and Trent Madsen were our only representatives in this tournament. The guys had limited success, winning a few fights, but were unable to get among the placings.

Second State selection tournament 6 February

The first tournament of the year in NSW was a good hit-out for our members. UNSW had a strong presence on the day, and came away with some very pleasing results. It wasn't all about the medals, although there were plenty, but more the way some of our younger athletes stepped up into the older divisions. Some of our boys and girls are only 14 and 15 years old, but they were competing in the u20 yrs, and even senior divisions. The maturity they showed in achieving their results was a good pointer to the future.

In the junior men, **Indra Sadeli** returned to com-

petition after a long sojourn in Germany. He was rusty, but showed glimpses of his talents to win the 55kg. **Paddy Kearney** fought hard to come out on top of a highly competitive 66kg category. **Vlad Kulikov** also fought well in the same category.

Luc Baumgartner broke even with 2 wins and 2 losses to emerge with bronze in 73kg, and **Jack Newman** showed maturity to take silver in the 90kg.

Our young girls had a field day...**Nina Takenaka** started tentatively, but then looked her sharp self to win the 52kg easily. **Maxine Germes** took the 57kg, and **Karen DaSilva** continued to impress in dominating the 70kg. Even Kylie would have been impressed with her fine tomoenage.

In the seniors our women also dominated, with Kylie Koenig untroubled to win the 70kg, and new recruit Catherine Arscott taking the 78kg equally easily. Gemma Chadwick was a little unlucky to be edged out to second place in the 57kg.

In the senior men, **Nikola Pejic**, fighting up a category, had a strong second to Ben Zellner in 81kg. **Harry Grech** had a good day out with several hard-fought wins to take bronze in the tough 90kg, losing only to the eventual winner Seijin Oh.

Junior NSW Selection tournament 20 February

The second State selection competition for juniors and Cadets produced some mixed results for our members. For several of our kids it was their introduction to competition – and for some it was quite a baptism of fire as they came up against some of the State's strongest and most experienced young fighters. **Our best results on the day came from Luc Baumgartner(1st 73kg) and Nina Takenaka (2nd 52kg) and Dylan McDermott (2nd 55kg) in the cadets.**

LATE NEWS...

Australian team for Oceania championships announced UNSW Members feature strongly

The ACT Open was also the final selection for the National team to the 2011 OJU Championships. For Juniors and Cadets it was the actual selection tournament. As a result of their good performances in the ACT Open, several UNSW members have been selected in the team.

Senior women: Sonya Chervovsky, Kylie Koenig, Janelle Shepherd

Senior Men: Nikola Pejic, Kel Locke-Sodhi

Junior Women: Karen DaSilva

Junior Men: Kevin DaSilva

Cadet women: Karen DaSilva

Cadet men: Dylan McDermott

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Cadets

Karen DaSilva	1 st 70kg
Maxine Germes	3 rd 57kg
Dylan McDermott	3 rd 50kg
Luc Baumgartner	3 rd 73kg

Junior Men and Women

Karen DaSilva	1 st 70kg
Kevin DaSilva	1 st 60kg
Paddy Kearney	3 rd 66kg
Indra Sadeli	3 rd 55kg
Eamonn Briers	5 th 73kg

Senior Men and Women

Catherine Arscott	1 st 70kg
Gavin Kelly	2 nd +100kg
Kylie Koenig	2 nd 63kg
Kevin DaSilva	2 nd 60kg
Nik Pejic	3 rd 73kg
Jovan Pejic	3 rd 81kg
Gemma Chadwick	5 th 52kg

Also:

Solal Tripodi 1st 73kg, Arnaud Ciron 2nd



Farewells...seen here at their last training session for a while. Eamonn Kearney, off for a year of school in Hungary, Hitoshi Kimura, who is back in Japan while sorting out his visa application, and to Patrick Pelz, moving on after spending time with us.

...and finally, below, a selection of shots from the NSW selection competitions on 6 and 20 February



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