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## 2011 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FRANCE, JAPAN BLITZ THE FIELD IN PARIS



Bercy stadium—scene of the 2011 World Championships

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**The World Championships this year set new standards in terms of numbers – an unprecedented 131 countries, and 864 athletes. Just being there gives you goosebumps.**

France and Japan shared the medal honours, with France actually taking more gold by virtue of winning both the men's and women's teams competition – a stupendous achievement for the host country! At times it seemed the roof of the magnificent Bercy Stadium would lift off with the enthusiasm. However, in reality Japan was once again the dominant nation overall, taking a total of 15 individual medals. In many ways the championships ushered in a changing of the guard, with many fancied countries not performing up to their usual expectations – two silver and three bronzes to Brazil, only solitary bronze medals to Cuba, Spain and Georgia, and no medals at all for such powerhouses as Belgium, Portugal, Austria, Belarus, North Korea, Poland and Italy. Very worrying for Great Britain with the Olympics just a year away will be their failure to do better than a single fifth place.

**The Stars**  
**It is impossible to go past Teddy Riner (FRA) as the star of the show.** Not only did he win all six fights in his +100kg category, all of them were by ippon, and all with different techniques. As if that weren't enough, he came into the final of the team event with the scores at 2-2 with Brazil, and took the fight in golden score to give his team the title.



Teddy Riner was at his best

France's other gold medallists were all women: Gevrise Emame (63kg, Lucy Decosse (63kg) and Audrey Tcheumeo (78kg). Probably emame and Decosse's victories were expected, but to see the joy of the young Tcheumeo as she smashed Japan's Ogata with a huge footsweep was magic.

**Then there was the mighty Greek, Ilias Iliadis. When he is on his game, there is no-one who can touch him in 90kg. Five of his six wins were by ippon, including the final vs Nishiyama (JPN)**



The 90kg podium, Iliadis 2nd left

**Rishod Sobirov (UZB) showed why he was named the best male judoka of today by winning the 60kg in style, defending the title he won in Tokyo. His speed and athleticism is something to behold. In the final he despatched rival Hiraoka (JPN) with kosotogake for waza-ari.**



Womens 78kg podium

Dynamic Kim Jae-Bum of Korea, also successfully defended his world 81kg crown. Kim is the ideal athlete – combining blistering speed with awesome variety and power. His opponent in the final was virtual unknown Mrvaljevic of Montenegro. More fancied athletes like Bischof (GER) Mammadi (AZE) and Canto (BRA) fell by the wayside in the earlier rounds.

**Interestingly, after their blistering start, where they took 5 out of six gold medals on the first two days, Japan did not have anyone on the top 7 places in either the 100kg or +100kg categories,**



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## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS cont'd...

### The Australians

**Day one** was our best performance, with Arnie Dickens, Ivo Dos Santos, and Steven Brown all winning their first round matches. Matt D'Aquino had the bad luck to meet the Frenchman Milous and went down after a couple of minutes. Steve Brown was also unfortunate to meet gold medallist Ebinuma (JPN) in his second fight.



Kylie and Sonya getting ready to fight

**Day two** saw our team's only other win in the individuals with Sonya Chervonsky defeating pan American silver medallist Desravine (HAI). Sonya started well, countering a seoi attack and securing a holding for ippon. Next up she met Kim (KOR) taking the fight to full time, but losing by waza-ari.

Carli Renzi struggled against Spain's Bellorin, and was thrown after about a minute with to-moenage

Nikola Pejic went up against tough American Mike Eldred and was thrown with seoi in around three minutes. Our other 73kg entrant, Ben Donegan, looked overawed by the occasion and did not perform as he can, losing very quickly to Camara (MLI)

### Day three

Here we had two Aussies, with Kylie Koenig making a miraculous return to top level competition a bare three months after ACL surgery. Unfortunately, Kylie didn't get into her fight with her Kazakhstan opponent, being thrown quickly with koshiguruma. Brent Iverson fared no better in 81kg, going down to a huge sasae to Attaf (MAR).

### Day four

Sara Collins fought strongly against Mossong (LUX) who had earlier beaten NZL's Moira DeVilliers, conceding only a yuko in a tough fight.

Mark Anthony is our strongest contender, but was disappointing in his fight against Alarza, allowing the Spanish fighter to dominate the gripping encounters, penalising mark out of the fight after only four minutes.

### Day five

Only big Jake Andrewartha flew the Aussie flag on the final day of individual competition. Jake went down to Jonsson (ISL) by osaekomi after some four minutes.



The French mens team celebrate their win

Earlier Sonya Chervonsky had fought tenaciously against WRL15 Romy Tarangul, before being thrown with sumigaeshi. Kylie Koenig was a different person when she went up against WRL5, Claudia Malzahn, conceding only a yuko and several penalties in a savage encounter.

Our men had a similar tough task, paired with Kazakhstan in the first round. Once again, we only had one win, with Mark Anthony atoning for his earlier performance by smashing his opponent with a tremendous sasae for ippon. The selection of our men's team was something of a mystery, with our officials deciding to fight young Arnie Dickens at 66kg, and also moving Ivo Dos Santos up to 73kg. Our national no1 73kg athlete Nik Pejic was not even consulted over his exclusion. Puzzling.

Perhaps the only regret from our week in Paris was the limited time to enjoy one of the world's great cities...

### The team competition

With the top 16 teams from around the world, there was nowhere to hide in this event. Our women started off against the powerful German side, further handicapped by only fielding four athletes against five. Our only joy came from Carli Renzi, who dominated her 57kg match against Marlen Hein to take a well earned win.

So it was all over once again...time for many to celebrate, and for others to reflect. The race for Olympic positions now really hots up over the final year, and the results in Paris show that there will be more surprises along the way.



The team competition under way

## NSW KYU GRADES - 10 July

.This tournament gave our lower grades a chance to gain valuable contest experience, and several took the opportunity to test themselves. They came away with a lot of extra confidence, and some pleasing results.



Gao Rui attacking with determination

Our best on the day were Shaun McDougall, making his debut for UNSW, and Toki Ling. Shaun took second in the 2/1kyu 90kg, and backed up for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open. Toki fought well to also take second in the 4/3 kyu 81kg. Clubmates Gao Rui and Stefan Heap also made the final pool in a tough division.



### UNSW results :

**4/3 Kyu 81kg**  
Toki Ling 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Gao Rui Lee 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Stefan Heap 4th  
**4/3 Kyu 90kg**  
Stanley He 3rd  
**2/1 Kyu 90kg**  
Shaun McDougall 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**2/1 Kyu Open**  
Shaun McDougall 3<sup>rd</sup>



Toki and Gao Rui on the podium

# CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, KIEV

This competition was held between 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August. There were 568 athletes from 55 countries. It is the peak event for young athletes 15-16 years of age.

This year was the first time that Australia had sent a team of athletes to compete in such a high competition. This event was held in the capital city of Ukraine, Kiev. It was held in a large sporting complex which had 4 competition mat areas. The tournament was very popular, and attracted a large number of spectators.



The colourful opening ceremony

**Nina Takenaka, Melissa Budiarto, and Karen DaSilva from UNSW were all in the Australian team for this major tournament.**

Of the UNSW contingent, Nina was first up in the 52kg category. She faced a tall Ukrainian girl, who proved very difficult to handle. Nina received a number of penalties before being thrown for waza-ari. Melissa was next in 57kg, vs a girl from USA; fighting hard before being caught in osaekomi for ippon.



The Australian team gathers outside the competition venue

Karen DaSilva had a good day, and fought her way to a fine 7<sup>th</sup> place in her category. Karen Defeated athletes from Kazakhstan and Poland, and went down to eventual bronze medalist Jeong of Korea. In the repechage she lost by only yuko (2 penalties) to Erdenee of Mongolia. Karen's performance was the highlight of the Australian team effort.

Other Aussies to win fights in this elite tournament were Kai Png, Liam Yokoyama and Aoife Coughlan. For all the Australian youngsters this was their first taste of competition at this level, and they will have all benefited greatly from the experience gained.



Karen goes out to fight on her big day

## NSW TEAMS COMPETITION

**There was a disappointing turnout for this event, and one wonders what many of the NSW clubs are doing. Teams tournaments are great for engendering club spirit and of course gaining experience for the more junior grades.**



James Zhao (blue) tries uchimatea

For UNSW the day started well in the junior boys, where Laurence Silchenko and Sam Worthington showed terrific skills with two ippon wins over their opponents. Unfortunately there were no other teams, and thus they won easily.

The senior boys had it tougher against a strong Budokan team. Liam McDermott won his first encounter with a great haraigoshi, but then Dimi Stenin lost a hard bout

**Jun boys 1<sup>st</sup>** (Sam Worthington, Laurence Silchenko)

**Sen boys 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Liam McDermott, Matthew Peppas, Dimitri Stenin)

**Cadet men 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Dylan McDermott, Vlad Kulikov, Luc Baumgartner)

There was only one other team in what should have been a good competition. It was a hard fought match, but unfortunately, led by Nathan Katz, the Budokan boys were too good, with only Luc Baumgartner taking a win for UNSW.

**Men B 1<sup>st</sup>** (Eamonn Briers, Toki Ling, Gau Rui Lee, James Zhao, Marcel Schultz)

Team captain Eamonn Briers led from the front in this division, taking two strong ippon wins over Zenbu and Woy Woy. Toki Ling also stood out with two clear victories. The other team members Gao Rui, James and Marcel had a mixed day, but gained some good competition experience. At the end, though it was our uni boys who emerged as winners. Well done!

**Men A 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Gavin Kelly, Mark Brewer, James O'Donnell, Shaun McDougall, Jack Newman)

Evergreen warhorse Gavin Kelly led our A team, seriously under strength with the absence of several of our key fighters. Starting out with a tough encounter with eventual winners Zenbu, our guys fought gamely, but without any wins. They came back well against International to emerge in second place.



The UNSW teams celebrate their performance

# CLUB JUNIORS SHINE IN LOCAL COMPETITIONS

## Shoalhaven Open 27 March

The club sent a small but enthusiastic group down to Shoalhaven in March, many making their competition debut, accompanied by coaches Tatyana, and Sophie, together with James, also making his refereeing debut. Here is a summary of their performances:



The boys show off their trophies

**Simon Finch:** 1 win 1 loss. Silver. Simon's first fight was an ippon win with tai toshi. He lost his second fight mainly through inexperience...he was dominating throughout, and fought really well.

**Finnegan Hassey:** 2 losses. Bronze. Once again, inexperience was a big factor. Although he was as thrown pretty quickly in both fights, he enjoyed the day and should be back for more!

**Matthew Haviland:** 1 win 1 loss. Silver. Beat Lawrence in a really good fight. Matthew seemed to be more comfortable in the fight and finished a lot more attacks. Unfortunately he lost first fight pretty quickly – just a lack of experience in getting grips first and attacking first. Fought really well.

**Laurence Silchenko:** Lost both his fights through inexperience. In his first fight he came in for a half hearted seoi and was then taken backwards for ippon. He then lost to Matt. Although very nervous, he fought really well.

**Dimi Stenin:** Also lost both his fights, being held down. However, he fought well, and just lacked a little finish on his techniques. Needs to work on groundwork and not being so easily turned.

**Liam McDermott:** 2 losses, Bronze, but fought really well - both boys were higher graded and seemed to be a lot stronger physically. Liam attacked a lot more than his opponents, just lacked a little bit of finish. 2 great fights!

**Caesar Xur:** 2 losses 4th. ippon losses. Skanda beat Caesar by holding him down for ippon.

**Skanda Dolphin,** bronze, 1 win 1 loss. ippon throw to win.

**Alysha Sjarif:** 2 wins, 1 loss. First fight won with an ippon – a counter to her opponent's attack. Won her second fight with juji – a good win. Worked hard on the ground for the armlock.

**Matle Fung:** 3 losses. Matle fought really well, and had good scraps all 3 fights. She needs to work on gaining confidence in her techniques. Lacked some direction in her fights, by trying too many things. Fought really well and really enjoyed herself.

## Illawarra Junior Championship 6 August

Another regional tournament which gave some of our youngsters the chance to compete and gain experience.



Tatyana - very proud of the boys

**Sam Worthington** U45Kg. First place. First fight won by first attack with a fantastic osoto-gari – it was probably the fastest ippon in the entire competition. Sam won his second fight with a nice turn over and finished it with a strong yokoshihogatame holding.

**Laurence Stiltchenko** U42kg. First place. Laurence won both his fights with some spectacular transitions to newaza. A very good and pleasing performance

**Nicholas Leong** U42kg. Second place. Nick lost his First fight to Laurence. However on the second one he did an amazing turn over in newaza, and finished his opponent by ippon with yokoshihogatame.

**Dima Stenin** U55 kg. Second place. Dima lost his First fight to the national champion in this age division by drop seoi-nage, but he won the second one. He made some good attacks in tachiwaza and some fast transitions into newaza to finish the fight.

**Gabriel Pinchuk** 61kg. Third place. Gabriel lost both his fights to the current national champions, twin brothers. Both of them with drop seoi. However he fought hard and was very keen to be competing.



Thanks to Tatyana for her coaching on the day, and to those parents who assisted with transport.

## Budokan Junior Comp 28 August

UNSW had 8 athletes who competed in the Junior Boys and Girls divs (U/12yrs) of this tournament. Many were competing for the first time and all gained from the experience. Some of them found themselves coming up against state team level competitors, and acquitted themselves very well.



Above and below—some of the action



Highlights for our youngsters included **Sam Worthington** winning gold with a perfectly timed kosogake (footsweep) for ippon in the opening seconds of his fight with Branden Lee (Mt Druitt PCYC).

**Giorgia Goutzas** successfully made her competition debut, shrugging off nerves and using good ashiwaza (foot-sweep) attacks to win gold in the U36kg, and silver in a combined U40kg category.

Other place getters within our group were:

**Jacob Angelou - 2nd in U42kg**  
**Laurence Stiltchenko - 3rd in U38kg**  
**Zac Pillemer - 3rd in U30kg**  
**Aleskander Doplin - 3rd in U42kg**  
**Ephemia Damianos - 3rd in U48kg**  
**Nicholas Leong - 4th in U38kg**



Giorgia waits for her gold medal

## UNSW PEOPLE...and events

**Anna DaSilva** has taken over as Treasurer of JFA (NSW). Carrying on from her tireless work as a volunteer in various roles, Anna has now joined the board of Management of the JFA(NSW) Thanks to Anna for her continued enthusiastic work for our sport.



**Scott Smith** reports.. Haruki Uemura, 9<sup>th</sup> Dan, President, Kodokan and All Judo Federation. Gold medallist at 1976 Montreal Olympic Games and 1975 World Open Champion, Vienna, visited Hong Kong in June. Mr Uemura is seen here with Scott.

**A planned Swedish club visit** was spoiled by the Chilean volcanic ash cloud, which stranded them in New Zealand for several days, but two of their party made it to the club and enjoyed a couple of nights training with us. (Photo below)



**Kylie Koenig's TV exposure for judo.** Back in solid training only seven weeks after major knee surgery, Kylie's remarkable story was featured recently on Channel 10's "6.30" program.

**Long time friend of UNSW, Honami Horikoshi (Yoshizawa)** made an all-too-brief visit to Sydney at the end of July with husband Ken. They attended training at the club on the Friday evening, where Honami took time out to demonstrate some of her favourite techniques. Then it was a busy weekend of bridge climbing, Sydney sightseeing, Blue Mountains tour, shopping and a football match. Whew! Highlight of the brief visit was a club dinner hosted by Kylie and Wal Koenig at their vast country estate. It was a great evening, with lots of good food, fine wines and animated conversation. See photo below...



**New Members transfer to UNSW.** The club is pleased to welcome as new members the McDougall family. Shaun and Hamish have been training with us for a while now, and have now joined up. Welcome too, to Melissa Budiarto. Melissa is National champion in the cadet women 57kg category, and a strong fighter. She will add to our already impressive line up of women and girls.

**World Cups in the Americas...**the Olympic selection tournaments roll on, and an Aussie team recently toured the Americas to take part. Sonya Chervonsky made the trip from her training base in Paris to join the team.

**.Miami.** Unfortunately there was no luck for Sonya, and overall the Aussies struggled for results. Our best performances came from Carli Renzi (VIC) who made 5<sup>th</sup> and a 7<sup>th</sup> placing to Matt D'Aquino (ACT)

From there it was on to Central America... **Venezuela.** Here there was a 7<sup>th</sup> place for Sonya, while the other Aussies had limited successes.

**El Salvador.** Once again the team had mixed fortunes...a 5<sup>th</sup> for Ivo Dos Santos, and 7<sup>th</sup> for Mark Anthony. Again, sadly, no luck for Sonya.

### US Open, Miami

This famous competition was held, appropriately, on 4 July. The Aussie team stayed over after the Miami World Cup and took part. They had reasonable success, snaring a number of bronze medals, plus a 5<sup>th</sup> place to Sonya Chervonsky.



**James O'Donnell and Sophie Daniels head home.** We are very sorry to see them go, as they have made a terrific contribution while at the club. Both have become involved in coaching our juniors, and not forgetting Sophie's great performance at the Nationals.

## NSW KYU GRADES -14 August

There were some good performances from our UNSW members in a small competition. Not only did they come away with a share of the medals, but the newcomers to tournament all showed very good improvement in their skill and application. Toki Ling was especially impressive to top out the 3-4 kyu 81kg, but there were also great performances from James Zhao and Abraham Sun.



**Hamish and Henry receive their medals**



**Abraham and James sort out their medal**

Henry Han had some spectacular wins, finishing first in the lightweight category, but making a couple of mistakes in the final pool of the 73kg. Young Hamish McDougall had a very good day, showing some good techniques to take second place against much older and stronger opponents

Matle Fung fought hard against young Tinka Easton, but was held for ippon.

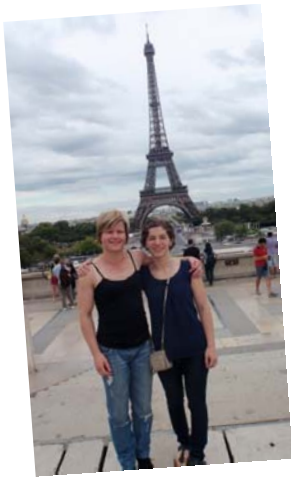


**Shaun McDougall was a good winner on the day**

### UNSW Results:

**Women:** Matle Fung 2<sup>nd</sup> 57kg special  
**Men 1-2Kyu:** Shaun McDougall 1<sup>st</sup> 90kg  
**Men 3-4 kyu:** Henry Han 1<sup>st</sup> 65kg  
 Hamish McDougall 2<sup>nd</sup>, Henry Han 3<sup>rd</sup> 73kg  
 Toki Ling 1<sup>st</sup>, James Zhao 3<sup>rd</sup> 81kg

## Pics from the World Championships



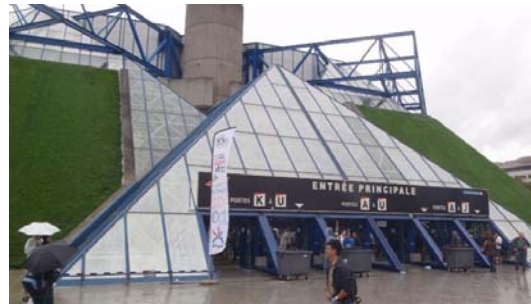
Kylie and Sonya at the Eiffel Tower



The UNSW group enjoy some socialising



Kylie with the IJF's pyramid of judogi in aid of Judo for Peace



External view of Bercy Stadium

## ...and some others from all over...



Sophie and Tati relax at Shoalhaven



Phil, Tati and a happy group after Budokan competition



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### STOP PRESS

A team of 5 players and 1 manager will represent UNSW Judo Club to compete in this year's Australian University Games at the Gold Coast from 25- 31 September. Over 3000 University Athletes will be competing in their respective events. Our team is:

Gao Rui Lee - Manager

Rishi Sabesan - u60, Kel Locke Sodhi- u81, Stanley He - u81, David Frew - u81

Alex Wolmsley - u100kg

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