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Euan wins Tokyo Grand Slam

Eight Scottish based judoka travelled to Japan where they competed in the 2009 Tokyo Grand Slam, from Friday 11th - Sunday 13th December.

Euan Burton defeated Olympic silver medallist Jae-Bum Kim of South Korea to take gold in the -81kg category. Burton scored a final victory over Jae-Bum Kim by scoring a waza ari twice for a combined ippon. After the event Burton said "The win in Japan is huge for me, fighting the best Japanese and Korean players as well as the best from across the world and standing on top of the rostrum



proves that I can be there in 2012. The Tokyo Grand Slam is one of the most prestigious events in judo and the fact that I am the first GB player to take gold in a Grand Slam makes me feel very proud." *read more on page 2...*

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Congratulations to George Kerr, 9th Dan, for receiving a 'Merit of Commendation' from the Japanese Government for his distinguished services to Judo



Whitburn Judo Club awarded £2000 by sportsScotland's sportsmatch

The highly successful Whitburn Judo Club has been awarded £2000 towards a new judo mat after the club applied and received funding from sportsScotland's sportsmatch. The club's original mat was long overdue for replacement and earlier this year Whitburn received a generous donation from Ark Associates for £2000 towards a new mat, an additional £1000 was put into the fund by Whitburn Club. With assistance from JudoScotland, Whitburn applied to sportsmatch, a Government funded award scheme, administered by sportsScotland that aims to match pound for pound the level of sponsorship received by non profit organisations...*Read more on page 4...*



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...This is an outstanding achievement in an event in which Japan earned 10 of 14 gold medals, including seven divisions that included all-Japan finals. Graeme Randall commented on Euan's performance saying "We are extremely pleased with Euan's result and overall performance at the recent Super Grand Prix in Tokyo, Japan. Winning the gold medal at this particular event yet again demonstrates Euan's true world class ability and is testimony to his professionalism and dedication to his sport. Winning any World Cup is an outstanding achievement but this event in particular is more significant as the Japan, the founding nation of Judo and host for this event, fielded four world class fighters. All of whom Euan had to overcome to be successful. Euan will now begin his preparation for next year's season and look towards claiming a European title and World medal."

Sarah Clark defeated her first round Polish opponent Paulina Zawadska in the -57kg event by ippon, and then went on to beat Hui Hui Feng from China by throwing a yuko then finishing with an ippon. In the quarters, Sarah lost to finalist Kaori Matsumoto from Japan with an osae-komi-waza giving Sarah joint 5th place overall.

Also in the -57kg competing in the women's event, Connie Ramsay lost her first round fight by ippon to Olympic Gold medallist Giulia Quintavalle from Italy.

After a bye in the first round James Millar was awarded the match against Uzbekistan Olympic Bronze medallist Rishod Sobirov in the -60kg category, only to have the ippon retracted. James then lost the golden Score after Rishod scored a yuko.

Samantha Clark also had a bye in the first round and was defeated by Erika Miranda of Brazil in the -52kg women's event by ippon. In the -70kg category, Sally Conway beat Finland's Elina Paulman by ippon and then lost to Russian opponent Daria Davydova in the second round after Daria scored 3 yukos and a waza ari.

Sarah Adlington reached the second round of the +78kg category after beating Szu-Ting Fang from Taipei by ippon. Sarah exited the competition in the second round by ippon against Urszula Sadkowska from Poland.

Matt Purssey beat Kacper Larem from Poland in the -90kg category by ippon, and then in the second round, lost to Italy's Lorenzo Bagnoli by a yuko. Full Results on www.ippon.org



JudoScotland Talent Development sessions

In 2010 the JudoScotland Talent Development Programme will launch weekly development squad sessions in the East and West of Scotland and a monthly squad session which will take place in the North of Scotland. The sessions are aimed at developing athletes aged between bands B and J2 (12 – 17 years) of Scottish medalist standard and aim to combine a good sound technical base with valuable randori opportunities. Details of the venue and times are available on the website.



Sarah Adlington's Dairy of Japan

Sarah Adlington was one of the Scottish Athletes in the GB squad who travelled to Japan to prepare for the Tokyo Grand Slam. Below is a brief diary of Sarah's preparation prior to the Tokyo Grand Slam.

The last day in Japan has arrived and I'm just packing my bags to

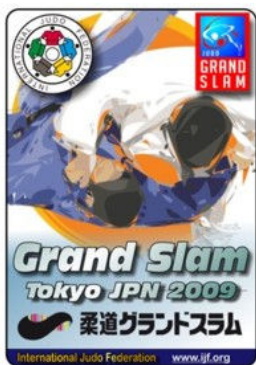
come home, the three weeks has past pretty quick I think. Training before the Grand Slam was excellent but at the same time quite tough and tiring. In the first week we did technique and ne waza randori most mornings with randori sessions in the afternoons. I went along to the

boy's dojo for the randori and we alternated between two different universities. These sessions were about two and a half hours long with a fair majority of the randori done with the GB team out in the middle. Saturday morning was the last session of the week and at that time it felt like there would be ages before the next session on Monday morning, but it arrived sooner that I thought.

In the second week we started to prepare for the upcoming tournament, the Tokyo Grand Slam, so randori for us became shorter and sharper sessions rather than doing more and more. I did my last randori session on Tuesday with the boys at the university. I had a good session and was looking forward to the weekend.

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On Wednesday we trained at the Kodakan with the GB team which again was a short and sharp session. Then on Thursday I had a little stretch whilst the rest of GB team, who were fighting later in the competition, completed their judo session.

Friday was competition morning and I was feeling good. For my

first fight I had a Chinese Taipei fighter who I didn't know, I was looking forward to fighting someone different and to competing in my first competition in Japan and my first event outside Europe.

My first fight was a good fight and I won throwing with Hari Goshi for ippon. In my second fight I had Sadkowska of Poland, which unfortunately I lost, so this was me out of the competition for today and the last of my competitions for 2009. Bring on 2010!

I was disappointed to have lost so I sat and watched the rest of the competition to the end and saw Tsukada of Japan win the final of +78s with a lovely O Soto Gari.

Some more big throws were seen over the next two days of the event but the highlight of the tournament for me was of course on Saturday when Euan won the Gold! Well done to Euan.

The camp after the tournament was the best I have ever been on in my judo career so far. For me the chance to fight some heavyweight women is always exciting but on this camp there were more than twenty of them. Being able to do twenty randoris a day with twenty different girls was quite a novelty and an experience which I enjoyed very much. I look forward to doing it again soon and to go back to Japan.

UPDATE: Coach of the Year Awards

We would like to announce that the 2009 Coach of the Year Winners have been selected by the panel and have been presented to the Board of Directors for ratification. We will announce the recipients of the awards and scholarships at the earliest opportunity.

Upcoming events 2010

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser
6 February	Clyde Mini Monsters	Lagoon Centre, Paisley	Entry forms online
20 February	National Grading	National Training	JudoScotland - entry forms online
6 March	Scottish Closed	Cluarankwai Judo	JudoScotland - entry forms and online entry available
13 March	Elgin Open	Elgin Community Centre	Elgin Judo Club, entry forms online
3 April	Renfrewshire Challenge	Lagoon Centre, Paisley	Entry forms online

The dates above are provisional and may be subject to change. Further details and entry forms for events are available on <http://www.judoscotland.com/calendar.htm>

**Whitburn Judo Club
awarded £2000 by
sportscotland's
sportsmatch, continued
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...After three months sportsmatch approved Whitburn's application and equalled the private sponsorship from Ark Associates bumping the total up to £5000. With thanks to Ark Associates and sportscotland's sportsmatch, the new mat has transformed the Club and Whitburn can continue to produce talent as demonstrated by their two British Junior no.1's, Craig Stewart & Charlotte Potter.

sportsmatch is a great opportunity for Judo Clubs double any sponsorship and enhance the club. If you think your club is eligible please look at the following link for further information and contact JudoScotland:

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/>

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CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Rogers and Steven Vidal on the arrival of their baby girl. Lois was born Thursday 10 December and we wish the happy family all the best.

Kokoro Judo Club Awarded £9696 from Awards for All

by John McLaughlin

Kokoro Judo club has now taken the next step in improving Judo in the Motherwell Area. Under the direction of the committee established over a year ago to take over the club administration, the club has now successfully completed a long process of applying for a lottery grant through Awards for All. On Christmas day the check was put in the bank for the sum of £9696.

Club President Gerry Baird, Chairman John McLaughlin worked on the form along with Mr Peter McNally, Community Learning and Development officer. The Club will now use this money to help enhance the learning and teaching of Judo in the Motherwell and Wishaw area. The funding will go towards brand new mats, new score boards for the club championships, training for coaches, and new grappling dummies all which will enhance the students techniques and training methods.

If you think your club is eligible for Awards for All, please look at <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/index.html> for more information.



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Judo in the Park

If you were passing by Glasgow Green on Wednesday 20 January, you would have been surprised to see two girls demonstrating judo throws in the middle of the park.

This was not the filming for the new Taggart episode but the filming for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 promotional video. Out of sixteen potential sports, Judo was selected to feature as one of the seven sports in the film. JudoScotland randomly chose two girls, Jodie Mullen and Sophie Peacock, to demonstrate throws for the video that will be used to promote Judo in the Commonwealth Games 2014. The video will be used at the launch of the CWG 2014 brand in March, at the Glasgow Armadillo. This is a very exciting time for judo and JudoScotland have been working hard to raise the profile of our sport and promote Judo in the build up to the 2014 games. For more information on Glasgow 2014 please go to <http://www.glasgow2014.com/> and join our Facebook page to see more pictures from the film shoot.



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JudoScotland wants your club news

JudoScotland want to hear from you about anything that is happening at your club. We would like to know about your events, awards, results or anything else that is going on at so we can share it with the membership. If you would like anything to be published by JudoScotland please send all article details and any pictures to: events@judoscotland.com.

We hope to hear from your club and welcome your contributions.

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