

OSJI Presidential Notes - November 2004

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II. The BIG NEWS this month is that our own **KAYLA HARRISON** of Renshuden Judo Academy won the GOLD Medal in the Female Juvenile A 53kg Division at the 2004 Pan American Judo Union Infantile Championships held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Nov. 13-14, 2004. Way to go, Kayla!!!!

Another GOLD Medal was won for the USA at the 2004 Pan American Judo Union Infantile Championships by **KAYLA MARTIN** (also representing Renshuden) in the Female Intermediate 42 kg Division. Way to go, Kayla!!!!

US report follows:

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (November 13, 2004) - USA Judo athletes won 13 medals during the first day of competition (athletes ages 11 and 12 years old), the top medal count of all the countries taking part in the 4th Pan American Judo Union Infantile Championships. The team won 4 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze medals. Leading the way with gold medal wins were Matthias Monez, Kiana Abelerra, Kayla Martin, and Marina Lambert. USA Judo athletes 13-14 years old won 11 medals in the 2nd day of competition, giving USA a total of 24 medals overall in the tournament. Second day gold medals were captured by Jennette Rodriguez, Francesca Durand, and Kayla Harrison.

USA results follow (DNP = Did not place in the top 5)

Day 1

Male:

2. Jacob Hurt, Yorkville Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 28 kg
3. Joshua Prado, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 31 kg
2. Kyle Taketa, Gardena Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 34 kg
3. Eric Fajardo, Camal's Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 38 kg
2. Robby Schultheis, Gurnee Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 42 kg
2. Dariel Porras, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 48 kg
1. Matthias Montez, After School All Stars, M Intermed (1992-1993) 53 kg
5. Dallas Brightman, Tohoku Judo, M Intermed (1992-1993) 53+ kg

Female:

1. Kiana Abellera, Sawtelle Judo, F Intermed (1992-1993) 28 kg
- DNP. Cynthia Loayza, Palo Alto Jud,o F Intermed (1992-1993) 31 kg

2. Jessica Irons, Yorkville Judo, F Intermed (1992-1993) 34 kg
5. Kayla Hall, USA Stars, F Intermed (1992-1993) 38 kg
1. Kayla Martin, Renshuden Judo, F Intermed (1992-1993) 42 kg
3. Kia Artis, Marion Youth Judo, F Intermed (1992-1993) 48 kg
3. Shaniqua Brown, Waka-mu-sha Judo, F Intermed (1992-1993) 53 kg
1. Marina Lambert, Washington Judo, F Intermed (1992-1993) 53+ kg

Day 2

Male:

- DNP. Dan Nguyen, Minh Duc Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 36 kg
3. Jose Navedo, College Park Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 40 kg
- DNP. Casey Kenney, Judan Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 44 kg
3. Michael Fujimoto, Sawtelle Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 48 kg
5. Matthew Shimamoto, San Gabriel Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 53 kg
5. Antonio Rodriguez, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 58 kg
2. Cody Peterson, Judo Inc., M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 64 kg
3. Tony Sangimino, Cahill's Judo, M JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 64+ kg

Female:

3. Alexa Liddie, OTC Jr Program, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 36 kg
3. Jaclyn Prado, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 40 kg
1. Jeannette Rodriguez, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 44 kg
1. Francesca Durand, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 48 kg
1. Kayla Harrison, Renshuden Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 53 kg
2. Gillian Moorman, Marion Youth Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 58 kg
2. Angelica Delgado, Ki-Itsui-Sai Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 64 kg
5. Jasmeen Sapp, Waka-mu-sha Judo, F JUVENILE A (1990-1991) 64+ kg

III. The State Championships are set for February 12, 2005 at Miami University, Oxford, OH. Again this year the OSJI State Championships will be open to competitors from surrounding states as well as all judoka within Ohio. The following divisions will be offered: Senior, Junior, High School, Middle School (a new national competition to be conducted with the H.S. Nationals) and a Development Division (for Orange Belts and below who have been in 4 or less tournaments). Details will be forthcoming shortly. Check the [OSJI Web Site](#) often - this info, as well as a lot of other useful info, will be/is posted there. Remember Points toward the OSJI Travel Team are awarded at our State Senior and Junior divisions, as well as the Rock & Roll Classic and the Flag City Invitational.

IV. Plans are being made to take the OSJI Travel Team to Santa's Shiai in Fond du Lac, WI, December 4-5, 2004. Check the status of the OSJI Team Standings as of Oct 15th (45 days prior to the travel event) which will determine who gets partial financial support. Everyone on the point roster is encouraged to attend, but only the top player in each

division who actually competes at Santa's will be eligible to split (up to \$100 per person) the \$1,500 set aside for this activity. They are posted on the OSJI web site.

- V. Please remember to register your club for 2005. Contact Jim Starcher for registration materials. Remember, your club instructor is required to have a background check and must be a certified coach or teacher through the USJI, USJA, or USJF in order to register your club with the OSJI.

- VI. The next Board of Directors Meeting of OSJI is to be held December 11th at the Gahanna Public Library, Gahanna, OH (a suburb of Columbus). Many important topics will be discussed, including changes to the OSJI Travelling Team Program, Goals for 2005, and the 2005 Budget. Hopefully all of our clubs will be represented at the meeting.

That's all for now.

Keep in touch,
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