

MAC Shine at Liberty Games

Scotia, NY – July 20, 2014 - Over 70 athletes from all over the Northeast as well as a large group from Taifu Judo Club from Ontario, Canada came to compete in the third installment of the Liberty Games (Judo) held at Mekeel Christian Academy. The event featured many top competitors from the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) including 2016 Olympic Hopefuls, **Brad Bolen** and Burnt Hills High School graduate, **Nick Kossor** who easily captured titles in their respective weight classes. The JMJC swept all seven of the elite men's divisions as well as the first two of the women's. Locals who also competed were Bunt Hills High graduates, **Jack Hatton** (GOLD), **Eric Skylar** (SILVER), **Chris Alaynick** (SILVER) and **Haley Meara** (BRONZE). "There was some quality competition this year



and the kids had a great time" Liberty Games Judo Chairman and 4x Judo Olympian, Jason Morris stated.

JMJC athletes who took gold:

GOLD Joe Martinez 60kg GOLD Nick Kossor 66kg GOLD Brad Bolen 73kg GOLD Jake Hatton 81kg GOLD Joe Donnelly 90kg GOLD Brice Rudat 100kg GOLD Pete Stanley +100kg GOLD Ashley Hejlik 48kg GOLD Maria Dhami 52kg

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Martin wins Bronze Medal

Taipei, Taiwan-July 26, 2014 - Burnt Hills- Ballston Lake High School graduate **Hannah Martin** of the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville won her 10th overall World Cup Medal over the weekend, picking up a bronze at 63kg at the International Judo Federation's (IJF) World Cup in Taiwan. Martin, 26, earned another 40 points on the world ranking list, 20 of which will count directly toward the 2016 Olympic qualifying process.

Brad Bolen, 25, dropped his first bout to eventual silver medalist Haessong Park of Korea, and was eliminated.

Alex Turner, 21, a student at



the Schenectady County Community College, lost an overtime thrilled to eventual bronze medalist Bayanduuren Boldbaatar of Mongolia in his opening Match. While Martin was on the podium in Taiwan, her JMJC teammate and Burnt Hills graduate, **Jack Hatton**, won his third straight Junior U.S. Open title in Miami, posting a 4-0 record.

Another JMJC athlete was competing in Chile at the IJF's World Cup in Santiago. Ashley Hejlik appeared to win her first round match against eventual 48kg bronze medalist, Judith Gonzalez of Chile. Hejlik was losing 1-0, on penalties but as time expired knocked the Chilean down, which was called a score. Upon review, the officials waved off the score, giving Gonzalez the victory.



Alex Turner, Hannah Martin and Brad Bolen in Taipei

Martin is <u>Golden</u>, Bolen is Bronze



Weston, FL - Burnt Hills High School graduate, Hannah Martin

(26) captured the 63kg gold medal at the International Judo Federation's (IJF)

World Cup at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston, FL, Aug. 1, 2014. Martin from the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) in Glenville, NY went 3-0 including a victory over Estefania Garcia (Ecuador) by submission (arm bar) in the final to win her 11th career world cup medal which includes two gold's. This win gives her another 100 points on the world ranking list which 50 will count directly towards Olympic qualification. JMJC's Brad Bolen (25) had a great day as well taking a bronze in 66kg posting a 4-1 record losing only in a controversial semis to Alonso Wong (Peru). Bolen appeared heading to the final as performed what he and the crowd on hand thought was a winning throw (switch), but the referee award the waza-ari score to the Peruvian. After further review



they allowed the score to remain with Wong. Bolen recovered nicely in his bronze medal bout catching Aaron Turner (Great Britain) with his trademark "Bolen Arrow" choke. Bolen's effort earned him 40 points, 20 of which goes towards Rio.

"They picked up a bunch of matches and had an opportunity to work on some things" coach and 4x Olympian, **Jason Morris** said, "This was some nice prep for the Worlds" Morris continued. The pair and teammate 60kg, Nick Kossor leave for the World Championships in Russia later in August.

JMJC roster who participated in the Pan American Open:

- -48kg Ashley Hejlik
- -52kg Maria Dhami
- -52kg Cammi Kaichi
- -60kg Nick Kossor
- -73kg Alex Turner
- -81kg Jack Hatton



The medalists with trainer, Lorne "Mac" McDonald from Falcon Physical Therapy



The JMJC spent a week training in Canada's new National Training Center. They are seen pictured here with 2x Olympic Medalist and 3x World Medalist, Janusz Pawlowski from Poland.

Two of our JMJC athletes have made it the cover of USJA's Growing Judo Magazine!

Click on the links below to view **Nick Kossor** and **Maria Dhami**!

July 2014: <u>Download it now</u> August 2014: <u>Download it now</u>



Saratoga, NY - The Jason Morris Judo Center was proud to support Camp Abilities Saratoga this summer by running a judo program which was held at Skidmore College in early August. Camp Abilities Saratoga was designed to empower children and teens that are blind, visually impaired or deaf blind to be physically active by way of a series of sports and social activities that have been professionally adapted to their



condition. The program is designed to play a critical role in creating and reinforcing each child's self-esteem and confidence by mastering sports activities, recreational and social activities. JMJC's Joe Martinez and Haley Meara taught the judo sessions to everyone's delight. To learn

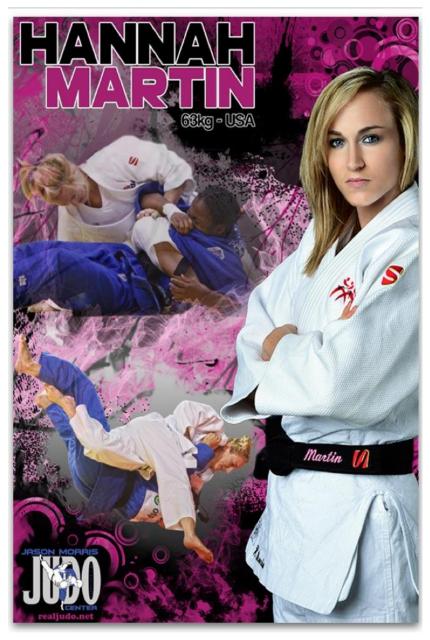
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You can also contact Hannah via Facebook on her athlete page

http://www.facebook.com/judohannah

Posters will also be available at the Jason Morris Judo Center:

584 Saratoga Rd, Glenville NY

Eligibility International Tournament Criteria (Continental Cups, Grand Prix and Grand Slam)

Continental Cups (formally World Cups)

- Previous World Team Member or Olympic Team Member
- Top 6 of USA Judo National Roster
- Must have placed in the top 5 at Sr. Nationals in the past two years
- Must have placed in the top 7 at Jr. Worlds
- Top 5 at EUJ B level competition

If you meet any one of the criteria's above you may petition to move a weight class as long as a slot is open

Grand Prix or Grand Slam

Must have finished in top 5 at the Pan Am Championships or Continental Cup

or

Must have been a member of the previous World Team

or

Finished top 5 in one of the past two Jr. Worlds

2014 Upcoming Events

- Aug. 25-31 World Championships Chelyabinsk, Russia
- Sept. 12-14 Croatia Grand Prix Zagreb
- Sept. 27-28 European Open Estonia
- Oct. 4-5 European Open Women- Great Britain
- Oct. 4-5 European Open Men Portugal
- Oct. 10 -12 Kazakhstan Grand Prix Astana
- Oct. 11-12 Morris Cup XIII Burnt Hills, NY
- Oct. 13 Morris Cup Mini Camp Jason Morris Judo Center
- Oct. 16-18 Uzbekistan Grand Prix Tashkent
- Oct. 22-26 Jr. World Championships Miami, FL
- Oct. 31- Nov. 2 -Abu Dhabi Grand Slam Abu Dhabi
- Nov. 1-2 Quebec Open Montreal, Canada
- Nov. 8-9 Ontario Open Toronto, Canada
- Nov. 8-9 African Open- Port Louis
- Nov. 9 Irwin Cohen Memorial Chicago, IL
- Nov. 14-16 Oceania Open Australia
- Nov. 19-21 Qingdao Grand Prix Qingdao, China
- Nov. 22 Dallas Invitational Irving TX
- Nov. 23 National President's Cup -Dallas, TX
- Nov. 27-29 -Jeju Grand Prix Jeju, Korea
- Dec. 5-7 -Tokyo Grand Slam Tokyo, Japan

2015 Events

- April 11-12 Scholastic Nationals Irving, TX
- May 2-3 U.S. Sr. National Championships Irving, TX
- May 23-24 Am- Can International Grand Island, NY
- July 9-11 JA/JF Jr. Nationals Indianapolis, IN
- July 19 Liberty Games Scotia, NY
- Oct. 10-11 Morris Cup XIIII Burnt Hills, NY





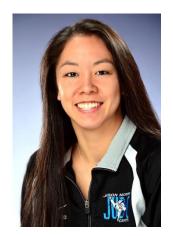
Where IMIC Athletes Stand in the Rankings

World Ranking List (WRL)



Alex Turner

#16 Hannah Martin -63kg
#29 Nick Kossor -60kg
#29 Brad Bolen -66kg
#111 Cammi Kaichi -52kg
#132 Ashley Hejlik -48kg
#140 Maria Dhami -52kg
#160 Kyle Vashkulat -100kg
#179 Alex Turner -73kg
#225 Brice Rudat -90kg
#226 Tony Sangimino -81kg



Cammi Kaichi

US Sr. National Ranking Roster



Dave Harris

#1 Nick Kossor -60kg #1 Hannah Martin -63kg #1 Brad Bolen -66kg #2 Maria Dhami -52kg #3 Leah Fisher -70kg #5 Tony Sangimino -81kg #6 Nick Irabli - +100kg #7 Ashley Hejlik -48kg #8 Dave Harris -66kg #8 Jack Hatton - 90kg #9 Joe Martinez -60kg #8 Haley Meara -48kg #10 Jack Hatton - 90kg #10 Rich Connell - +100kg #10 Jack Hatton -81kg #12 Kyle Vashkulat - +100kg #15 Alex Turner -73kg



Eric Skylar

Jr. National Roster

#17 Tony Sangimino -90kg

#1 Maria Dhami -52kg #1 Jack Hatton -81kg #2 Nick Irabli - +100kg #3 Jack Hatton -90kg #6 Quentin Cook - 66kg #7 Eric Skylar - 81kg #7 Haley Meara -48kg



Ashley Hejlik



Maria Dhami