Bolen & Martin Place 5th

_Santiago, Chile - Brad_ Bolen (26) and _Hannah_ Martin (26) from the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) in Glenville, NY and also representing the New York Athletic Club, placed fifth in their respective divisions at the International Judo Federation's World Cup in Chile. Bolen had a very good day including getting his hands in the 2014 World Champ and eventual winner Mikhail Pulyaev (Russia) in the semis. Burnt Hills High School graduate, Martin also took fifth place losing a tight battle with eventual champ, Andrea Gutierrez (Mexico) 2-1 in the semis. JMJC's _Alex Turner_ (21) performed well going 1-1 losing to veteran, Alejandro Clara (Argentina). _Ashley Hejlik_ (27) dropped her first bout to Viviana Gomez (Columbia) in 48kg and was eliminated.

"This was a very good start on the three stop South American tour for the JMJC Kids" JMJC Coach, Jason Morris said. They will stay on in Chile for the training camp during the week before heading to Uruguay then Argentina the following week.
JMJC Athletes Excel in Mass.

Wakefield, MA - Athletes from the Glenville based Jason Morris Judo Center won a total of 9 medals including 5 gold at the 12th annual Pedro’s Judo Challenge March 8, 2015. Shenendehowa 8th grader, Kiernan Shanahan (14) led the way winning double gold in a dominant performance taking the 15-16yrs. 55kg title as well as the Cadet (under18) 55kg crown going 7-0 on the day. Shanahan is fresh off wrestling season where he just finished second in the section ll championships at 120lbs.

Former NFL Running Back, Chad Dukes (43) was sensational as well taking two Golds. Dukes won the the novice +100kg category then went on the win the Elite +100kg division. Burnt Hills High School graduate, Eric Skylar (18) continued to improve as he claimed the title in the 90kg under21 division then captured a bronze in the Elite 90kg category. Burnt Hills High Sophomore, Quentin Cook (16) got back on the horse after a short break to win a gold in the 66kg under21 category and finished 5th in the Elite 66kg division. Burnt Hills graduate, Chris Alaynick (19) was sharp again as he made it all the way to the final in 81kg to take a silver medal. Amanda Barone (20) turned her best performance to date winning a silver in the women’s Elite 48kg division and JMJC newcomer, Burnt Hills sophomore, Mitch Paltiel (15) turned in a fifth place finish in the 15-16yrs. 81kg weight class. Burnt Hills 8th grader, Tyler Michaelson (13) competed as well but did not place to close out the JMJC’s participation at the event.

Photo Standing L to R: Dave Harris, Chad Dukes, Quentin Cook, Nick Irabli, Chris Alaynick, Amanda Barone
Kneeling L to R: Eric Skylar & Mitch Paltiel
Bolen Takes Fifth

Montevideo, Uruguay - **Brad Bolen** (26) from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY and also representing the New York Athletic Club placed fifth in 66kg at the Uruguay World Cup, March 14, 2015. This was the second straight trip to the medal rounds for Bolen on his current South American tour as he took fifth last week in Santiago, Chile as well. Next week he will be in Buenos Aires, Argentina to finish out the tour. **Alex Turner** (21) went 1-1 for the second straight week losing only long time North American nemesis and eventual bronze medalist Etienne Briand (Canada). **Ashley Hejlik** (28) placed seventh at 48kg showing much improvement in her young career. Veteran **Hannah Martin** (26) suffered a tough first round defeat to 2008 Olympic bronze medalist, Ketleyn Quadros (Brazil) and was eliminated. Newcomer to the tour, **Dave Harris** got his feet wet in the 66kg division. Harris was eliminated in his opening bout by Gabriel Pinheiro (Brazil). "The tour is going well for the JMJC kids as they are getting in a lot of quality matches" commented 4x Olympian and JMJC Head man, Jason Morris. "The desired result for them is always taking gold, but they need continue grinding and working to give themselves opportunity ever time they compete" Morris added.
Nick Kossor brings judo, positive message to Draper

2016 Olympic judo hopeful Nick Kossor is spending the week with Mr. Kearney’s health classes, bringing the message of making healthy, alcohol/drug-free life choices to eighth graders. He also spent time with Kearney’s adaptive physical education class, sharing the sport of judo. Mr. Kossor represents the USA Judo Team as well as the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville. The students enjoyed his presentation and even Mr. Kearney was a good sport, volunteering to demonstrate judo moves!

Source: Mohanasen.org
Cook & Martin Are Golden, Hejlik Fifth

Buenos Aires, Argentina/Providence, Rhode Island - Athletes from the Glenville, NY based Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) shined in both Americas, March 21, 2015. Ashley Hejlik (28) led the way for the JMJC contingent who competed in the Argentina World Cup in Buenos Aires making it all the way to the 48kg medal round to place fifth on the third and last leg of the South American tour. Hejlik jumped 10 spots on the world ranking list with this result and has risen to #74 which is a remarkable considering she has been doing Judo such a short time (4 years). Alex Turner (22) posted a 1-1 record for the third straight week losing again to his North American rival, Etienne Briand (Canada). Dave Harris (29) dropped his first bout to Lucas Godoy (Brazil) eliminating Harris from his second international tour event.

Meanwhile at the 10th Annual Ocean State Judo International in Providence, RI, Burnt Hills High School Sophomore, Quentin Cook (16) & Burnt Hills graduate, Hannah Martin (26) led the JMJC gang winning titles in their respective divisions. Cook was a double Gold medalist winning in dominating fashion the 66kg under21 category and the Senior Elite 66kg weight class. Cook was awarded the "Most Outstanding Male" for his efforts along with winning the $250 first prize purse. Martin eased to the 63kg crown and was named "Most Outstanding Female" as well as picking up the $250. Dave Dippel (7) won the gold in the 7-8yrs. 27kg division. Burnt Hills graduate, Chris Alaynick (19) continues his improvement as he was a double medalist, winning Silver medals in the 81kg under21 category as well as in the Senior Elite 81kg weight class. Alexa Silao (12) won a silver in the 11-12yrs. 40kg division while Mason Scruggs (9) picked up a bronze in the 9-10yrs. 34kg weight class. Hannah Stoitchkov (8) also won a bronze in the 7-8yrs. 30kg category. Burnt Hills graduate, Eric Skylar (18) won a bronze in the 90kg under21 division to close out the JMJC medal count.
Shanahan Shines

Clifton Park, NY - JMJC's Kiernan Shanahan was the break out star for the Shenedehowa High School Wrestling team posting a 16-5 record in his first year on the Varsity and was honored at their banquet at the Van Patton Golf Club. Shanahan who is in 8th grade was named "Rookie of the Year" and received the prestigious "Keller, Most Inspirational Award". Kiernan's highlights included taking a silver at the Class "A's" and Section 2 Championships at 120lbs. just missing qualifying for the State Championships at the Times Union Center in Albany. Shanahan also received a gag award from the team as he was dubbed the "Judo Kid" and was given the movie, Karate Kid with the word "Karate" crossed out and replaced with "Judo" along with a picture of Kiernan throwing his opponent at the last JMJC Open.
Philadelphia, PA - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY enjoyed another successful weekend winning 8 medals at the 28th annual Liberty Bell Judo Classic, March 28, 2015. Burnt Hills High School graduate, Chris Alaynick (19) led the way winning a gold in the 81kg under21 category then picked up a bronze in the Elite men's 81kg division. This result puts Alaynick on the US Judo national roster for the first time and debuts at #16. Burnt Hills graduate, Eric Skylar (18) captured a gold in the 90kg under21 division while Burnt Hills Sophomore, Quentin Cook (16) easily took gold in the 66kg under21 weight class. Dave Harris (29) fought well claiming a silver medal in the 66kg elite category. Rich Connell (31) also won a silver medal in the +100kg division while Pete Stanley picked up a bronze in the same weight class. Burnt Hills 8th grader, Tyler Michaelson (13) picked up a bronze medal in the 13-14yrs 53kg weight class to close out the JMJC medal count.

Photo L to R: Tyler Michaelson, Chris Alaynick, Pete Stanley, Zach Judy, Eric Skylar, Amanda Barone, Mitch Paltiel, Quentin Cook, Nick Irabli, Svetlana Skylar, Dave Harris, Boris Skylar
JMJC ATHLETES AT NY OPEN

JMJC's Nick Irabli (+100kg) and Quentin Cook (66kg) helped team USA take a bronze at the NY Open on March 29th.
Alaynick, Cook & Irabli Capture Gold

Irving, TX - Athletes from the Glenville, NY based Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) shined today (April 12, 2015) taking 3 gold medals at USA Judo's scholastic Nationals held in the Irving Convention Center. This event also served as the Cadet (under18)/Jr. World (under21) trials for the US team. Burnt Hills High School graduate, Chris Alaynick (19) went 5-0 on the day to claim the 81kg under21 title earning his first trip to the Jr. Worlds which will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, October 23-27, 2015. Also earning a trip to Abu Dhabi was Burnt Hills High Senior, Nick Irabli (18) as he went 3-0 to capture the +100kg under21 crown. Burnt Hills High Sophomore, Quentin Cook (16) who won the 66kg under18 division on Saturday April 11, 2015, earning a spot on the Cadet World team which will compete in Sarajevo, BIH, August 3-8, 2015, surprised the 66kg under21 field and won the title to make his first Jr. World team. Cook went 6-1 including 2 wins over favorite and former Jr. World team member, Caleb Wesley. The JMJC has now placed 25 total athletes on Jr. World teams in its 14 year history. Maria Dhami (19) failed to make her third straight Jr. World team as she injured her elbow in the 52kg under21 final and had to pull out. Burnt Hills graduate, Eric Skylar (18) placed fourth in a deep 90kg under21 category to close out the JMJC participation at the scholastics. "I am very proud of the effort the kids put in to train for this" said 4x Olympian and JMJC Head Coach, Jason Morris. "Their performance is a direct result of the quality preparation they had". Morris continued.

Tidbit: JMJC's Jason Morris took a bronze at the 1986 Junior Worlds in Rome, Italy

Photo L to R: Jim Branson, Chris Alaynick, Eric Skylar, Quentin Cook, Nick Irabli, Terry Cook (Quentin's Father)
“Kids Day”

JMJC’s Amanda Barone & Zach Judy put on a hugely successful demonstration at "Kids Day" at the Johnstown YMCA on April 11th introducing many new people to our sport.
Today, the signature of the contract for the Judo World Championships Individual and Teams and the IJF Congress in 2017 took place in Budapest at the Ministry of Sport. Mr. Marius Vizer, the IJF President, signed the contract with Mr. Laszlo Toth, the Hungarian Judo Federation President. Mr. Vizer also signed a protocol agreement with Dr. Istvan Simicsko, Secretary of State for Sports in the Hungarian Government.

This protocol stipulates that the Hungarian Government will support and approves the organization of the 2017 Judo World Championships to be held in Budapest.

Mr. Marius Vizer (left) and Dr. Istvan Simicsko
Mr. Marius Vizer declared: "In 2017, the Judo World Championships will be organized for the first time in history in Budapest. I am convinced that Hungary will organize a successful World Championship, especially with the possibility of candidature for the 2024 Olympic Games and also given the successful history of judo in Hungary.

On behalf of the International Judo Federation, I would like to thank the Hungarian Government for their support and also the Hungarian Judo Association for their continuous efforts toward the development of our sport in Hungary. I believe that this event will provide an excellent opportunity for the promotion of Judo in Hungary and for showcasing the performances of the best Hungarian judokas.

At the same time, I hope that this event will have added value for the entire international Judo Community, giving us, the participants and the International Judo Federation, as organization, satisfaction at all levels."

Mr. Laszlo Toth said: "Hungarian sports have been supported at a high level, including judo, by the Hungarian Government since Hungarian Judo exceedingly performed in London 2012: we reached third place in the Hungarian Olympic Sports ranking list. Hungarian judo and also Hungarian Sports have reached a milestone today with the signing of the contract between the International Judo Federation and the Hungarian Judo Association. It officially declares that the IJF Congress and World Senior Judo Individual and Team Championships will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2017.

Hungarian Judo Association has had experience in the field of organizing international judo competitions since it already organized World Championships for all age groups except for the Seniors. Our association organized the European Senior Judo Individual and Team Championships in Budapest in 2013, and this event was awarded as the best European judo event by the EJU."
The International Judo Federation (IJF) recognizes Dani & Randi for "National Siblings Day" on their Instagram Account.

1,284 likes

judogallery Happy #NationalSiblingsDay from twins Dani and Randi, aged 5. They have #judo in their blood. Pictured with their parents: Olympic silver medallist Jason Morris and #IJF "A" referee, Teri Takemori of Jason Morris Judo Center.
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**COMMUNITY SPORTS**

**AWRAF**

Coach Rich, founder of With Respect (AWRA) has been by Minnesota pitcher and Springs resident, Andrew C., CBS Sports. So she played for the team in the calcas in a... more than 75 athletes from all over the Northeast attended the 17th JMJC Open developmental event hosted by the Jason Morris Judo Center on Feb. 28. The event is geared toward developing athletes by getting them more matches in a relaxed fun environment to feel comfortable competing. This edition featured some of JMJC’s top local athletes including, Brad Bolen (NYAC), Chad Dukes, Ashley Hejl, Tony Sangimino; Burnt Hills High School students Quentin Cook (sophomore), Nick Iraibi.

**J CORPORATE SPORTS**

**SARATOGA TODAY**

**Week of March 13 – March 19, 2015**

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**JUDO**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015**

**Shanahan wins two gold medals**

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** — Shenendehowa eighth-grader Kiernan Shanahan won gold medals in both the 15-16 55kg division and the Cadet under-18 division to highlight performances by competitors from the Jason Morris Judo Center at last weekend’s 12th annual Pedro’s Judo Challenge.

Athletes from the JMJC won a total of nine medals, including five golds.

Shanahan is coming off a successful scholastic wrestling season in which he finished second at 120 pounds in the Section II Division I championships.

Also winning two golds was former Arena Football running back Chad Duke, who won the novice +100kg division, as well as the Elite +100kg category.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake graduate Eric Skylar claimed the title in the 90kg under-21 division, and also won a bronze in the Elite 90kg class.

Quentin Cook won the other gold, in the 66kg under-21 division.

Also bringing back medals were Chris Alaynick (silver, 81kg) and Amanda Barone (silver, women’s Elite 48kg).

Burnt Hills sophomore Mitch Paltiel finished fifth in the 15-16 81kg weight class.
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Alex Turner of the JMJC went 1-1 for the second straight week, Ashley Hejl placed seventh at 48kg and veteran Hannah Martin suffered a first-round defeat to 2008 Olympic bronze medalist Ketleyon Quadros of Brazil and was eliminated.
1. Favorite Technique? *O-soto-Gari*

2. What cartoon character would you be and why? I would be Batman because he has no powers but still manages to be unstoppable.

3. Who is your favorite judo player? Male and Female? Tadahiro Nomura (JPN) and Majlinda Kelmendi (KOS)

4. How many countries have you been to? 8 Which one was your favorite? *Chile*

5. Who is your role model and why? My mother is my role model and I choose her because through all the bad hands she’s been dealt she somehow comes through with the winning one.

6. What song do you listen to before you compete? *Dream Chasers by Meek Mill before I fight*

7. What are your 2015 Goals? To get as many matches as I can and to get enough experience internationally as possible and accumulate enough points to put me in range for Rio!

8. Favorite Competition moment? Is always getting a win after being down the whole match

9. If you were jumping out of a plane who would you want to pack your parachute from the JMJC? Teri Takemori Who wouldn’t you? Brad Bolen

10. What is your favorite thing about training at the Jason Morris Judo Center? I get the best technical work in the country
**JMJC WALL OF FAME**

*Martin Landau* sends his best wishes to the JMJC. He is a legendary American film and television actor. Landau’s career started in the 1950s, with early film appearances including a supporting role in Alfred Hitchcock’s *North by Northwest* (1959). He played regular roles in the television series *Mission: Impossible* (for which he received several Emmy Award nominations and a Golden Globe Award) and *Space: 1999*.

Landau received the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor – Motion Picture, as well as his first nomination for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, for his role in *Tucker: The Man and His Dream* (1988); he received his second Oscar nomination for his appearance in *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (1989). His performance in the supporting role of Bela Lugosi in *Ed Wood* (1994) earned him an Academy Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Golden Globe Award. He continues to perform in film and TV and heads the Hollywood branch of the Actors Studio.
Rock Singer **Graham Bonnet** (Rainbow, Michael Schenker Group, Alcatrazz, Impellitteri) sends props to the JMJC. Bonnet's tunes get played often in the dojo as he is one of our favorite singers.
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- May 2-3 - U.S. Sr. National Championships - Irving, TX
- May 8-10 - IJF Grand Slam - Baku, Azerbaijan
- May 23-24 - Am- Can International - Grand Island, NY
- May 23-24 - World Masters - Morocco
- May 30-31 - European Open - Bucharest, Romania
- June 6-7 - European Open - Minsk, Belarus
- June 12-14 - IJF Grand Prix - Budapest, Hungary
- June 26-28 - Jr. Olympic Championships - Irving, TX
- June 27-28 - Pan American Open - San Salvador, El Salvador
- July 3-5 - IJF Grand Prix - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- July 9-11 - JA/JF Jr. Nationals - Indianapolis, IN
- July 11-14 - Pan American Games - Toronto, Canada
- July 18-19 - IJF Grand Slam - Tyumen, Russia
- July 19 - Liberty Games - Scotia, NY
- July 25-26 - Asian Open - Taipei, Taiwan
- Aug 24-30 - World Championships- Astana, Kazakhstan
- Oct. 1-3 - IJF Grand Prix - Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Oct. 10-11 - Morris Cup XIV - Burnt Hills, NY
- Oct. 10 -11 - Men's European Open - Glasgow, Great Britain
- Oct. 10 -11 - Women's European Open - Lisbon, Portugal
- Oct. 17 -18 - IJF Grand Slam - Paris, France
- Oct. 23-27 - Junior World Championships - Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Oct. 30 -31 - IJF Grand Slam - Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Oct. 31 - Nov 1 - Quebec Open - Montreal, Canada
- Nov. 7-8 - Ontario Open - Toronto, Canada
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- Nov. 7-8 - African Open - Port Louis, MRI
- Nov. 13-14 - Oceanic Open - Wollongong, Australia
- Nov. 15 - 3rd Irwin Cohen Memorial - Chicago, IL
- Nov. 20-22 - IJF Grand Prix - Quindao, China
- Nov. 22 - Presidents Cup Championships - Irving, TX
- Nov. 26-28 - IJF Grand Prix - TBA, Korea
- Dec. 4-6 - IJF Grand Slam - Tokyo, Japan

2016 Events

- March 5-6 - Scholastic National Championships - Irving, TX
- April 9-10 - Senior National Championships - Irving, TX
- June 24-26 - Jr. Olympics - Irving, TX
- Nov. 20 - President's Cup - Irving, TX