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JMJC Wins 14 Medals

North Bergen, NJ - Athletes from the Glenville, NY based Jason Morris Judo Center won 14 total medals including 7 Gold September 22, 2013 at the 2nd Hudson Cup in North Bergen, NJ. 2013 Burnt Hills High School graduate Jack Hatton (18) was a double medalist taking a gold in the 81kg mens division and a silver in the mens 90kg. Hatton posted a 5-1 record on the day. Burnt Hills Junior, Nick Irabli (16) was a double medalist as well taking a gold in the +100kg mens brown belt category and then won a silver in the mens +100kg division. Irabli moved to town from Bayville, NJ to further his Olympic aspirations. Irabli's first coach (Andy Ruggeiro) was teammates at the 1995 world championships with current coach, Jason Morris. Burnt Hills High Senior, Eric Skyler (16) was the third double medalist from the JMJC picking up two silver's in the 90kg mens brown belt's and the 15-16yrs. 90kg weight class. Burnt Hills High Senior, Chris Alaynick (18) made a splash in his debut for the JMJC going 4-0 to take a gold in the 81kg mens brown belt division. Alaynick moved from his home in Tampa, FL in August to chase his Olympic dreams.

SCCC student, Joe Martinez continued to improve going 3-0 on the day to capture a gold in the mens 66kg division. Jimmy Valentin from Watervliet, NY also continued to improve as he easily took a gold in the 73kg novice division going 3-0 on the day. Burnt Hills 7th grader, Tyler Michaelson (12) looked sharp winning a gold in the 11-12yrs. 46kg category.

Maria Dhami (17) dominated the women's lightweight division taking a gold going 3-0 while JMJC teammate, Cammi Kaichi, picked up a bronze in the same category losing in OT to longtime rival Elaine Abuan. Burnt Hills High Senior, Haley Meara (17) won a bronze in women's light weight brown belt division and Skidmore sophomore, William Vandebrook picked up a bronze in the senior mens 90kg brown belt category to close out the JMJC medal count.



Standing L to R, William Vandebrook, Tyler Michaelson, Jack Hatton, Nick Kossor (Coach), Chris Alaynick, Maria Dhami

Sitting L to R, Cammi Kaichi, Joe Martinez, Jimmy Valentin, Nick Irabli, Haley Meara

Kossor Steps in with "Hard Soul"



Glenville, NY - Jason Morris Judo Center's own Nick Kossor will be playing with his band, *Hard Soul* to open the festivities for the 12th Annual Morris Cup Judo Championships, Sunday, October 13, 2013. The band that had played the previous eleven Morris Cup's, The "Dan Was Project" wasn't available so Hard Soul stepped in to save the day. Kossor first learned about the Albany based rock group "Hard Soul" via an advertisement on "craig's list". After connecting with lead singer Johnny Salka, Kossor nailed his

auditions and was welcomed with open arms into the world of rock n' roll. It's been 11 months since Kossor joined up with *Hard Soul* and since then, the band has performed many times across the northeast. Most recently *Hard Soul* finished up an 11 day tour stretching across 6 different states. Footage from their tour can be viewed on their youtube channel [here](#). *Hard Soul* has been very therapeutic for Kossor specifically as it serves as an outlet and filter for his down time from judo. Not only does the band keep him active but it also serves as another platform to spread the good word of judo. During the bands cover of Thin Lizzy's "Cowboy Song", Salka takes a moment to introduce the band to the audience. Every time, Kossor is referred to as "the next gold medalist at the 2016 Olympic Games for judo" (which always sparks up conversations after the performance).

Currently *Hard Soul* is finishing up the pre-recording stages of their third album. Their first album was "[Love Eats The Young](#)", and their sophomore album was "[Seize The Year](#)". The band hopes to lay the tracks down for recording in the beginning of December. After that, *Hard Soul* is hoping to embark on a tour of the Southern United States reaching as far south as Nashville, TN.



Hard Soul Band

Johnny Salka - guitar/lead vocals

Erin Grimm – keyboards

Ryan Klaeyson - bass

Mark Podbielski - drums

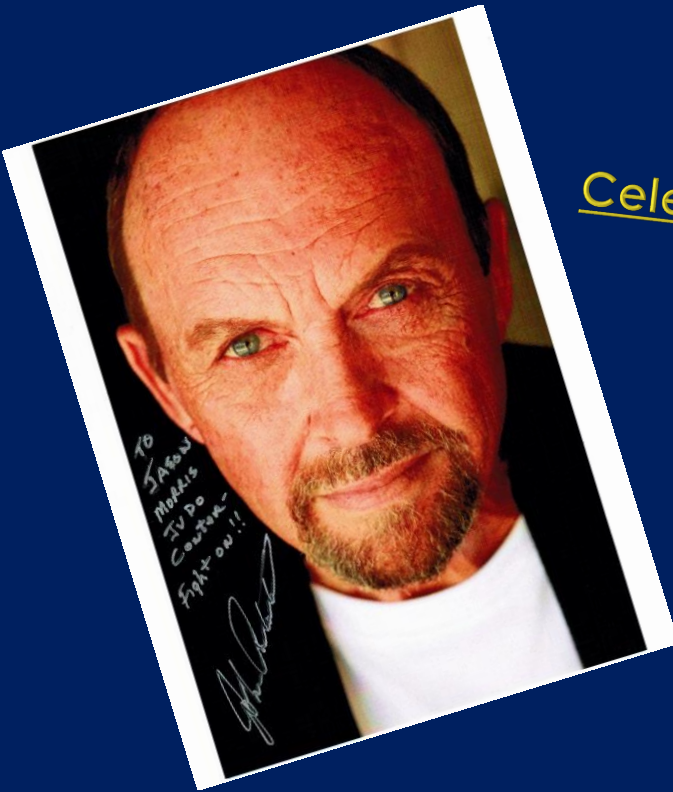
Nick Kossor - guitar



Dan Was Project:

From L to R, Jeff Toma (guitar), Jason Morris, George Snyder (drums), Dan Was (guitar, vocals) Kevin O'Brien (bass)

Photos by: Lou DiGesare/realjudo.net



Celebrity Fans



Actor **John Ashton**, who is best known for playing opposite Robert DeNiro in *Midnight Run* as Marvin Dorfler and opposite Eddie Murphy in *Beverly Hills Cop 1 & 2* as Detective, John Taggart can be counted among the many fans of the Jason Morris Judo Center as he wishes us well.

Film Director, **John Carpenter** can now be counted among JMJC fans/supporters as he generously sent us an autographed photo for the dojo. Carpenter is most famous for cult favorite movies such as *Escape From New York* starring Kurt Russell and Lee Van Cleef, *Halloween 1 & 2* which launched the career of Jamie Lee Curtis and *The Thing* which also starred Kurt Russell

International Guests

Emily, Mackenzie & Zach Burt and Nick Brockington from the Upper Canada Judo Club (www.uppercanadajudo.com) in Oshawa, Ontario just completed their 2 week training stint at the Jason Morris Judo Center. Mackenzie (57kg) was a member of the Canadian Cadet World Team that competed over the summer in Miami and Zach (81kg) is a member of the Canadian Jr. World Team which will compete in Slovenia in late October. JMJC's Maria Dhami (52kg) and Jack Hatton (81kg) will be part of the USA delegation to compete at the Jr. Worlds.

Below: L to R, Emily Burt, Mackenzie Burt, Zach Burt, and Nick Brockington



Save the Date!



An early peak at the medals for this year's Morris Cup provided by Zebra Mats

Photo by: Lou DiGesare/realjudo.net

When: October 13th
Where: Burnt Hills, NY



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5-6 - UZB Grand Prix
- **Oct. 13 - Morris Cup XII - *Burnt Hills, NY***
- **Oct. 14 - Morris Cup Mini Camp - *Jason Morris Judo Center***
- Oct. 23-27 - Jr. Worlds - *Ljubljana, Slovenia*
- Nov. 2-3 - Quebec Open - *Montreal*
- Nov. 9-10 - Mauritius Open - *Port Luis*
- **Nov. 10 - Iliadis Iliadis Clinic - *Jason Morris Judo Center***
- Nov. 15-16 - Samoa Open - *Apia*
- Nov. 23 - Dallas Invitational - *Irving, TX*
- Nov. 24 - President's Cup - *Irving, TX*
- Dec. 8 - Northeastern Championships - *Paterson, NJ*

2014 Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 6-10 - Training Camp - *Montreal, QC*
- Jan. 18-19 - Moroccan Open
- Feb. 1-2 - Bulgarian Open Women - *Sofia*
- Feb. 1-2 - Georgian Open Men - *Tbilisi*
- Feb. 8-9 - Paris Grand Slam
- Feb. TBA - Pedro's Challenge - *Wakefield, MA*
- Feb. 15-16 - Hungarian Open Women - *Budapest*
- Feb. 15-16 - Austrian Open Men - *Oberwart*
- Feb 22-23 - Dusseldorf Gran Prix
- Feb 1-2 - Polish Open Women - *Warsaw*
- Feb. 1-2 - Czech Open Men - *Prague*
- Mar. 15-16 - Uruguay Open - *Montevideo*
- Mar. 22-23 - Argentina Open - *Buenos Aires*
- Mar. 22-23 - Scholastics - *Irving, TX*
- Mar. 29-30 - Turkey Grand Prix
- April - TBA - Pan Am Championships
- April 26-27 - US Sr. Nationals - *Irving, TX*
- May 24-25 - Am Can International - *Buffalo, NY*
- May 24-25 - IJF MASTERS - *Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*
- May 31-June 1 - Spanish Open - *Madrid*
- June 7-8 - Estonian Open Women - *Tallin*
- June 7-8 - Portugal Open Men - *Libson*
- June 7-8 - Cuba Grand Prix - *Havana*
- June 14-15 - El Salvador Open - *San Salvador*
- June 21-22 - Hungary Grand Prix - *Budapest*
- June 27-29 - Jr. Olympics - *Irving, TX*
- July 4-6 - USJA/USJF Jr. Nationals - *Honolulu, HI*
- July 20 - Liberty Games - *Scotia, NY*
- Aug. 25-31 - World Championships - *Chelyabinsk, Russia*
- **Oct. 12 - Morris Cup XIII - *Burnt Hills, NY***
- Oct 22-26 - Jr. Worlds

Olympic and World Champion
Iliadis Iliadis

Judo Clinic
Sunday November 2013 10th

2004 Olympic Gold
2012 Olympic Bronze
2010 World Champion
2011 World Champion
#3 Current IJF World Rank

TIME AND LOCATION

2-5pm
\$50 Per Person
If you are traveling from
out of town please contact us.

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Space is limited, so please reserve your spot early

Where JMJC Athletes Stand in the Rankings

World Ranking Roster:



Kyle Vashkulat

- **#14** Hannah Martin -63kg
- **#28** Brad Bolen - 66kg
- **#30** Nick Kossor -60kg
- **#75** Kyle Vashkulat -100kg
- **#109** Cammi Kaichi - 52kg
- **#118** Tony Sangimino - 81kg
- **#191** Brice Rudat -90kg
- **#210** Alex Turner -73kg



Nick Kossor

Senior National Ranking Roster:



Maria Dhami

- #1 Nick Kossor -60kg
- #1 Hannah Martin -63kg
- #1 Brad Bolen -66kg
- #1 Kyle Vashkulat -100kg
- #2 Cammi Kaichi -52kg
- #3 Maria Dhami -52kg
- #3 Jack Hatton -81kg
- #4 Alex Turner -73kg
- #4 Christie Woosley -78kg
- #4 Tony Sangimino -81kg
- #7 Ashley Hejlik -52kg



Jack Hatton

IJF Junior National Ranking Roster:



Eric Skylar

- #1 Maria Dhami -52kg
- #1 Alex Turner -73kg
- #1 Jack Hatton -81kg
- #2 Christie Woosley -78kg
- #5 Jack Hatton -90kg
- #5 Nick Irabli - +100kg
- #6 Haley Meara -48kg
- #8 Eric Skylar -81kg



Haley Meara

'92 Olympic Flashback



Jason Morris (USA) throwing Lars Adolfson (SWE) with a devastating uchimata in the 78kg semi finals of the 1992 Olympics.

Photo by: Bernie Morris (Jason's Father)



Jason Morris celebrates his 78kg semi final victory in Barcelona

Photo by: Bernie Morris (Jason's Father)



Jason Morris (USA) squares off against **Hidehiko Yoshida** (JPN) in the 78kg Olympic final

Photo by: David Finch



Jason Morris on the
podium in Barcelona

Photo by: David Finch



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