

# Martin Scores a Bronze at Prestigious

# **Abu Dhabi Grand Prix**



Abu Dhabi - Burnt Hills High School Graduate
Hannah Martin (25) finished her fantastic competition
year, taking a bronze medal at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix
November 22. Despite injuring her lower back a week
before leaving for Abu Dhabi, Martin, who trains at the

Glenville, NY based Jason Morris Judo Center decided to "suck it up" and make the 12-hour journey to Abu Dhabi and take a chance at her last competition of the year. Martin defeated Meerim Momunova (KGZ) by throwing her for ippon (full point) in her opening bout, then edged the top Chinese fighter Wen Zhang in the quarterfinal. In the semis, Martin was



beaten by eventual 63kg champ Kathrin Unterwurzacher (Austria) placing her in the bronze medal match to face #13 in the world, Mungunchimeg Baldorj (Mongolia). Martin scored early and late to dominate the Mongolian to capture her third Grand Prix Medal this year to rise to a career high #9 in the world up from #10.

"This was a terrific way to finish up her season," said Coach Jason Morris. "She has had a remarkable 2 year run rising from #110 all the way to #9 showing that the persistence in her training regimen has paid off" 4x Olympian Morris continued. This result is on the heels of Martin's teammates, Brad Bolen (24) and Burnt Hills High graduate, Nick Kossor (27) winning Golds at the Samoa World Cup last weekend.

WORLD RANKING LIST WOMEN		
-48 kg -52 kg	-57 kg <mark>-63 kg</mark> -70 kg -78 kg	+78 kg
# NOC	SURNAME, Name	POINTS
1. ISR 💌	GERBI, Yarden	2874
2. FRA	AGBEGNENOU, Clarisse	2366
3. NED	VAN EMDEN, Anicka	1632
4. JPN	ABE, Kana	1512
5. JPN	TANAKA, Miki	1264
6. GER 📒	TRAJDOS, Martyna	1222
7. FRA	EMANE, Gevrise	1040
8. SLO 🚞	TRSTENJAK, Tina	1016
9. USA 📕	MARTIN, Hannah	888
10. BRA 💽	BARROS, Mariana	872

# **Bolen & Sangimino Capture Gold**

Irving, TX - A day after Hannah Martin took a bronze at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix her Jason Morris Judo Center teammates performed well winning four medals at the 48th Dallas Invitational Judo Championships, November 23, 2013.

**Brad Bolen** (25), who flew directly from Apia, Samoa where he won his first world cup title last weekend p,osted a 5-0 record on the day to capture the 66kg crown along with pocketing the \$1000 winner's purse. **Tony Sangimino** (23) stayed on a roll as well as he just recently won a Gold at the Quebec Open had a 6-0 mark to win the 81kg title along with collecting the \$1000. **Dave Harris** (27) had a great day going 4-2 to take a silver in 66kg only losing twice to teammate Brad Bolen in the double elimination event. Harris picked up \$300 for his efforts and entered the US rankings at a career high #7 at 66kg.

SCCC student **Maria Dhami** (18) closed out the JMJC medal count winning a bronze medal in 52kg collecting the \$200 third place prize. Burnt Hills High School Senior, **Eric Skylar** (17) turned in his best performance to date going 3-2 placing 5th at 81kg which included knocking off #1 seed, Mike Harrison in the second round. Skylar's hopes for a finals match up with teammate, Sangimino ended one bout short as he lost in the semis to veteran Josh White. 2013 Burnt Hills graduate, **Jack Hatton** (18) was 7th going 2-2 in the same 81kg weight class losing to teammate, Sangimino in the quarterfinals then lost to eventual silver medalist, Bobby Yamashita.



# **JMJC Win 7 Medals in Texas**



Irving, TX - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY followed up their success a day earlier at the Dallas Invitational by winning seven medals at USA Judo's Presidents Cup, November 24, 2013. Tony Sangimino (23) led the way dominating the 81kg field to go 4-0 and capture his second Presidents Cup title and fourth overall medal. Sangimino is closing out his season strong claiming three tour titles going 15-0 during that span. Burnt Hills High school graduate, Jack Hatton (18) was a double medalist on the day as he won a gold in the 81kg under 21 division and picked up a bronze in the men's 81kg category where his only loss was to JMJC teammate, Sangimino in the semifinal.

**Brad Bolen** (24) has been on a tear since his third world championships appearance in September winning three titles including the Samoa World Cup last weekend. Bolen flew directly from Samoa to Texas to compete in the two events. Bolen picked up his third overall 66kg medal at the Presidents Cup winning a silver losing only in the final in close battle to Arsen Tovmasyan from Armenia. Bolen's record over this fall season is 16-2 including the worlds. Burnt Hills High Senior, **Eric Skyar** (17) continued his impressive improvement going 4-2 to take a silver in the 81kg under 21 category losing only twice to JMJC teammate, Jack Hatton. Skylar then went on to take 7th in the men's 81kg division.

Dhami (18) made it all the way to the final of 52kg to pick up her first silver at the Presidents Cup. Dhami lost in the final to long time US #1, Angelica Delgado. Burnt Hills High Junior Nick Irabli (17) won a silver medal in the +100kg under 21 category then went 2-2 to take 5th place in the men's



+100kg weight class. That result puts Irabli on the US ranking roster for the first time as he enters at #8.

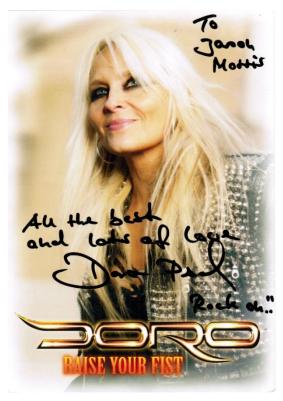
### **JMJC's Celebrity Wall:**

Legendary Actor/Comedian, Don
Rickles can be counted among the
celebrity fans of the Jason Morris Judo
Center. Rickles has starred in numerous TV
Shows and Movies but our favorite was
the movie *Kelly's Heroes* with an all-star
cast including, Clint Eastwood, Telly
Savalas, Donald Sutherland & Carroll
O'Connor among others. Rickles played
staff sergeant "Crapgame" the supply
sergeant.

Rock veteran, Henry "H-Bomb" Weck shows his support for the Jason Morris Judo Center sporting a JMJC t-shirt. Weck is the drummer for the legendary rock band, Brownsville Station who is most known for the tune "Smokin in the Boys Room" which was famously covered by Motley Crue. Brownsville Station had a great 10 year run from 1969-79 touring with many huge acts including Aerosmith, Alice Cooper, Black Sabbath, Kiss, Ted Nugent, & Van Halen among others. Remarkably, 32 years later in 2012, Brownsville Station released a new album called "Still Smokin" and it really rocks, proving they still have it. We often play their music, new & old during training. You can find them at www.brownsvillestation.com.







Heavy Metal Queen, Doro Pesch sends her best to the Jason Morris Judo Center. Her music is played often during practice as she has one the most pleasing voices in Metal today. Doro's latest music album out is called "Raise Your Fist" which you can read more about at www.doromucsic.de.

# TWINS?





FedEx "Fej" Albino from the JMJC



Hannah Martin and Nick Kossor were honored at the annual All-Sports Dinner held in the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) located on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Manhattan, NY on Nov. 18th. The NYAC is a world class athletic facility that sponsors and supports Olympic, World and National Championships from many different sports. Martin and Kossor pose in front of 4x Olympian and '92 Silver Medalist and their Coach Jason Morris' Hall of Fame photo. He was inducted in the NYAC Hall of Fame in 1998, and Martin and Kossor hope to one day follow in their Coach's footsteps and have a spot on the Hall of Fame wall.



# The JMJC around the World:



Brad Bolen's medal/trophy collection after his two week haul of competitions in Samoa and Dallas.



Hannah Martin with 2x Olympic Silver Medalist and the "Voice of Judo" Neil Adams post- competition in Abu Dhabi.



Nick Kossor with Bill Cowher - 2005 Super Bowl Champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers and current "NFL Today" analyst on CBS at the NYAC All-Sports Dinner in NYC.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **2014 Upcoming Events:**

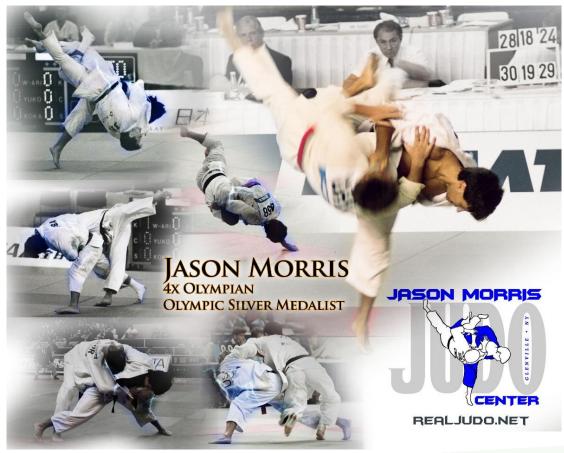
- Jan. 6-10 Training Camp Montreal, QC
- Jan. 18-19 Moroccan Open Casablanca
- Feb. 1-2 Bulgarian Open Women Sofia
- Feb. 1-2 TBA Open Men TBA
- Feb. 8-9 Paris Grand Slam
- Feb. 15-16 Italian Open Women Rome
- Feb. 15-16 Austrian Open Men Oberwart
- Feb. 22-23 Dusseldorf Grand Prix
- Mar. 1-2 Polish Open Women Warsaw
- Mar. 1-2 Czech Open Men Prague
- Mar. 8- Pedro's Challenge Wakefield, MA
- Mar. 15-16 Uruguay Open Montevideo
- Mar. 21-23 Georgian Grand Prix Tbilsi
- Mar. 22-23 Argentina Open Buenos Aires
- Mar. 22-23 Scholastics Irving, TX
- Mar. 29-30 Turkey Grand Prix
- April 25-27 Pan Am Championships *Ecuador*
- April 26-27 US Sr. Nationals *Irving, TX*
- May 24-25 Am Can International Buffalo, NY
- May 24-25 IJF MASTERS TBA
- May 31-June 1 Spanish Open Madrid
- June 7-8 Estonian Open Women Tallin
- June 7-8 Portugal Open Men Lisbon
- 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 2-3- USA Pan American Open- *Miami, FL*
- Aug. 25-31 World Championships Chelyabinsk, Russia
- Sept. 6-7 Asian Open Taipei
- Sept 12-14 Croatia Grand Prix Rijeka
- Oct. 10 -12 Kazakhstan Grand Prix Astana
- Oct. 12 Morris Cup XIII Burnt Hills, NY
- Oct. 16-18 Uzbekistan Grand Prix Tashkent
- Oct 22-26 Jr. World Championships Miami, FL







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### Where JMJC Athletes Stand in the Rankings

**Brad Bolen** 

#### World Ranking List (WRL)

#9 Hannah Martin - 63kg #25 Nick Kossor -60kg #29 Brad Bolen - 66kg #96 Kyle Vashkulat - 100kg #111 Cammi Kaichi - 52kg #117 Tony Sangimino -81kg #196 Brice Rudat -90kg #217 Alex Turner - 73kg



**Nick Kossor** 

#### **US Sr. National Ranking Roster:**



Joe Martinez

#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 Leah Fisher -70kg #4 Tony Sangimino -81kg #4 Christie Woosley -78kg #5 Alex Turner -73kg #5 Jack Hatton -81kg #8 Dave Harris -66kg #8 Nick Irabli - +100kg #9 Ashley Hejlik-52kg #11 Haley Meara -48kg #14 Kyle Vashkulat - +100kg #17 Joe Martinez -60kg



**Tony Sangimino** 

# <u>US Jr. National Ranking Roster:</u>

#19 Tony Sangimino -90kg



Maria Dhami

#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**