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# IJF WORLD JUDO TOUR IN 2010

More than 35 Events throughout the World

With 38 Major Events (4 Grand Slam, 5 Grand Prix, 24 World Cups and 5 World Championships), IJF is present in 35 countries in all five continents, what proves once more the universality of the Judo Sport.



## May

07-09	Grand Prix	TUN	Tunis
15-16	World Cup	EGY	Cairo
22-23	Grand Slam	BRA	Rio de Janeiro
29-30	World Cup BRA m+w	BRA	Sao Paulo
25-30	2nd Otp Bank Kata & Grand Masters		
	World Championships	HUN	Budapest

## June

05-06	World Cup	ESP m / ROU w	Madrid / Bucharest
12-13	World Cup	POR m / EST w	Lisbon / Tallinn
TBC	World Cup	COL m+w	TBC
TBC	World Cup	VEN m+w	Isla de Margarita

## July

03-04	Grand Slam	RUS	Moscow
24-25	World Cup	MGL m+w	Ulaanbaatar

## August

14-15	OJU Continental	AUS	Canberra
21-25	Youth Olympic Games	SIN	Singapore
26-28	World Cup	USA m+w	Miami

## September

09-13	World Championships Senior + Open	JPN	Tokyo
25-26	World Cup	KAZ m / UZB w	Almata / Tashkent

## October

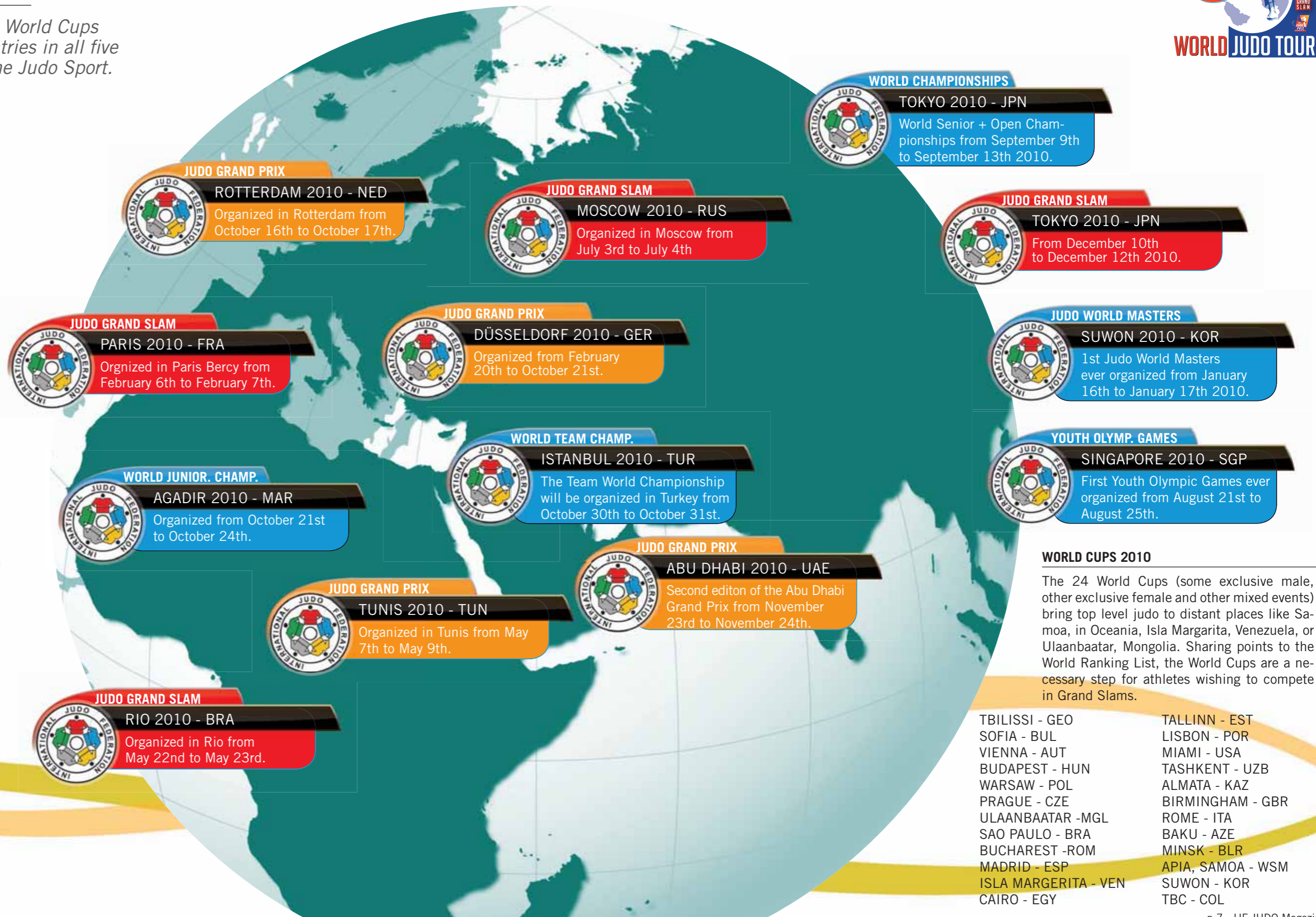
02-03	World Cup	ITA m / GBR w	Rome / Birmingham
09-10	World Cup	BLR m / AZE w	Minsk / Baku
16-17	Grand Prix	NED	Rotterdam
21-24	World Championships Junior	MAR	Agadir
30-31	World Championships Team	TUR	Istanbul

## November

12-13	World Cup	SAM m+w	Apia
13-16	Asian Games		
	JUA Continental	CHN	Guangzhou
23-24	Grand Prix	UAE	Abu Dhabi

## December

03-04	World Cup	KOR m+w	Suwon
10-12	Grand Slam	JPN	Tokyo
18-19	Grand Prix	CHN	Qingdao
	Jun TBC World Cup	COL m+w	TBC



## WORLD CUPS 2010

The 24 World Cups (some exclusive male, other exclusive female and other mixed events) bring top level judo to distant places like Samoa, in Oceania, Isla Margarita, Venezuela, or Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Sharing points to the World Ranking List, the World Cups are a necessary step for athletes wishing to compete in Grand Slams.

TBILISSI - GEO	TALLINN - EST
SOFIA - BUL	LISBON - POR
VIENNA - AUT	MIAMI - USA
BUDAPEST - HUN	TASHKENT - UZB
WARSAW - POL	ALMATA - KAZ
PRAGUE - CZE	BIRMINGHAM - GBR
ULAANBAATAR - MGL	ROME - ITA
SAO PAULO - BRA	BAKU - AZE
BUCHAREST - ROM	MINSK - BLR
MADRID - ESP	APIA, SAMOA - WSM
ISLA MARGERITA - VEN	SUWON - KOR
CAIRO - EGY	TBC - COL



## WORLD CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Budapest • 06/08/2009 to 09/08/2009

*Education makes better judoka : when Jigoro Kano founded judo some 130 years ago, Education was one of the pillars, alongside with Sport. Discipline and respect are key words for real judokas.*



There is a big hope that judo will continue to be such a fascinating sport as it is today. From what could be seen in Budapest during the first IJF World Cadet Championships, young talented athletes are coming under the spotlight for the delight of the sport's fans.

Beautiful uchimata like the ones performed by Ryosuke Igarashi (-90kg) to win all his five contests with the same technique, great judo fights as seen in the -57kg final between Brazilian Flavia Gomes and Yuri Okamoto (JPN), 22 countries with medals (among 74 participating nations)... a breath of fresh air for world judo.

"It is great to see that most of the countries and Continental Unions are really working for

developing judo. That's our future", comments the Head of the Education Commission at the International Judo Federation (IJF), Mr. Mohamed Meridja, reminding that the IJF President, Mr. Marius Vizer, has been carrying on development projects in several places, helping them improve the sport with not only financial but also technical support, what also touches the young categories of the sport. Japan, Russia, Korea, Brazil and Italy were the top five nations at the medals table: 11 medals for Japan (with six world champions), 10 for Russia (five gold), 6

for Korea (two gold), 5 for Brazil (one gold) and 3 for Italy (one gold).

"Also countries that are not in the medal table showed an impressive judo, with nice techniques. We had good surprises like Kuwait, Peru, Venezuela... Denmark with one bronze... It was a very high quality event in terms of technical level and also organization", says IJF Head Sports Director, Mr. Vladimír Bárta.



All medal winning countries are eligible to take part at the Youth Olympic Games, to be held in Singapore in August 2010. According to the rules of the YOC, each nation can be represented maximum by one boy and one girl in the judo competition. The country invitation quota will be sent by IJF to the National Olympic Committees and National Judo Federations in the coming weeks. Once received the letter, the countries need to confirm their participation in the event. There are 104 places to be allocated as follows: 2 to the host country (one per gender), 64 through World Championships (32 per gender) and 38 universality places (19 per gender). Athletes must be born between 1st January 1993 and

31st December 1994. Four male and four female categories will have competition in Singapore 2010, where also a mixed team event will take place. Male categories are -55kg, -66kg, -81kg, -100kg, while female categories will be -44kg, -52kg, -63kg and -78kg •

Reported by Manoela Penna, IJF Media Director







# MEN'S FINALS

IGARASHI, Ryosuke (JPN) - NIKIFOROV, Toma (BEL)



LEE, Jae-Hyung (KOR) - SILVA, Henrique (BRA)



FUJISAWA, Seiken (JPN) - GATAYEV, Jeyhun (AZE)



GADZHIEV, Sakhavat (RUS) - CHAE, Jun-Hee (KOR)



KHALMURZAEV, Khasan (RUS) - TOTH, Krisztian (HUN)



TAKATO, Naohisa (JPN) - MACHADO, Matheus (BRA)



**+90kg**  
KRIVOBOKOV, Anton (RUS) - KHAKHALEISHVILI, Rostomi (GEO)

**-66kg**  
KHAMKHOEV, Arbi (RUS) - JALILOV, Jalil (AZE)





# WOMEN'S FINALS

TASHIRO, Miku (JPN) - MATNIYAZOVA, Gulnoza (UZB)



-63kg



-44kg

MORISHITA, Mai (JPN) - POP, Alexandra (ROU)



-40kg

NIZAMOVA, Venera (RUS) - BAE, Seul-bi (KOR)



-52kg

LI, Ning (CHN) - LEE, Eun-Ju (PRK)

GOMES, Flávia (BRA) - OKAMOTO, Yuri (JPN)



-57kg



+70kg

YU, Ji-yeon (KOR) - FUJIWARA, Emi (JPN)



-70kg

FERRARI, Valeria (ITA) - MANSOUR, Lola (BEL)



-48kg

ENDO, Hiromi (JPN) - GIUFFRIDA, Odette (ITA)



# RESULTS MEN

## -50 kg

1. GADZHIEV, Sakhatvat	RUS
2. CHAE, Jun-hee	KOR
3. ATANOV, Dmytro	UKR
3. HOFFMANN, Steffen	GER
5. BAGHIROV, Kamran	AZE
5. RIVADULLA, Pedro	ESP
7. KVIRIKASHVILI, Lasha	GEO
7. YADAV, Subash	IND

## -55 kg

1. FUJISAWA, Seiken	JPN
2. GATAYEV, Jeyhun	AZE
3. AGIBAYEV, Kairat	KAZ
3. BUZUK, Roman	RUS
5. MUMINKHUJAEV, Mansurkhuja	UZB
5. VITKAUSKAS, Kestutis	LTU
7. ANTAR, Abdulrahman	YEM
7. VUKICEVIC, Marko	SRB

## -60 kg

1. TAKATO, Naohisa	JPN
2. MACHADO, Matheus	BRA
3. HEYON, Song-Chul	PRK
3. TUGUSHI, Beka	GEO
5. GHAZARYAN, Davit	ARM
5. VISAN, Vlad	ROU
7. MARIAC, Alexandre	FRA
7. NONGMEIKAPAM, Romen S.	IND

## -66 kg

1. KHAMKHOEV, Arbi	RUS
2. JALILOV, Jalil	AZE
3. CAI, Hong Phuc	DEN
3. KWAK, Bong-ju	KOR
5. MOUSTOPOULOS, Roman	GRE
5. SCHNEIDER, Max	USA
7. KIM, Gum-Song	PRK
7. OTGONBAYAR, Dulguun	MGL

## -73 kg

1. KHALMURZAEV, Khasan	RUS
2. TOTH, Krisztian	HUN
3. GREITER, Michael	AUT
3. NTANATSIDIS, Alexios	GRE
5. SERRAO, Ricardo	BRA
5. TAVAKALYAN, Mher	ARM
7. DE LUCA, Alessandro	ITA
7. LUKACS, Arnold	ROU

## -81 kg

1. LEE, Jae-hyung	KOR
2. SILVA, Henrique	BRA
3. DZARMOTOV, Alikhan	RUS
3. EFEMGIL, Batuhan	TUR
5. HORVATH, Adrian	HUN
5. SZAKACS, Arpad	SVK
7. FERREY MONDESIR, Mewen	FRA
7. PFISTERMUELLER, Peter	AUT

## -90 kg

1. IGARASHI, Ryosuke	JPN
2. NIKIFOROV, Toma	BEL
3. GASHIMOV, Magomedrasul	RUS
3. PIEPKE, Marius	GER
5. GARCIA MENDOSA, Alex	CUB
5. GLUSAC, Mateja	SRB
7. MONTE, Delan	BRA
7. TOKTOGONOV, Bolot	KGZ

## +90 kg

1. KRIVOBOKOV, Anton	RUS
2. KHAKHALEISHVILI, Rostomi	GEO
3. DION, Alexis	FRA
3. ENDO, Tsubasa	JPN
5. KIM, Hyeon-cheol	KOR
5. MAMISTVALOV, Yakov	ISR
7. BURANKO, Oleg	KAZ
7. KERSTNER, Robert	HUN



# RESULTS WOMEN

## -40 kg

1. NIZAMOVA, Venera	RUS
2. BAE, Seul-bi	KOR
3. ADACHI, Saori	JPN
3. KUNITZ, Andrea	GER
5. GUL, Gundogdu	TUR
5. SILAGHI, Antonia	ROU
7. DAMYAANOVA, Yoana	BUL
7. VALNOVA, Vita	BLR

## -44 kg

1. MORISHITA, Mai	JPN
2. POP, Alexandra	ROU
3. DEMINTSEVA, Evgeniya	RUS
3. BOMBARA, Angelina	ITA
5. PRINCE, Laura	NED
5. VELAZQUES, Lesly Cano	PER
7. BATIZI, Barbara	HUN
7. CHIBANA, Gabriela	BRA

## -48 kg

1. ENDO, Hiromi	JPN
2. GIUFFRIDA, Odette	ITA
3. DMITRIEVA, Anna	RUS
3. ROSSO, Julia	FRA
5. BOUYSSOU, Katelyn	USA
5. GUICA, Ecaterina	CAN
7. MOORS, Lien	BEL
7. RASINSKA, Maja	POL

## -52 kg

1. LI, Ning	CHN
2. LEE, Eun-Ju	PRK
3. MIYAKAWA, Takumi	JPN
3. HUCK, Christine	AUT
5. SHOR, Rotem	ISR
5. NORTAN, Denise	NED
7. ILKIV, Nataliya	UKR
7. MATEI, Cristina	ROU

## -57 kg

1. GOMES, Flávia	BRA
2. OKAMOTO, Yuri	JPN
3. CHOI, Eun-sol	KOR
3. WANG, Yalin	CHN
5. DZYUNZYAK, Nadiya	UKR
5. INCEDAYI, Dilara	TUR
7. KAMANO, Marie Noelle	ITA
7. PATTON, Carly	USA

## -63 kg

1. TASHIRO, Miku	JPN
2. MATNIYAZOVA, Gulnoza	UZB
3. MATIC, Barbara	CRO
3. LUYCKFASSEEL, Lise	BEL
5. ZHAO, Yalin	CHN
5. KRIUKOVA, Iana	UKR
7. KISS, Barbara	HUN
7. PARK, Kyoung-Hui	PRK

## -70 kg

1. FERRARI, Valeria	ITA
2. MANSOUR, Lola	BEL
3. KUBIN, Natalia	GER
3. NERY, Tainā	BRA
5. RENAUD-ROY, Alix	CAN
5. UCHIO, Yuki	JPN
7. PANDI, Karola	ROU
7. SHADDEN, Kadee	USA

## +70 kg

1. YU, Ji-yeon	KOR
2. FUJIWARA, Emi	JPN
3. SOARES, Samanta	BRA
3. WEISS, Carolin	GER
5. PRIDANNIKOVA, Anna	RUS
5. DARCHUK, Kseniya	UKR
7. CREAVALLE, Jaya	CAN
7. MOHOROVIC, Doris	CRO





The International Judo Federation had the honor and the pleasure to welcome John Goodbody as special guest to write articles for the IJF Web-site during the last World Championships in Rotterdam 2009. Goodbody is a professional journalist, now largely working for The Sunday Times in London, having been Sports News Correspondent of The Times between 1986 and 2007, for whom he won a number of awards, including Sports Reporter of the Year in 2001. Goodbody has covered the last 11 Olympic Games (since 1968) and has written several books on the Games, including being asked by the International Olympic Committee to write The Olympic Movement, published in 2004. Judo has always been one of his specialities and he has covered international judo since 1966, including many world championships and European Championships. Goodbody was a member of the British national squad as a competitor in 1970 and is now coach at The Budokwai in London, the oldest club in continuous existence in Europe.



## WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Rotterdam • 26/08/2009 to 30/08/2009

*Although the first day of the World Senior Championships provided an opening session of unprecedented shocks, Asia and Europe, the two strongest continents in the sport, still grabbed all the 12 medals when the first three weight categories were decided in Rotterdam.*

### DAY 1

With 100 countries sending athletes to the event, the championships emphasised just how global the sport has become as fighters tussled for supremacy.

Japan's dismay at the early defeat of Masato Uchishiba, the double Olympic under 66 kilos champion, was partially compensated by the victory in the women's Under 48 kilos division, the smallest in the sport, of Tomoko Fukumi, successor to the legendary Ryoki Tani, seven times world champion, who is pregnant. In the other two classes decided today, Mongolia's Tsagaanbaatar Hashbaatar finished first in the under 66 kilos and Georgii Zantaraia of the Ukraine got the gold medal in the under 60s kgs.

This lightest division of the men's competition was blown apart by a series of upsets. Min-Ho Choi of Korea, the Olympic champion, lost in his second bout, while Ludwig Paischer, of Austria, the runner-up in Beijing last year, went out in his first bout. Another early casualty was the Dutchman, Ruben Houkes, the title-holder, beaten by the Brazilian born and Canadian citizen Sergio Pessoa. Houkes lamented: It has been a horrible day. Pessoa is a real judoka but it was a match I should not have lost.

I wanted to let him become tired but I didn't get into the fight. There are so many judokas in this weight class who can beat each other.

So it proved. None of the four medallists were

on the podium in Beijing last year, with Zantaraia getting the gold medal. In the final, he locked in close to the shorter Japanese, Hiroaki Hiraoka and dumped him with a kosotogake that landed his opponent flat on his back for ippon. The Ukrainian said afterwards: My second place in the European Championships gave me a lot of confidence and I prepared carefully for this event, visiting several training camps. Today I felt confidence in each bout and I won each of my matches by ippon. The bronze medals went to Hovhannes Davtyan of Armenia and, surprisingly but deservedly, Elio Verde of Italy.

The men's under 66 kilos threw up almost as many upsets. Uchishiba lost to Mirali Sharipov of Uzbekistan saying: Today, my will to succeed wasn't strong enough. Benjamin Darbelet, of France, who lost the final to the Japanese in Beijing and has won five European Championship medals, also went out early. This helped clear the way for the Mongolian Khashbaatar Tsagaanbaatar, wearing a belt with the word 17 Champion embossed on the back, finally to get the title and indeed the

medal --for which he has craved for so long, having fought in this event since 2003. This year, he has taken part in three different categories, winning the Grand Slam in Moscow. In the final today, he scored a wazari to de-

feat Sugoi Uriarte of Spain. The bronze medals went to Miklos Ungvari of Hungary and the Korean Jeong-Hwan An, who defeated the Russian Alim Gadanov on a passivity point in extra-time.



In the women's under 48 kilos, Frederique Jossinet, the highly experienced French fighter and an Olympic silver-medallist in 2004, lost to Olana Blanco of Spain but got a bronze medal from the repechage, together

with Korea's Jung-Yeon Chung. The final was between Fukumi and Blanco, which the Japanese won with a superb drop left-handed morote-seionage, falling to her knees and hurling the Spaniard over her shoulder to the mat for a wazari. This was enough to win the contest. She said afterwards: «This is the best feeling you can ever have and I am determined to win more gold medals in the future».

### DAY 2

Ki-Chung Wang, of Korea, retained his under 73 kilos title as Asian countries took two of the three gold medals on the second day of the World Judo Championships in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, today.

The brilliant 20 year-old climaxed his year of dominance in international competition with a controlled performance in the final over Choi





Su Kim, of the People's Republic of Korea. In the two women's decided today, Japan's Misato Nakamura took the under 52 kilos while Morgane Ribout gave France their first gold medal of the tournament with a solid display in the under 57 kilos.

Wang, now 20, had become the second youngest world champion in history two years ago by beating Elnur Mammadli in Rio de Janeiro, although he lost the Olympic final to the Azerbaijani in Beijing. This year, Wang has been supreme, finishing first in the Grand Prix of Tokyo, the Grand Slams in Paris and Moscow, as well as winning the World Student Games title in July. And with Mammadli absent today, he was never seriously troubled to climax his year of success.

He displayed the most dazzling throw in the morning's preliminaries, uprooting the Canadian Nicholas Tritton with an immaculate uchimata for ippon. In the final, against his fellow Korean, he was ahead with a shido before producing a taiotoshi for yuko. This was a movement that would have been worth a bigger score but he didn't quite get close enough to Kim with his own body to ensure a smoother and more forceful action.

Wang said afterwards: I have never fought him before. I was really nervous but I focussed really hard.

Once you are on the tatami, it does not matter where your opponent comes from. There was no turning point in the match, I just concentrated all the time.

The bronze medals went to Dirk Van Tichelt of Belgium, who briefly got a holding of mune-gatame on his opponent, Sezer Huysuz, of Turkey in the third-place match. Although the Turk squirmed free, the Belgian earned enough from the hold to get the lead with a yuko which he never lost. The other bronze medal went to Mansur Isaev of Russia, who defeated Rinat Ibragimov of Kazakhstan with a hold.

In the final of the women's under 57 kilos, Morgane Ribout of France, second this year



in the Tournoi de Paris and third in the European Championships, showed what a formidable fighter she has become. She defeated Telma Monteiro of Portugal, whose form has been impressive since moving up to the under 57 kilos after a superb career including two European titles at under 52 kgs. The Portuguese constantly used leg grabs, so much so that she got penalised by the referee. Ribout, using uchimata as her main attack, did enough to get the title.

The bronze medals went to Hedvig Karakas of Hungary, who upset Kaori Matsumoto, the pretournament favourite from Japan, after 14 seconds with a neat leg grab and Kifayat Gasimova of Azerbaijan, who threw Rafaela Silva of Brazil with oguruma. Matsumoto had earlier put out Giulia Quintevalle, the Olympic champion from Italy.

The Japanese had some compensation for the defeat of Matsumoto in the under 52 kilos class. Here Misato Nakamura took the gold medal with a left osotogake, which downed

her opponent in the final, Yanet Bermoy, on the edge of the mat for wazari. The Cuban was unable to recover and had to settle for second place. The bronze medals went to Ana Carrascono of Spain and Romy Tarangul of Germany. Carrascono won her last contest by a leg grab on the edge of the mat, just tipping over her opponent, Song Hui Jo of the People's Republic of Korea onto her back. Tarangul produced a neat uchimata to hurl China's Hongmei He, her opponent, for ippon in the bronze medal bout.



**DAY 3**

Two thunderous throws from Japan's Yoshie Ueno and Russia's Ivan Nifontov won the finals of the women's under 63 kilos and the men's under 81 kilos class respectively on the third day of the World Judo Championships in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, today.

With only two categories being decided today, it needed something special to excite the crowd in the Ahoy arena and Ueno certainly provided that with a dazzling display of throwing, using her osotogari to destroy the

opposition, showing the same dominance as her elder sister, Masae, the double Olympic champion, used to do.

On her way to the final, Ueno bowled over in succession, Svitlana Chepurina of the Ukraine, Ivana Komlosiova of Slovakia and Ja-Young Kong of Korea. In the final, she met the local favourite, Elisabeth Willeboordse, the much taller Dutch girl, who had just survived a rugged semi-final against Urska Zolnir, which went to the officials' decision after the three regulatory minutes of extra-time. It was unanimous, largely because of the Willeboordse's greater aggression.

In the final, therefore, Ueno faced a test of character with most of the crowd desperate to see their favourite win the title. Watched, among other celebrated fighters, by Anton Geesink, the giant Dutchman, who, in the 1961 world championships, broke Japan's domination of the sport, and Yasuhiro Yamashita, the great Japanese heavyweight, Ueno began carefully. Much shorter than her opponent, Ueno suddenly launched her left osotogari, which downed Willeboordse for a wazari. Ueno's complete bodily commitment was a textbook example of how to do the technique. The Dutch girl, taken by surprise at the way Ueno followed through into newaza, was then unable to escape the kesagatame, which Ueno clamped on for a second wazari and victory.

Ueno said afterwards: I knew my opponent had previously had a tough match to get into the final but I did not think she was exhausted, when she was up against me. I was really able to enjoy my judo today and this boosted my confidence. Having my room-mate Misato Nakamura win a gold medal in the under 52 kilos made me want one too. Asked about the support of the crowd for Willeboordse, she replied: Yes, it was certainly an 19 away match but I do better in 19 away matches.

The bronze medals went to Alice Schlesinger of Israel, only the fifth medal the country has won in the World Championships, and Claudia Malzahn of Germany. Schlesinger won on a penalty

point, incurred by her opponent, Vera Koval of Russia, while Malzahn held down Urska Zolnir of Slovenia for ippon.

The men's final between Nifontov and Siarhei Shundzikau of Belorussia began so tediously that the crowd began slow hand-clapping. Penalty warnings were distributed to both fighters and then suddenly the bout exploded into life. Nifontov reached over his opponent's back and grabbed his belt and then rolled him over with tomoenage for ippon. Nifontov paid credit to the intensive training he had undergone, saying afterwards: We now have lots of training camps and we almost don't rest any more.



medallist, Ole Bischof, of Germany, who had looked impressive earlier in the day. However, in a tussle on the ledge of the mat, Nifontov grabbed his opponent's leg. The German got it clear and then counterattacked with an ashiwaza, only for the Russian to sweep the German's feet from under him. It was a splendid piece of reaction judo.

Bischof said afterwards: I countered. He then counter-counterred and suddenly you are on your back. That's judo. I hit my head on the ground and I was dizzy afterwards. He will now have a holiday in Turkey to recover from the event. Bischof eventually took the bronze medal, with the other going to Jae-Burn Kim of Korea, who armlocked the Italian Antonio Ciano with jujigatame for third place.

**DAY 4**

An Asian, a South American and a European grabbed the gold medals in the 26th World Championships today, emphasising the global reach of judo as 100 countries battled for glory in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

The men's under 90 kilos title went to Korean Kyu-Won Lee, while among the women Yuri Alvear, the Pan American champion, won Colombia's first medal, let alone gold medal, in the history of the event by finishing first in the under 70kilos class.

However, the day's fighting was climaxed by the victory of the home favourite, Marhinde Verkerk, who sent most





of the capacity crowd in the Ahoy Arena into raptures, when she twice downed the Ukrainian Maryna Pryshchepa with right ippon seionage to win the under 78 kilos final. Verkerk, a silver medallist in the 2009 Paris Grand Slam tournament, when she lost to the veteran star Celine Lebrun of France a disappointment this Saturday, failing even to get a medal was too persistently boisterous for the Ukrainian, who seemed overwhelmed by the occasion. The spectators screamed support for the Dutch girl, who was never seriously troubled by her opponent, impressive in earlier bouts with her aggression and range of movement.



In the semi-final, Verkerk had defeated Esther San Miguel on passivity while Pryshchepa had pulled off a neat throw on the German Heide Wollert, catching her left leg and then sliding her hand down to the ankle and tipping her

opponent onto her back. Wollert held down Lebrun, World Open champion in 2001, with tateshihogatame for one bronze medal while the Chinese Yi Sun scored with uchimata on San Miguel for the other.

Alvear's victory was remarkable in what was a very open category, especially after the early defeat of the favourite Lucie Decosse of France, the premier competitor this year having moved up from the under 63 kilos where she won the world title two years ago and an Olympic silver medal in 2008. In the semi-final, Alvear upset the Italian Erica Barbieri with a counter throw and then in the final, against Anett

Meszaros of Hungary, the former World and European junior champion, she produced a dazzling performance. Already ahead on knockdowns, she settled the contest three seconds from time. Using a superb morotegari,

she snatched at her opponent's legs, pulled them towards her while driving her own hips forward to land the Hungarian flat on her back.

She said afterwards: I felt very strong throughout the contest and I thought I could make it, although my country is not a leading nation in judo. The bronze medals went to Houda Miled of Tunisia and Japan's Mina Watanabe, with the podium having representatives from four different continents, the first time ever in the history of women's events at the world championships. Watanabe admitted afterwards: To be honest I am not really satisfied with myself. I did not perform to my usual self. I need to be more proactive during the match and I also need more techniques, not only major ones but also minor ones.

In the men's under 90 kilos class, Kyu-Won Lee of Korea brought off his favourite left seionage for ippon on the Russian Kirill Denisov, who had earlier looked dominant in all his bouts, although he had difficulty against Dilshod Choriev in the semi-final, only winning with three seconds left. Lee said afterwards:

Of course, I wanted a medal but actually I did not expect it to be the gold. I am really delighted that I could win with exactly the technique which I wanted to use.

Choriev took one bronze medal with a lovely left kosotogari, dumping the Spaniard David Alarza to the mat for a clear ippon. The other third place went to Hesham Mesbah, of Egypt, who threw Milan Randl of Slovakia with yokotomoenage.

#### DAY 5

Teddy Riner, of France, today successfully defended his heavyweight title after a lacklustre final in the over 100 kilos, which unfortunately ended a magnificent world championships in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on a dull note, a contrast to much of the excitement over the previous five days.

Riner, who surprisingly only finished third at the Beijing Olympics, took the most prized title from the 100-nation tournament, which saw the Japanese men fail to win a gold medal for the first time since the event began in

1956. In the final, the Frenchman met Oscar Bryson, of Cuba, who in the semi-final had beaten Abdullo Tangriev of Uzbekistan, the conqueror of Riner in the Olympics. Neither fighter attacked with any persistency, both got first warnings for passivity and then three seconds from the end, Bryson got a second warning to give Riner the title.

In the semi-final, Riner had defeated Marius Paskevicius of Lithuania, when he countered a haraigoshi. Paskevicius and Tangriev got the bronze medals.

The women's heavyweight final was one-sided. Wen Tong, of China, the defending world and Olympic over 78 kilos champion, quickly got the experienced Karina Bryant, a multiple world and European medallist, in trouble in newaza but the Briton eventually escaped. Tong tried her right seionage on the much taller Bryant but this was blocked. Bryant was then warned for passivity and the fighters moved to the edge of the mat, where Tong again launched her seionage which rolled the Briton over for ippon.

Tong, the only reigning Olympic champion either male or female to win a title here, said afterwards: I have achieved a lot in the sport but my goal is to prove it each time and to keep progressing, to become better and better. I felt comfortable with all my opponents. I want to defend my world title and so I attacked in each match. My ambition is now to win the Asian Games title in Guangzhou.

Bryant said: I feel great. I have had a good year because I did not expect to be here. I have working especially on my footwork for many months.

The bronze medals in the over 78 kilos went to Idalis Ortiz Boucourt of Cuba and Maki Tsukada of Japan. Tsukada said afterwards: When Tomoko Fukumi won the gold medal on the first day, I was really happy for her. We went to the same high school. This made me want to win a medal myself but unfortunately I lost to Tong in my third bout. This is such a disappointment (she had also lost to the Chinese fighter in the Olympics and last two world championships) but I told myself never to give up and hang in there and so I got the bronze.

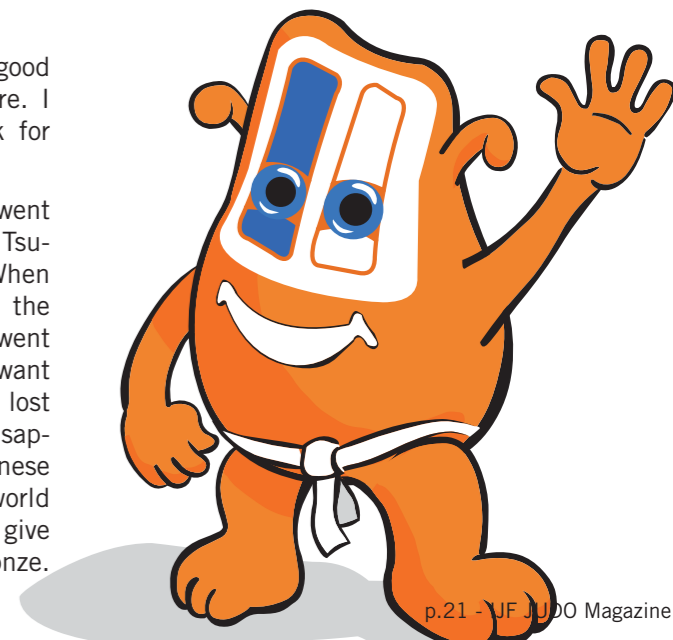


Next year, the world championships will be in Japan and I am determined to get my revenge there.

In the under 100 kilos final, the local favourite Henk Grol, the Olympic bronze medallist, was thrown with a perfect seionage by Maxim Rakov of Kazakhstan. Rakov tucked himself under the Dutchman, who tried to block the movement by stretching out his right arm, only for Rakov to grab it, pull it under him and somersault Grol onto the mat for ippon. Rakov said afterwards: It was not difficult to fight the gold medal match against a Dutchman in the Netherlands. This was my revenge match. I have lost against him before at the junior championships but

this time I won.

The pre-tournament favourite was Takamasa Anai of Japan, billed as the successor to the great Kosei Inoue, three times winner of this title, after winning the All Japan title and the Grand Slam in Paris this year. However, he lost to Elmar Gasimov of Azerbaijan after missing with an ankle sweep and then being tumbled to the mat with hand throw. Anai won one bronze medal throwing Artem Bloshenko with a counter osotogake, while the other bronze medal went to Ramadan Darwish of Egypt •





# MEN'S FINALS

RINER, Teddy (FRA) - BRYSON, Oscar (CUB)



+100kg

-90kg



LEE, Kyu-Won (KOR) - DENISOV, Kirill (RUS)

NIFONTOV, Ivan (RUS) - SHUNDZIKAU, Siarhei (BLR)



-81kg

WANG, Ki-Chun (KOR) - KIM, Chol Su (PRK)



-73kg

-100kg

RAKOV, Maxim (KAZ) - GROL, Henk (NED)

-60kg

ZANTARAIA, Georgii (UKR) - HIRAOKA, Hiroaki (JPN)

-66kg

HASHBAATAR, Tsagaanbaatar (MGL) - URIARTE, Sugoï (ESP)





# WOMEN'S FINALS

NAKAMURA, Misato (JPN) - BERMOY, Yanet (CUB)



-52kg



-48kg

FUKUMI, Tomoko (JPN) - BLANCO, Oiana (ESP)



-78kg

VERKERK, Marhinde (NED) - PRYSHCHEPA, Maryna (UKR)



-70kg

ALVEAR, Yuri (COL) - MESZAROS, Anett (HUN)



-63kg

UENO, Yoshie (JPN) - WILLEBOORDSE, Elisabeth (NED)



-57kg

RIBOUT, Morgane (FRA) - MONTEIRO, Telma (POR)



# RESULTS MEN

## -60 kg

1.ZANTARAIA, Georgii	UKR
2. HIRAOKA, Hiroaki	JPN
3.DAVTYAN, Hovhannes	ARM
3.VERDE, Elio	ITA
5. KHERGIANI, Nestor	GEO
5. SARLAK, Vahid	IRI
7. GUEDEZ, Javier	VEN
7. PETRIKOV, Pavel	CZE

## -66 kg

1.HASHBAATAR, Tsagaanbaatar	MGL
2. URIARTE, Sugo	ESP
3.AN, Jeong-Hwan	KOR
3.UNGVARI, Miklos	HUN
5. FASIE, Dan	ROU
5. GADANOV, Alim	RUS
7. SCVORTOV, Victor	MDA
7.SHARIPOV, Mirali	UZB

## -73 kg

1.WANG, Ki-Chun	KOR
2.KIM, Chol Su	PRK
3.ISAEV, Mansur	RUS
3.VAN TICHELT, Dirk	BEL
5.HUYSUZ, Sezer	TUR
5.IBRAGIMOV, Rinat	KAZ
7.UEMATSU, Kiyoshi	ESP
7.UNGVARI, Attila	HUN

## -81 kg

1.NIFONTOV, Ivan	RUS
2.SHUNDZIKAU, Stiarhei	BLR
3.BISCHOF, Ole	GER
3.KIM, Jae-Bum	KOR
5.CIANO, Antonio	ITA
5.MRVALJEVIC, Srdjan	MNE
7.CLERGET, Axel	FRA
7.KELLER, Christoph	SUI

## -90 kg

1.LEE, Kyu-Won	KOR
2.DENISOV, Kirill	RUS
3.CHORIEV, Dilshod	UZB
3.MESBAH, Hesham	EGY
5.ALARZA, David	ESP
5.RANDL, Milan	SVK
7.HISCHIER, Dominique	SUI
7.TOMA, Sergiu	MDA

## -100 kg

1.RAKOV, Maxim	KAZ
2.GROL, Henk	NED
3.ANAI, Takamasa	JPN
3.DARWISH, Ramadan	EGY
5.BLOSHENKO, Artem	UKR
5.GASIMOV, Elmar	AZE
7.BATTULGA, Temuulen	MGL
7.BORODAVKO, Jevgenijs	LAT

## +100 kg

1.RINER, Teddy	FRA
2.BRYSON, Oscar	CUB
3.PASKEVICIUS, Marius	LTU
3.TANGRIEV, Abdullo	UZB
5.HERNANDES, Daniel	BRA
5.PADAR, Martin	EST
7.DORJPALAM, Gankhuyag	MGL
7.TOELZER, Andreas	GER



## Beijing 2008 Olympic Medallists in Rotterdam

-48kg: 3 judoka, 1 medal (Bermoy, CUB, silver 52)
-52kg: 1 judoka, 1 medal (Nakamura, JPN, bronze)
-57kg: 2 judoka, 0 medal
-63kg: 2 judoka, 1 medal (Willeboordse, NED, bronze)
-70kg: 1 judoka, 0 medal
-78kg: 1 judoka, 0 medal
+78kg: 4 judoka, 3 medal
Total: 14 judoka, 6 medals

Three of the seven Olympic champions were fighting in Rotterdam.

-60kg: 4 judoka, 0
-66kg: 3 judoka, 0
-73kg: 2 judoka, 1
-81kg: 3 judoka, 2 Kin, KOR, bronze)
-90kg: 2 judoka, 1
-100kg: 1 judoka, 1 medal
+100kg: 3 judoka, 3 medals (Tangriev, UZB, bronze, Brayson, CUB, silver, Riner, FRA, gold)
Total: 18 judoka, 8 medals

Four of the seven Olympic champions were fighting in Rotterdam. But only Bischof (GER, 81kg) won medal: bronze. Choi (KOR, 60kg) lost in the second round, Uchishiba (JPN, 66kg) lost also his second fight, and Tsirekidze (GEO, 90kg) was out in the first combat in the 100kg division.

## World 2007 Medallists in Rotterdam

-48kg: 3 judoka, 2 medals (Bermoy, CUB, silver 52kg, Jossinet, FRA, bronze)
-52kg: 1 judoka, 1 medal (Monteiro, POR, silver 57kg)
-57kg: 0
-63kg: 2 judoka, 1 medal (Willeboordse, NED, bronze)
-70kg: 2 judoka, 1 medal (Mészáros, HUN, bronze)
-78kg: 2 judoka, 0 medal
+78kg: 3 judoka, 2 medals
Total: 13 judoka, 7 medals

-60kg: 4 judoka, 0 medal
-66kg: 1 judoka, 1 medal (Ungvári, HUN, bronze)
-73kg: 1 judoka, 1 medal (Wang, KOR, gold)
-81kg: 3 judoka, 0 medal
-90kg: 2 judoka, 0 medal
-100kg: 4 judoka, 0 medal
+100kg: 1 judoka, 1 medal (Riner, FRA, gold)
Total: 16 judoka, 3 medals

## Ippon Statistics in Rotterdam

-48kg: 34 fights	19 ippon (56%)
-52kg: 37 fights	16 ippon (43%)
-57kg: 51 fights	23 ippon (56%)
-63kg: 33 fights	18 ippon (55%)
-70kg: 30 fights	15 ippon (50%)
-78kg: 27 fights	10 ippon (37%)
+78kg: 27 fights	21 ippon (78%)
<b>Total: 229 fights</b>	<b>122 ippon (53%)</b>

-60kg: 49 fights	31 ippon (63%)
-66kg: 48 fights	26 ippon (54%)
-73kg: 65 fights	39 ippon (60%)
-81kg: 57 fights	34 ippon (59%)
-90kg: 48 fights	30 ippon (63%)
-100kg: 46 fights	31 ippon (67%)
+100kg: 32 fights	27 ippon (84%)
<b>Total: 351 fights</b>	<b>218 ippon (62%)</b>



# RESULTS WOMEN

## -48 kg

1.FUKUMI, Tomoko	JPN
2.BLANCO, Oiana	ESP
3.CHUNG, Jung-Yeon	KOR
3.JOSSINET, Frederique	FRA
5.DUMITRU, Alina	ROU
5.MENEZES, Sara	BRA
7.ENTE, Birgit	NED
7.LESHCHANKA, Volha	BLR

## -52 kg

1.NAKAMURA, Misato	JPN
2.BERMOY, Yanet	CUB
3.CARRASCOSA, Ana	ESP
3.TARANGUL, Romy	GER
5.HE, Hongmei	CHN
5.JO, Song Hui	PRK
7.BRAVIK, Kitty	NED
7.MUNKHBAATAR, Bundmaa	MGL

## -57 kg

1.RIBOUT, Morgane	FRA
2.MONTEIRO, Telma	POR
3.GASIMOVA, Kifayat	AZE
3.KARAKAS, Hedvig	HUN
5.MATSUMOTO, Kaori	JPN
5.SILVA, Rafaela	BRA
7.BIELAK, Malgorzata	POL
7.LIEN, Chen-Ling	TPE

## -63 kg

1.UENO, Yoshie	JPN
2.WILLEBOORDSE, Elisabeth	NED
3.MALZAHN, Claudia	GER
3.SCHLESINGER, Alice	ISR
5.KOVAL, Vera	RUS
5.ZOLNIR, Urska	SLO
7.CACHOLA, Ana	POR
7.KONG, Ja-Young	KOR

## -70 kg

1.ALVEAR, Yuri	COL
2.MESZAROS, Anett	HUN
3.MILED, Houda	TUN
3.WATANABE, Mina	JPN
5.BARBIERI, Erica	ITA
5.CONWAY, Sally	GBR
7.ROBRA, Juliane	SUI
7.SRAKA, Rasa	SLO

## -78 kg

1.VERKERK, Marhinde	NED
2.PRYSHCHEPA, Maryna	UKR
3.SUN, Yi	CHN
3.WOLLERT, Heide	GER
5.LEBRUN, Celine	FRA
5.SAN MIGUEL, Esther	ESP
7.ANTOMARCHI, Kaliema	CUB
7.COTTON, Amy	CAN

## +78 kg

1.TONG, Wen	CHN
2.BRYANT, Karina	GBR
3.ORTIZ BOUCURT, Idalis	CUB
3.TSUKADA, Maki	JPN
5.KOCATURK, Gulsah	TUR
5.KONITZ, Franziska	GER
7.PROKOFYEVA, Maryna	UKR
7.ZAMBOTTI, Vanessa	MEX



# WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

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*A breath of fresh air was hovering over the Pierre de Coubertin Stadium for the first day of the Junior World Championships in Paris 2009. This great world event is the occasion to test all the new refereeing rules..*

## Day 1

For example, having only one referee or the immediate sanction of direct attacks on one or both hands or with one or both arms below the belt.

This new regulation which is being tested in Paris is, without a doubt, a true revolution in the mentalities of the judo world. And what better time than a junior world championship, to change the judo world!

Thus, if the will to change judo globally, to make it more powerful and dynamic and therefore more spectacular is clearly displayed by both national and international leaders, it does not seem to have affected the young champions who met on the tatami throughout the day.

In the Pierre de Coubertin stadium which today gave off the ancient perfumes of performance, a new important page in the rich history of judo is now turning and there is no doubt that this 15th Junior World Championship is a landmark in the annals of our sport.

Four weight categories, two female categories (-44 and -48kg) and two male categories (-55 and -60kg), have been the earliest to test the new regulations.

In this context, Japan has earned the lion's share by trusting in the gold with 3 titles in 4 possible. Only the young Brazilian MENEZES succeeded in halting the Japanese leadership by winning the title in the -48kg, the silver medalist being of course... a Japanese (ENDO). Behind the Nippon fighters, medals were shared in a more equitable way, since only Turkey won two medals while Germany, Chile, Korea, Azerbaijan, Poland, Chinese Taipei, Mongolia,

France and Kazakhstan, respectively, all won a single medal.

This first historical day in many ways will have kept all its promises: new refereeing rules for a better quality. That is all the judokas and the public will remember. Sure that the second day of competition will also reveal its share of surprises and beautiful techniques.

## Day 2

After this second day of competition, an interesting first assessment of the establishment of new refereeing rules can already be drawn. In this context of a «revolutionary» approach to competitive judo, changes to the refereeing rules were tested here and the least we can say is that the overall impression is positive.

Strolling through the aisles of the Pierre de Coubertin stadium and listening to the many judo fans who made the trip this Friday to attend the competition, we could identify several key ideas that seemed to fuel most discussions. Anecdotally, the vast majority of spectators and competitors seemed happy to simply enjoy the atmosphere of this venue

so full of history, this temple of judo dedicated to the father of the modern Olympic Games: Pierre de Coubertin. But more interesting are all the comments, all the analyses of the famous new refereeing rules, which were present in everyone's mind. Here, one man is speaking

about the unique referee, there, someone is commenting on the forbidding to grab below the belt, and somewhere else there's talk about maintaining the score when extending into golden scoring at the end of the first four minutes of combat. Of course opinions are shared, but it is undeniable that the balance is favorably towards change.

The refereeing commission of the IJF can hear all these comments and it is pleased with all the reactions. They will allow IJF to build an even more effective system and once again, these rules are only here to be tested and they will probably evolve in the weeks and months ahead. Refocusing on judo based on its original values was necessary and that is what the IJF wanted. Of course, a number of techniques are likely to disappear in the future, in the form in which they are known (i.e. kataguruma), but this will be to the benefit of more aerial judo

and so much more enjoyable to watch. The change is abrupt, and for sure, many judoka still need to adapt, just as referees and spectators do. But what a pleasure it is to see these beautiful tai-otoshi or Sode-Tsuri-komi-goshi we tend to forget! Friday's competition

will have demonstrated that even at the junior level, it is possible to witness beautiful judo and combats that are not blocked from the beginning by positions that go against the spirit of our sport.



Of course, there are still two days of competition and only then will it be time to draw conclusions concerning the future of judo. Even if the trend is going in the direction of the decisions taken at this World Championship, nothing is fixed yet. This is the case, for example, in regards to the unique referee. This is really a test and a broad consultation will be conducted at the end of this championship to see if this option will be selected or not. Another rule which obviously is unanimous is the continuation of the scoring in the golden score. This makes possible to maintain an overview of the combat and does not cut it in two parts at the end of the first four minutes. In this atmosphere of reflection on the future of judo, the second day of competition will remain a great day for our sport. The sweet perfume of ippon filled the air in Paris on Friday for the -52 and -57kg for women and -66 and -73kg for men. In -52kg, we witnessed a historical moment with the victory of Majlinda Kelmendi, from Kosovo, who was competing with the IJF colours. After a flawless day of competition, she established herself in front of the surprising Shahar Levy (ISR), sending the young Japanese (Chiho Kagaya) and Turkish (Tugba Zehir) to the 3rd step of podium.

In -57kg, 5 victories were needed for the lovely Hedvig Karakas (HUN) to gain the supreme title, defeating in the final Juul Franssen from the Netherlands who has made a very strong impression so far. Once again, Japan was present on the podium, in third place, thus continuing its Parisian harvest. The remaining position on the podium was filled by Tina Trstenjak (SLO).

As for the two male categories, the Japanese appetite for medals dominated, seeing as in -66kg and -73kg, the two Nippon fighters, Morishita et Nishiyama, walked away with gold medals around their necks. The six remaining medals were worn by European judokas with a consolidation of shots by east-European athletes. -66kg: Grzegorz Lewinsky

(POL) 2nd, Zsolt Gorjanacz (HUN) and Kenneth Van Gansbeke (BEL) 3rd. -73kg: Vitali Popovych (UKR) 2nd, Thibault Draicius (FRA) and Lasha Zurabiani (GEO) 3rd.

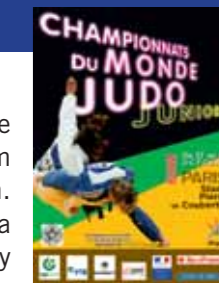
## Day 3

The Saturday was the third day of competition at the Pierre de Coubertin Stadium. Compared to Friday, the temperature had increased by a few degrees in proportion to the number of spectators who came to fill the stands.

When in the -81kg category, the French judoka, Pie-Tri, beat the Korean, Lee, during the semi-final, the «magic cauldron» woke up and warmed up its voice so that the entire stadium could once again smell the perfume of yesteryear that has made its charm since the early 60s. And what about when Lucie Perrot, also representing France, whose turn came up in the grand final? «Coubertin» was on the verge of explosion. It must be said that the Parisian public had been







waiting for this for three days: French judokas in the finals!

Yesterday, the -81 and -90kg categories for men, and -66kg and -70kg for women got their chance. The judo that was demonstrated was rougher and more powerful than what we saw the past two days. However, beautiful judo has undoubtedly made its comeback on the international stage and it is good to see. At the same time, day after day, judokas from all countries seem to adapt better and better to the new refereeing rules being tested in Paris.

In -63kg, the final looked like a great classic of international judo, with the traditional Korea vs. Japan. Sayuri YAMAMOTO, who eliminated all her rivals by winning all of her combats by ippon, also defeated Sea-Rom SONG with the same score. Unfortunately for the Korean, the young Japanese judokate was far above everybody yesterday.

In -70kg, over and over again for three days, the final placed a Japanese judoka in a position of honor : Haruka TACHIMOTO. She opposed the «regional» of the day, the French PERROT

who so far, had had a flawless competition. Unfortunately for Lucie, her world title dream remained out of reach for the time being; TACHIMOTO was too strong and technically too good. In a stunning surge, the Japanese marked one of the most beautiful ippons of the day. Japan has lost count of its gold medals - the harvest has been impressive.

However, among men yesterday, the domination of the country of the Rising Sun was undermined seeing as no Japanese were still able to mount the top step of the podium when the final block began. Only one bronze medal could still be hung around the necks of Nippon athletes, but they did not miss the opportunity to add two additional medals to their already full pouch.

The surprise came from the young Frenchman, PIETRI, and the Ukrainian, NHABALI, who respectively won the -81 and -90 categories. The final of the -81 got off to a highly rhythmed start, each of the two judokas deploying all their energy to try to find the weakness in their opponent's judo. In this game, PIETRI was the strongest and sent MA-

GOMEDOV (RUS) to the tatami with a superb throw which allowed him to win the much coveted Holy Grail. In the -90, NHABALI won the gold medal with a lot of mastery and could wear a broad smile on the podium during the last award ceremony of the day.

The floor is open to the heavyweights and we can wager that some more beautiful pages of international judo will again be written on the Coubertin tatamis.

Korean, HAN, were sent out of the preliminary rounds, an avenue opened for the title for the Czech, KRPALEK, who defeated the Pole, DO-MANSKI, in the final match. MOL (NED) and SAN MARTIN (ESP) left around their necks.

#### Final Day

The fourth and final day of competition at Coubertin, the curtain came down on this 15th judo Junior World Championship. And now it's time to draw conclusions. But first, 4 world champion titles still needed to be awarded for heavyweight categories (-78 and +78 kilo-

grams for women, -100 and +100 for men).

Despite the end of Daylight Savings which occurred during the night, all competitors were on time on Sunday morning to determine the new world rankings that will prevail until the 16th edition of the championship next year.

If one record can be retained at the end of these four days, it is the number of ippons that were marked. Between 70 and 80% of the combats were completed before the time limit during the Sunday morning session. The schedule was therefore disrupted by all the quick utchi-mata, ipon-seoi-nage or tai otoshi, giving the strange impression that for each throw, the quality of the controls was even better than during his previous round.

As usual, Japan showed its superiority by winning no less than eight titles among sixteen that were distributed during this world championship, a record that leaves other countries far behind, as the other eight gold medals were awarded to eight different countries (Ukraine, France, South Korea, Brazil, Hungary, Czech Republic, Bosnia- Herzegovina, IJF-Kosovo).

In women's -78kg, the representative of Japan, Akari OGATA, won the title against the surprising American, Kayka HARRISON; Germany (Luise MALZAHN) and Brazil (Mayra AGUIAR), took the two bronze medals, while the over 78 kilograms category were discerned upon the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Larisa CERIC. In the final, she defeated the Ukrainian, Iryna KINGZERSKA; Lithuania and Japan also stepped up to the podium.

In men's -100kg, the podium was 100% European. As TAKAGI from Japan and Korean, HAN, were sent out of the preliminary rounds, an avenue opened for the title for the Czech, KR- PALEK, who defeated the Pole, DO- MANSKI, in the final match. MOL (NED) and SAN MARTIN (ESP) left wearing beautiful bronze medals around their necks.

In the category over 100 kg which ended this junior judo festival, the successor of the French phenomenon, Teddy RINNER, who won the last world junior crown last year, was awaited. The torch has been taken by the Korean, CHO, while the Russian, NAZHMU-

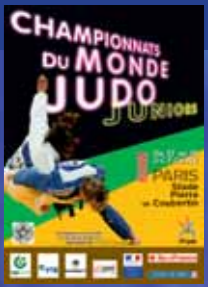
DINOV, was injured in the final and could not claim his medal on the podium. But the happiest judoka of the day was probably the Italian, DI GUIDA, who defeated the Japanese, TOYODA, for third place. The second bronze went to German, BREITBARTH.

The 15th Judo Junior World Championship came to an end with yet another outstanding day of judo. All of our sports fans were entertained for four days. One kilogram of technique, a fine zest of judo, a hint of madness, all embellished with respect were the main ingredients of the recipe for this magical World Junior Championship. The refereeing rules that were greatly changed in Paris will now be dissected, studied and analyzed to further refine and improve them. The judo world is currently negotiating a turning point for its future. In such a context, this competition has completely fulfilled its function •

*Reported by Nicolas Messner, IJF Media Director*







# MEN'S FINALS



**+100kg**

*CHO, Eun-Saem (KOR)  
NAZHMUDINOV, Magomed (RUS)*



**-90kg**

*NHABALI, Quedjau (UKR) - SHINJIKASHVILI, Archil (GEO)*



**-73kg**

*NISHIYAMA, Yuki (JPN) - POPOVYCH, Vitalii (UKR)*



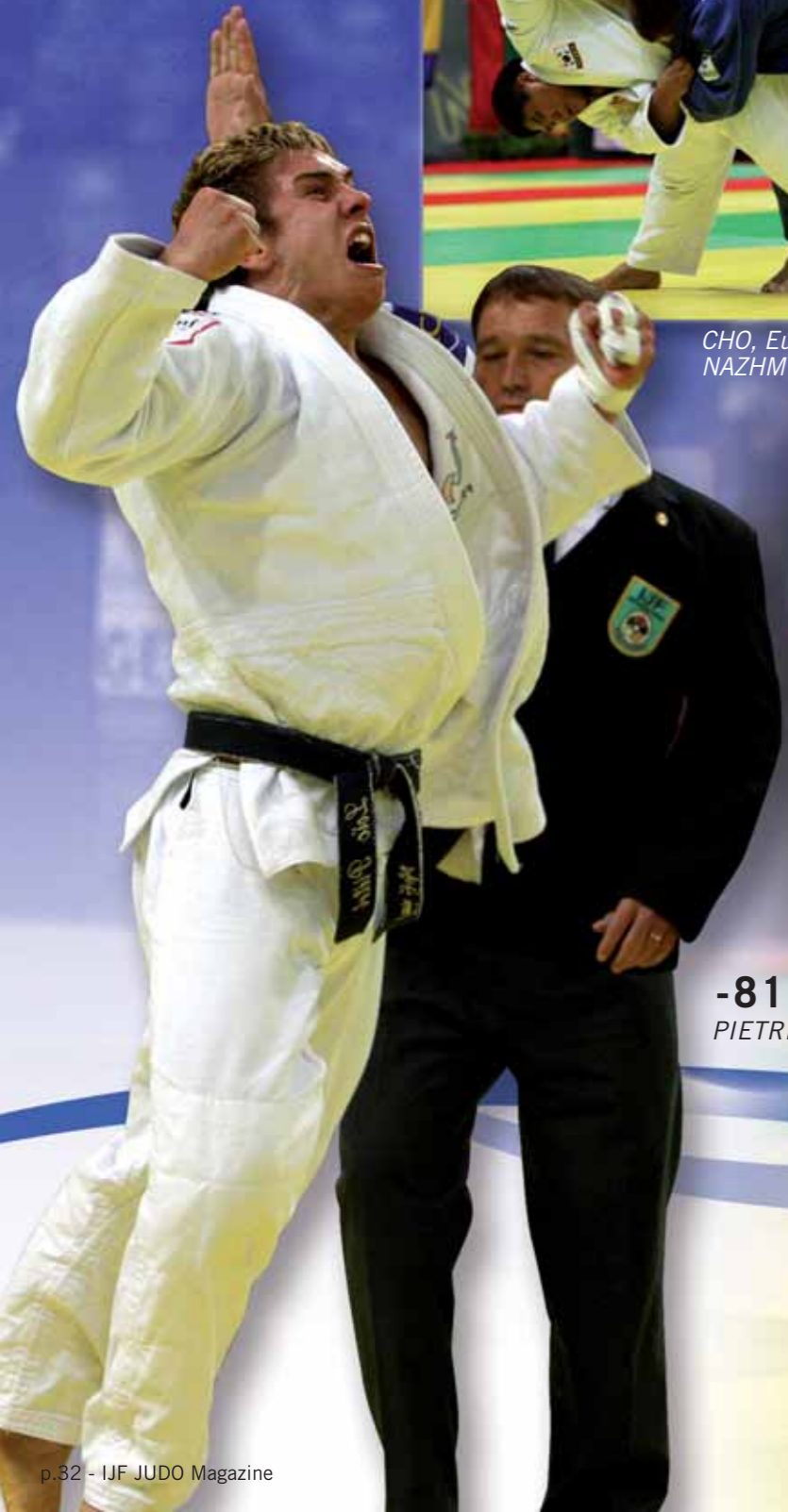
**-66kg**

*MORISHITA, Junpei (JPN) - LEWINSKI, Grzegorz (POL)*



**-55kg**

*SHISHIME, Toru (JPN) - MUSHKIYEV, Ilgar (AZE)*



**-81kg**

*PIETRI, Loic (FRA) - MAGOMEDOV, Magomed (RUS)*

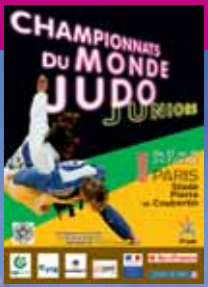
**-60kg**

*YAMAMOTO, Hirofumi (JPN) - DAVAADORJ, Tumurkhuleg (MGL)*

**-100kg**

*KRPALEK, Lukas (CZE) - DOMANSKI, Tomasz (POL)*





# WOMEN'S FINALS

TACHIMOTO, Haruka (JPN) - PERROT, Lucie (FRA)



YAMAMOTO, Sayuri (JPN) - SONG, Sea-Rom (KOR)



-48kg



MENEZES, Sara (BRA) - ENDO, Hiromi (JPN)

YOMOGITA, Tomoka (JPN) - MENZ, Katharina (GER) (MGL)



-44kg



CERIC, Larisa (BIH) - KINDZERSKA, Iryna (UKR)

+78kg



-78kg

OGATA, Akari (JPN) - HARRISON, Kayla (USA)

-57kg

KARAKAS, Hedvig (HUN) - FRANSEN, Juul (NED)

-52kg

KELMENDI, Majlinda (IJF) - LEVY, Shahr (ISR)



# RESULTS MEN

## -55 kg

1. SHISHIME, Toru	JPN
2. MUSHKIYEV, Ilgar	AZE
3. HUANG, Sheng-Ting	TPE
3. KIELBASINSKI, Lukasz	POL
5. CAMPESE, ANTONIO	ITA
5. MINORU MIAQUE, Raphael	BRA
7. DIBARTOLO, Alexandre	CAN
7. LEARNED, Corwin	USA

## -60 kg

1. YAMAMOTO, Hirofumi	JPN
2. DAVAADORJ, Tumurkhuleg	MGL
3. IZMAGILOV, Ilyas	KAZ
3. URANI, Florent	FRA
5. ABDULZHAILOV, Abdula	RUS
5. KHARCHENKO, Artem	UKR
7. DHOUBI, Fraj	TUN
7. JUNG, Hyun-Jin	KOR

## -66 kg

1. MORISHITA, Junpei	JPN
2. LEWINSKI, Grzegorz	POL
3. GORJANACZ, Zsolt	HUN
3. VAN GANSBEKE, Kenneth	BEL
5. KURBANOV, Arturs	LAT
5. POLLACK, Golan	ISR
7. TU, Kai-Wen	TPE
7. YARTSEV, Denis	RUS

## -73 kg

1. NISHIYAMA, Yuki	JPN
2. POPOVYCH, Vitalii	UKR
3. DRACIUS, Thibault	FRA
3. ZURABIANI, Lasha	GEO
5. BOCAN, VADIM	MDA
5. SHAULIUK, Vitali	BLR
7. CLARA, Alejandro	ARG
7. FERNANDES, Jorge	POR

## -81 kg

1. PIETRI, Loic	FRA
2. MAGOMEDOV, Magomed	RUS
3. GUTSCHE, Yannick	GER
3. KAWAKAMI, Tomohiro	JPN
5. KABDELOV, Yerzhan	KAZ
5. LEE, Hui-Jung	KOR
7. ABDELALL, Mohamed aly	EGY
7. KUKOLJ, Aleksandar	SRB

## -90 kg

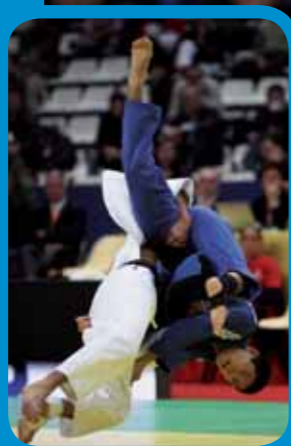
1. NHABALI, Quedjau	UKR
2. SHINJIKASHVILI, Archil	GEO
3. MINASKIN, Grigori	EST
3. NISHIYAMA, Daiki	JPN
5. DOVGAN, Dmitry	RUS
5. HILDEBRAND, Aaron	GER
7. JURECKA, Alexandr	CZE
7. KANG, Dae-Bong	KOR

## -100 kg

1. KRPALEK, Lukas	CZE
2. DOMANSKI, Tomasz	POL
3. MOL, Tobias	NED
3. SAN MARTIN, Alejandro	ESP
5. GASIMOV, Elmar	AZE
5. MARTSULEVICH, Anton	BLR
7. DELVERT, Clement	FRA
7. YAZICI, Feyyaz	TUR

## +100 kg

1. CHO, Eun-Saem	KOR
2. NAZHMUDINOV, Magomed	RUS
3. BREITBARTH, Andre	GER
3. DI GUIDA, Domenico	ITA
5. SIZOV, Oleksandr	UKR
5. TOYODA, Ryuta	JPN
7. KUCHKAROV, Sokhrukh	UZB
7. METTIS, Juhan	EST



# RESULTS WOMEN

## -44 kg

1. YOMOGITA, Tomoka	JPN
2. MENZ, Katharina	GER
3. GALLEGUILOS, Antonieta	CHI
3. SAHIN, Ebru	TUR
5. DEMINTSEVA, Evgeniya	RUS
5. ERDELYI, Lilla	HUN
7. OTGONCHULUUN, Anujin	MGL
7. VRSIC, Kristina	SLO

## -48 kg

1. MENEZES, Sara	BRA
2. ENDO, Hiromi	JPN
3. CIBIR, Derya	TUR
3. KIM, Mi-Ri	KOR
5. BOUYSSOU, Katelyn	USA
5. VAN SNICK, Charline	BEL
7. KRAUS, Kay	GER
7. TIKHONOVA, Ekaterina	RUS

## -52 kg

1. KELMENDI, Majlinda	IJF
2. LEVY, Shahar	ISR
3. KAGAYA, Chiho	JPN
3. ZEHIR, Tugba	TUR
5. MAROS, Barbara	HUN
5. VALEMTIM, Eleudis	BRA
7. BUIOK, Mariia	UKR
7. PAWLKOWSKA, Zuzanna	POL

## -57 kg

1. KARAKAS, Hedvig	HUN
2. FRANSSEN, Juul	NED
3. TRSTENJAK, Tina	SLO
3. URYU, Aiko	JPN
5. BEKIC, Andrea	CRO
5. MUELLER, Johanna	GER
7. FIOCCHI, ALICE	ITA
7. ZELLOUF, Nachida	ALG

## -63 kg

1. YAMAMOTO, Sayuri	JPN
2. SONG, Sea-Rom	KOR
3. BEDETI, Vlora	SLO
3. SILVA, Mariana	BRA
5. GWEND, EDWIGE	ITA
5. LEVYTSKA, Tetiana	UKR
7. BENOIT, Maude-Helene	CAN
7. ZINK, Leah	SUI

## -70 kg

1. TACHIMOTO, Haruka	JPN
2. PERROT, Lucie	FRA
3. DAVYDOVA, Daria	RUS
3. JOO, Abigel	HUN
5. POGORZELEC, Daria	POL
5. VELENSEK, Ana	SLO
7. GRAF, Bernadette	AUT
7. JU, Su-Hyun	KOR

## -78 kg

1. OGATA, Akari	JPN
2. HARRISON, Kayla	USA
3. AGUIAR, Mayra	BRA
3. MALZAHN, Luise	GER
5. KAPAEVA, Regina	RUS
5. MAKUKHA, Ivanna	UKR
7. SHIM, Ha-Na	KOR
7. TSEND-AYUSH, Naranjargal	MGL

## +78 kg

1. CERIC, Larisa	BIH
2. KINDZERSKA, Iryna	UKR
3. JABLONSKYTE, Sandra	LTU
3. YAMABE, Kanae	JPN
5. ALVAREZ, Sara	ESP
5. QUINTIN, Aurore	FRA
7. KUELBS, Jasmin	GER
7. TREFILOVA, Maria	RUS





## JUDO GRAND PRIX ABU DHABI

20/11/2009 to 21/11/2009

1:00 p.m. November 20th in Abu Dhabi, the speaker's voice resounds in the Al Jazeera Sports Club stadium to launch the opening day of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, which is being held for the very first time in the Arabian Peninsula.

### Day 1

This is a great day in the history of sports for the entire region, as well as a wonderful day for the IJF, as US \$200,000 will be shared among the winners and medalists. This is a record in the history of the IJF! So far, only the four Grand Slam Tournaments awarded that amount of money to the winners. Although the bleachers were a little sparse at the very beginning of the competition, after a while they became more active, with the great help of the Brazilian delegation who brought a certain dose of life and a warmer atmosphere.

In the women's under 48kg category, the final opposed the Hungarian, Csernovicki, and the Roumanian, Bogdan, with the gold going to the Hungarian who won by ippon, while the Frenchwoman, Laetitia Payet, took the bronze after having defeated the Canadian, Ockedahl, during the preliminary rounds.

Under 52kg, Spain mounted the first step with the victory of Laura Gomez, who beat the Belgian judoka, Ilse Heylen. Once again, the bronze medal was won by a Frenchwoman, Penelope Bonna.

In the women's under 57kg category: the last Olympic Games in Beijing were dominated by

the Italian, Giulia Quintavalle, who was also present today in Abu Dhabi. But she was not able to grab the gold after having lost against the Frenchwoman, Barbara Harel, in the semi-final. The Italian ended up on the third step of the podium, thus receiving only the bronze medal. In the final, Barbara Harel, who was having a good day, did not give much of a chance to her opponent, and won in less than one minute (33 seconds) by a wonderful ippon.



The last women's category of the day was the 63kg. The former French World Champion of the 70kg category, Gevrise Emame, who recently went down to the lower weight category, did her best during the preliminary rounds by defeating the Austrian, Sabrina Filzmoser, and the Portuguese, Ana Cachola.

In the final, she opposed the Japanese, Nozomi Hirai, who thus far had an easier time entering the final. The last fight of the day was rough, and for more than 3 minutes, Gevrise was behind the Japanese on the scoreboard. Slowly but surely, she imposed her physical qualities and began to dominate her opponent. Only 15 seconds before the final gong, the Japanese was penalized by a hansoku-make, which meant gold for the Frenchwoman and happiness in the French camp. In the men's under 60kg category, the Ukrainian, Georgiy Zantaraya, winning all his fights by ippon in

less than two minutes each time, won the gold medal, the title and the prize money. Second place at the Olympic Games, Austrian Ludwig Paischer, also stood on the second step of the podium, winning the silver medal, while two bronze medals were taken by Jeroen Mooren, from the Netherlands and Rishod Sobirov, from Uzbekistan.

The 66kg category was dominated by the Japanese, Masashi Ebinuma, who was able to demonstrate his beautiful judo all day long. Ulugbek Norgobilov, from Uzbekistan was no match against Ebinuma, who found the solution to throw his opponent after 1 minute and 55 seconds. The two bronze medals were awarded to Jasper De Jong (NED) and Andreas Mitterfellner (AUT). In the Men's under 73kg category, the Belgian Anthem was played as Dirk Van Tichelt won the precious gold medal. The two Polish competitors in this category mounted the podium, winning the silver medal (Krzysztof Wilkomirski) and the first bronze medal (Tomasz Adamiec). The second bronze was won by Ukrainian, Volodymyr Soroka.

This concludes the first day of Abu Dhabi's first Grand Prix ever organized and tomorrow, seven more gold medals will be awarded (4 for men and 3 for women).

### Day 2

The second day of competition in Abu Dhabi, began just as the first one yesterday: smoothly. The only change was the weight of the judokas. Today was the heavyweight day, both for men and women. More watts and strength were deployed and the judo was more physical. Nevertheless, the technical level was good and we had the pleasure of watching some very close combats and a lot of beautiful throws.

### Women

-70kg: The final opposed Anett Meszaros and Tomoe Ueno. The Hungarian woman won, leaving no chance for the Japanese judoka to score a single point, with the two bronze medals being attributed to the Tunisian girl, Houda Milad and the Chinese, Fei Chen.

-78kg: in this weight category, of course many people were expecting the Frenchwoman, Céline Lebrun, and she did not disappoint anybody by winning the gold, maybe not easily, but seriously and conscientiously. The silver medal went to the Ukrainian, Maryna Prysh-

chepa. In the semi final, Céline Lebrun had already won against the Japanese Tomomi Okamura, who finished on the third step of the podium. Esther San Miguel from Spain, grabbed the second bronze.

+78kg: in the women's heavyweight category, only three judokas from three different countries showed up in Abu Dhabi. The gold was attributed to Qian Qin from China, the silver to Maryna Prokofyeva from the Ukraine and the bronze to the Tunisian competitor, Nihel Chikhrouhou. Nevertheless, all three women won a fight, seeing as in the first round, the Tunisian beat the Chinese. The difference was made by the number of points each competitor scored, with Qian Qin mastering that game better than the others.

### Men

-81kg: the Polish team was very happy to add one more medal to the two they won yesterday, especially because today's was a gold medal for Robert Krawczyk. The silver went to Guillaume Elmont (NED) and the two bronze medals to Elkhan Rajabli (AZE) and Sandor Nagysolymosi (HUN).

-90kg: Yuya Yoshida (JPN) showed some beautiful techniques all day long. So, who could possibly beat him? No one? That is probably what many people were thinking, but Dilshod Choriev (UZB), had another idea in mind and after 2'57", he found the solution to stop Yoshida on his way to the gold. The Egyptian (Hesham Mesbah) and Azerbaïdjan (Elkhan Mammadov) took bronze after having lost in the semi-final.

-100kg: in this category, the final was played out between the Russian judoka, Tagir Khaybulaev, and the Egyptian, Ramadan Darwish. The first called, thus in a blue judogi, won by ippon after less than one minute of fight. Daniel Brata from Roumania, and Benjamin Behrla from Germany, were happy to step on the third level of the podium.

+100kg: in the last category of the day, of course the announced ogre of the heavyweights was Abdullo Tangriev (UZB), three time medalist at the World Championship and silver medalist at the last Olympic games in

Beijing. But somebody was not happy about that - the Egyptian, Islam El Shehaby, three times Continental Champion, who threw Tangriev after 2'49" and immobilized him. The Japanese judoka, Daiki Kamikawa, and Grim Vuijsters from the Netherlands, took the two last medals of this first edition of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

At exactly 7 p.m. the last medal was awarded and the TV international signal stopped: perfect timing for a perfect conclusion.

Nasser Al-Tameemi, the IJF General Treasurer, but also the leader of the Organizing Committee here in Abu Dhabi, was very pleased with the organization. Of course he would have loved to welcome more delegations and judokas, but for the very first edition of this tournament, it was not bad at all. «Nothing is ever perfect, but generally speaking, everything ran smoothly and was well organized» added Nasser. All together, 45 people were involved in the running of the Grand Prix, among them, 20 came from the National Federation. During

the two days, many volunteers also proposed their services. This is without counting the 350 children who participated in the opening ceremony yesterday.

For the second edition of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix next year, the tournament will be integrated into the qualifying process for the 2012 London Olympic Games. For sure, this will attract more people on the tatamis and the Grand Prix, in the coming years, will grow bigger and bigger seeing as the National Judo Federation of the United Arab Emirates signed a four year contract both with the National Sport Council and the IJF for the organization of that event •

Reported by Nicolas Messner, IJF Media Director







# MEN'S FINALS

**-73kg**

*VAN TICHELT, Dirk (BEL) - WILKOMIRSKI, Krzysztof (POL)*



**-81kg**

*KRAWCZYK, Robert (POL) - ELMONT, Guillaume (NED)*

**+100kg**

*EL SHEHABY, Islam (EGY)  
TANGRIEV, Abdullo (UZB)*



*EBINUMA, Masashi (JPN) - NORGObILOV, Ulugbek (UZB)*

**-66kg**



*CHORIEV, Dilshod (UZB)  
OSHIDA, Yuya (JPN)*

**-90kg**



**-60kg**

*ZANTARAYA, Georgiy (UKR) - PAISCHER, Ludwig (AUT)*



**-100kg**



*KHAYBULAEV, Tagir (RUS) - DARWISH, Ramadan (EGY)*



# WOMEN'S FINALS



**-70kg**  
MESZAROS, Anett (HUN)  
UENO, Tomoe (JPN)



**-78kg**  
LEBRUN, Celine (FRA) - PRYSHCHEPA, Maryna (UKR)



**-48kg**  
CSERNOVICZKI, Eva (HUN) - BOGDAN, Carmen (ROU)



**-57kg**  
HAREL, Barbara (FRA)  
CAPRIORIU, Corina (ROU)



**-52kg**  
GOMEZ, Laura (ESP) - HEYLEN, Ilse (BEL)



**-63kg**  
EMANE, Gevrise (FRA) - HIRAI, Nozomi (JPN)



**+78kg**  
QIN, Qian (CHN)  
PROKOFYEVA, Maryna (UKR)



# RESULTS MEN

## -60 kg

1.ZANTARAYA, Georgiy	UKR
2.PAISCHER, Ludwig	AUT
3.MOOREN, Jeroen	NED
3.SOBIROV, Rishod	UZB
5.AN, Jianqi	CHN
5.EL DRISSI, Alaa	MAR
5.KISHMAKHOV, Ruslan	RUS
5.PETRIKOV, Pavel	CZE

## -66 kg

1.EBINUMA, Masashi	JPN
2.NORGOBILOV, Ulugbek	UZB
3.DE JONG, Jasper	NED
3.MITTERFELLNER, Andreas	AUT
5.AL AMRI, Latif	UAE
5.BELGAID, Hamza	MAR
5.FAKHIR, Ali	IRQ
5.GARCEZ, Daniel	BRA

## -73 kg

1.VAN TICHELDT, Dirk	BEL
2.WILKOMIRSKI, Krzysztof	POL
3.ADAMIEC, Tomasz	POL
3.SOROKA, Volodymyr	UKR
5.DANCULEA, Costel	ROU
5.ELMONT, Dex	NED
5.LIU, Wei	CHN
5.MC LEON, Paulin	MRI

## -81 kg

1.KRAWCZYK, Robert	POL
2.ELMONT, Guillaume	NED
3.NAGYSOLYMOSSI, Sandor	HUN
3.RAJABLI, Elkhan	AZE
5.ABD EL AKHER, Hatem	EGY
5.ATTAF, Safouane	MAR
5.CANTO, Flavio	BRA
5.MUMINOV, Shokir	UZB

## -90 kg

1.CHORIEV, Dilshod	UZB
2.YOSHIDA, Yuya	JPN
3.MAMMADOV, Elkhan	AZE
3.MESBAH, Hesham	EGY
5.BAGNOLI, Lorenzo	ITA
5.EL ASSRI, Mohamed	MAR
5.LEDENYI, Levente	HUN
5.NABIEV, Khurshid	UZB

## -100 kg

1.KHAYBULAEV, Tagir	RUS
2.DARWISH, Ramadan	EGY
3.BEHRLA, Benjamin	GER
3.BRATA, Daniel	ROU
5.BORODAVKO, Jevgenijs	LAT
5.FARKAS, Balint	HUN
5.KOBAYASHI, Daisuke	JPN
5.LEITE, Leonardo	BRA

## +100 kg

1.EL SHEHABY, Islam	EGY
2.TANGRIEV, Abdullo	UZB
3.KAMIKAWA, Daiki	JPN
3.VUIJSTERS, Grim	NED
5.BOSTANOV, Soslan	RUS
5.EL MEHDI, Malki	MAR



# RESULTS WOMEN

## -48 kg

1.CSERNOVICZKI, Eva	HUN
2.BOGDAN, Carmen	ROU
3.FAROUC, Mahitab	EGY
3.PAYET, Laetitia	FRA
5.AL-BADI, SALHA	QAT
5.OCKEDAHL, Bianca	CAN
5.	
5.	

## -52 kg

1.GOMEZ, Laura	ESP
2.HEYLEN, Ilse	BEL
3.BONNA, Penelope	FRA
3.	
5.	
5.	
5.	
5.	

## -57 kg

1.HAREL, Barbara	FRA
2.CAPRIORIU, Corina	ROU
3.BELLORIN, Concepcion	ESP
3.QUINTAVALLE, Giulia	ITA
5.LIU, Yang	CHN
5.SATO, Aiko	JPN
5.	
5.	

## -63 kg

1.EMANE, Gevrise	FRA
2.HIRAI, Nozomi	JPN
3.FILZMOSER, Sabrina	AUT
3.	
5.	
5.	
5.	
5.	

## -70 kg

1.MESZAROS, Anett	HUN
2.UENO, Tomoe	JPN
3.CHEN, Fei	CHN
3.MILED, Houda	TUN
5.IGLESIAS, Leire	ESP
5.JACQUES, Catherine	BEL
5.KLYS, Katarzyna	POL
5.	

## -78 kg

1.LEBRUN, Celine	FRA
2.PRYSHCHEPA, Maryna	UKR
3.OKAMURA, Tomomi	JPN
3.SAN MIGUEL, Esther	ESP
5.LOJETTE, Lucie	FRA
5.ZHANG, Jie	CHN
5.ZHANG, Fenhong	CHN
5.	

## +78 kg

1.QIN, Qian	CHN
2.PROKOFYEVA, Maryna	UKR
3.CHIKHROUHOV, Nihel	TUN





## JUDO GRAND PRIX QINGDAO

28/11/2009 to 29/11/2009

*It's a busy time in the IJF calendar, in particular in Asia. The Qingdao Grand Prix follows quickly on the back of the World Cup in Ulaanbaatar and the Grand Prix in Abu Dhabi that for some meant a good degree of preparation.*

Others, like the Japanese women, were completely fresh for they have quality in depth and were always going to be difficult, even for the Chinese women who could be counted upon to be strong at home.

The Chinese put on show two quality female judoka these being Beijing Olympic champion Yang Xiuli at -78kg, and the fast improving He Hongmei at -52kg. He has the difficult and unenviable task of filling the shoes of double Olympic champion Xian Dongmei. But both Yang and He were up to the challenge and took gold in their respective categories; Yang overcoming Louette (FRA) by yuko in a very close fought tactical final, whilst He saw off the challenge of former European champion Ana Carrascosa (ESP). The third Chinese gold medal for women went to Qian (+78kg) who still has some way to go before she cements her place as a world-class heavyweight. The Japanese, as mentioned earlier, were strong enough even with their second and third string judoka to take three of the women's gold medals (Ibe -48kg, Tanaka -63kg and Oka -70kg). The sole European woman to take gold was Sarah Loko (FRA) who defeated Tokuhisa (JPN) in the final.

Although the numbers may not have been big there was quality and, as with the women, there was an Olympic, and double world, champion on show in the shape of Keiji Suzuki (JPN). Suzuki was really only troubled by Islam El Shahaby (EGY) whom he eventually threw for ippon with

left Osoto Gari to set up an all-Japan final with Tachiyama. Suzuki demonstrated fine technique in the final where he threw Tachiyama for ippon with a deftly executed Osoto Gari Tani Otoshi combination.

If Japan and China shared the spoils in the women's categories then the men's prize went to Egypt. Yes, Egypt who won two gold, a silver and two bronze medals in a more than competent display of judo. Mesbah (gold -90kg) and Ramadan Darwish (gold -100kg) are fine judoka with established performances at the highest levels of international judo. But in Abd El Akher (silver -81kg), Islam El Shahaby (bronze +100kg) and Mohamed Darwish (bronze -81kg), Egypt has some depth and all look more than capable holding their places on the IJF World Ranking List.

South Korean men took two gold medals in the shape of Ha -81kg and Bang Gui-Man -73kg the latter proving to be clever and winning by Waza Ari over Dirk van Tichelt (BEL) in the final. Another quality judoka on show was the eventual gold medalist in the -66kg category Sanjaasuren Miyaragchaa (MGL) whose devastating combination of Seio Nage into Tai Otoshi in the final had Liu Renwang (CHN) wondering whether moving up from -60kg was such a good move after all. •

*Reported by Sheldon Franco-Rooks*



JUDO GRAND PRIX

QINGDAO 2009 - CHN





# MEN'S FINALS



MESBAH, Hesham (EGY) - ALARZA, David (ESP)

HA, Ji-Soo (KOR) - ABD EL AKHER, Hatem (EGY)



-81kg



-60kg

HE, Yunlong (CHN) - MOOREN, Jeroen (NED)

DARWISH, Ramadan (EGY) - MEEUWSEN, Danny (NED)



-100kg



-73kg

BANG, Gui-Man (KOR) - VAN TICHEL, Dirk (BEL)



-66kg

SANJAASUREN, Miyaragchaa (MGL) - LIU, Renwang (CHN)



+100kg

SUZUKI, Keiji (JPN) - TACHIYAMA, Hiroki (JPN)



# WOMEN'S FINALS

OKA, Asuka (JPN) - CHOLLET, Mylene (FRA)



-70kg

YANG, Xiuli (CHN) - LOUETTE, Lucie (FRA)



-78kg

QIN, Qian (CHN) - YU, Song (CHN)



+78kg



-63kg

TANAKA, Miki (JPN) - EMANE, Gevrise (FRA)



-57kg

LOKO, Sarah (FRA) - TOKUHISA, Hitomi (JPN)



-52kg

HE, Hongmei (CHN) - CARRASCOSA, Ana (ESP)



-48kg

IBE, Shoko (JPN) - SHIN, Seung-Min (KOR)



# RESULTS MEN

## -60 kg

1.HE, Yunlong	CHN
2.MOOREN, Jeroen	NED
3.KIM, Dong-Young	KOR
3.SONG, Kang Ho	PRK
5.BATTSETSEG, Battgerel	MGL
5.LI, Yulin	CHN
5.WANG, Guogui	CHN
5.YANG, Su Yong	PRK

## -66 kg

1.SANJAASUREN, Miyaragchaa	MGL
2.LIU, Renwang	CHN
3.HONG, Chol Jun	PRK
3.MEHMEDOVIC, Sasha	CAN
5.ALBARRACIN, Miguel	ARG
5.AWAD, Ahmed	EGY
5.GANBOLD, Kherlen	MGL
5.YANG, Kui-Sun	KOR

## -73 kg

1.BANG, Gui-Man	KOR
2.VAN TICHELDT, Dirk	BEL
3.PAK, Chol Min	PRK
3.UEMATSU, Kiyoshi	ESP
5.ELMONT, Dex	NED
5.OTSUKA, Masahiko	JPN
5.SI, Rijigawa	CHN
5.TRITTON, Nicholas	CAN

## -81 kg

1.HA, Ji-Soo	KOR
2.ABD EL AKHER, Hatem	EGY
3.DARWISH, Mohamed	EGY
3.LUCENTI, Emmanuel	ARG
5.BAYARSAIKHAN, Ambaselmaa	MGL
5.HA, Sigaerdi	CHN
5.KAZYDUB, Mikhail	RUS
5.LI, Maojian	CHN

## -90 kg

1.MESBAH, Hesham	EGY
2.ALARZA, David	ESP
3.SAINJARGAL, Batbayar	MGL
3.YOO, Sung-Yeon	KOR
5.CHENG, Xunzhao	CHN
5.DARWISH, Ali	EGY
5.HUISMAN, Marvin	NED
5.ZHENG, Jizhao	CHN

## -100 kg

1.DARWISH, Ramadan	EGY
2.MEEUWSEN, Danny	NED
3.CHOI, Cheon	KOR
3.YUAN, Jinling	CHN
5.BADARCH, Myagmadorj	MGL
5.BOLDPUREV, Unurjargal	MGL
5.HU, Mingchao	CHN
5.QING, Zhaorigetu	CHN

## +100 kg

1.SUZUKI, Keiji	JPN
2.TACHIYAMA, Hiroki	JPN
3.EL SHEHABY, Islam	EGY
3.VUIJSTERS, Grim	NED
5.BAEG, Chul-Sung	KOR
5.LIU, Jian	CHN
5.PARRA, Angel	ESP
5.SHEN, Zhuhong	CHN



# RESULTS WOMEN

## -48 kg

1.IBE, Shoko	JPN
2.SHIN, Seung-Min	KOR
3.KIM, Young-Ran	KOR
3.PAYET, Laetitia	FRA
5.KIM, Mi Song	PRK
5.MO, Qingin	CHN
5.QIU, Lu	CHN
5.YANG, Shuang	CHN

## -52 kg

1.HE, Hongmei	CHN
2.CARRASCOSA, Ana	ESP
3.BRAVIK, Kitty	NED
3.LIERKA, Melanie	GER
5.CHOI, Yu-Jin	KOR
5.HE, Yunying	CHN
5.KIM, Byeol-Hee	KOR
5.LUO, Shanshan	CHN

## -57 kg

1.LOKO, Sarah	FRA
2.TOKUHISA, Hitomi	JPN
3.CHEN, Weiwei	CHN
3.ZHU, Guirong	CHN
5.CHOE, Kyong Sil	PRK
5.DIEMEER, Michelle	NED
5.LIBOSAN, Dani	NED
5.WANG, Hui	CHN

## -63 kg

1.TANAKA, Miki	JPN
2.EMANE, Gevrise	FRA
3.GERBI, Yarden	ISR
3.VAN EMDEN, Anicka	NED
5.HASSAN, Aya	EGY
5.LIN, Meiling	CHN
5.POLI, Anne-Laur	FRA
5.XU, Yuhua	CHN

## -70 kg

1.OKA, Asuka	JPN
2.CHOLLET, Mylene	FRA
3.ROBRA, Juliane	SUI
3.YAO, Yuting	CHN
5.LEVESQUE, Marylise	CAN
5.LUAN, Yuan	CHN
5.PARK, Mi-Seon	KOR
5.WETZER, Margot	NED

## -78 kg

1.YANG, Xiuli	CHN
2.LOUCETTE, Lucie	FRA
3.MALZAHN, Luise	GER
3.PRIETO, Raquel	ESP
5.CHO, Soo-Hee	KOR
5.HAN, Li	CHN
5.ZHANG, Zhehui	CHN
5.ZHANG, Meiling	CHN

## +78 kg

1.QIN, Qian	CHN
2.YU, Song	CHN
3.LUAN, Lulu	CHN
3.WU, Xiaowei	CHN
5.KIM, Tae-Sun	KOR
5.UILENHOED, Carola	NED
5.WOO, Jung-Min	KOR



## JUDO GRAND SLAM TOKYO 2009

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*The crowd who packed the Tokyo Gymnasium saw a clear supremacy of the Japanese team at home. Out of 56 athletes (as host country, Japan was eligible for four judoka per weight category), the Nippon team won 32 medals (11 gold, 9 silver, 12 bronze) and 12 fifth places. Only South Korea (2) and Great Britain (1) were able to win a final. A total of 16 countries (out of 44) stepped on the podium.*

In the first day of combats, Japan and Korea shared themselves two podium: -66kg (Ebinuma/JPN, Kim/KOR, An/KPR and Morishita/JPN) and -60kg (Fukuoka/JPN, Hiroaka/JPN, Jang/KOR and Yamamoto/JPN). In the female divisions, Japan was almost unbeatable in the -78kg (Ogata/JPN, Anai/JPN, Sato/JPN and Wollert/GER), with Okamura finishing 5th. In the +78kg, gold for Tsukada/JPN and bronze for Tachimoto/JPN, with Ivanshchenko/RUS finishing with silver and Polavder/SLO getting bronze.

World Ranking List leaders Zantaraia/UKR and Hashbaatar/MGL, who were on the mat in the opening competition day came back home disappointed after losing early in the table. The Ukrainian was defeated in the first round by Mackenzie/GBR while Hashbaatar was stopped in the quarterfinal and ended in the 5th position. With no more grips under the belt line, the Tokyo Grand Slam offered beautiful techniques and a bunch of great ippons. More than 60% of the fights in the first competition day ended with the perfect score.

In the second day of competition, the female categories continue their incredible performance, winning all gold by now (+78kg, 78kg, 70kg, 63kg). In the 63kg division, no chance for the opponents, with the Japanese half middle weight swapping gold (Ueno), silver

(Tanimoto) and bronze (Hirai and Yamamoto). The 81kg was the most balanced category, with four countries winning medals and the only division with no Japanese judoka in the final: Burton/Great Britain (gold), Kim/Korea (silver), and bronze for Matsumoto/Japan and Guilherme/Brazil.

"I am very happy to win in front of this very knowledgeable crowd. There is a long way to go until London 2012", said Burton.

Still in the male weights, Wang/KOR (gold), Awano/JPN (silver) and Tritton/CAN (bronze) and Nishiyama/JPN (bronze) shared the glory in the 73kg category, while in the 90kg Japanese troop with Ono (gold), Nishiyama (silver) and Yoshida (bronze) allowed only one different flag to rise, with Choriev (UZB)

going for bronze. Korean Wang proved to be the "king of Grand Slams", with three wins (Paris, Moscow and Tokyo) this season, only not being on the top in Rio de Janeiro, where he didn't compete. The 21 years-old judoka celebrated showing the number three with his fingers, in the same way that

he cheered the second World title earlier this year in Rotterdam.

In the 70kg, Hungarian Meszaros and Dutch Bosch had the difficult task to stop Kuniyama and Watanabe in front of their home crowd.

Meszaros did well and went on to the final against Watanabe, who defeated Bosch in 15 seconds during the semifinal and later beat the Hungarian for winning gold.

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"We are happy to see the true judo spirit coming back", said IJF President Mr. Marius Vizer. "IJF has to thank all National Federations for their support. These changes are important for the future of judo", added the President.

At the end of the last IJF Major Event of the 2009 season, 37 nations had athletes in the Top 16 in the World Ranking List (meaning, with judoka qualified for the World Masters). The four continents were represented, and only Japan and Russia were qualified in all 14 weigh divisions (Korea not only in 63kg). Japan had 23 athletes in the top 16, followed by France and Korea (12), Russia (10), The Netherlands (8), Ukraine and Germany (7) •

*Reported by Manoela Penna, IJF Media Director*





# MEN'S FINALS



**-81kg**

*BURTON, Euan (GBR) - KIM, Jae-Bum (KOR)*

*ONO, Takashi (JPN) - NISHIYAMA, Daiki (JPN)*



**-90kg**



**+100kg**

*TAKAHASHI, Kazuhiko (JPN) - SUZUKI, Keiji (JPN)*



**-60kg**

*FUKUOKA, Masaaki (JPN) - HIRAOKA, Hiroaki (JPN)*

**-73kg**

*WANG, Ki-Chun (KOR) - AWANO, Yasuhiro (JPN)*

**-100kg**

*HWANG, Hee-Tae (KOR) - ANAI, Takamasa (JPN)*

**-66kg**

*EBINUMA, Masashi (JPN) - KIM, Joo-Jin (KOR)*





# WOMEN'S FINALS



OGATA, Akari (JPN) - ANAI, Sayaka (JPN)



TSUKADA, Maki (JPN) - IVASHCHENKO, Elena (RUS)



WATANABE, Mina (JPN) - MESZAROS, Anett (HUN)



TOKUHISA, Hitomi (JPN) - MATSUMOTO, Kaori (JPN)



NAKAMURA, Misato (JPN) - NAREKS, Petra (SLO)



UENO, Yoshie (JPN) - TANIMOTO, Ikumi (JPN)

-48kg  
FUKUMI, Tomoko (JPN) - KONDO, Kaori (JPN)





# RESULTS MEN

## -60 kg

1.FUKUOKA, Masaaki	JPN
2.HIRAOKA, Hiroaki	JPN
3.JANG, Jin-Min	KOR
3.YAMAMOTO, Hirofumi	JPN
5.DAVTYAN, Hovhannes	ARM
5.MCKENZIE, Ashley	GBR
5.SARLAK, Vahid	IRI
5.SOBIROV, Rishod	UZB

## -66 kg

1.EBINUMA, Masashi	JPN
2.KIM, Joo-Jin	KOR
3.AN, Jeong-Hwan	KOR
3.MORISHITA, Junpei	JPN
5.HASHBAATAR, Tsagaanbaatar	MGL
5.TANAKA, Kohei	JPN
5.UCHISHIBA, Masato	JPN
5.UNGVARI, Miklos	HUN

## -73 kg

1.WANG, Ki-Chun	KOR
2.AWANO, Yasuhiro	JPN
3.NISHIYAMA, Yuki	JPN
3.TRITTON, Nicholas	CAN
5.OTSUKA, Masahiko	JPN
5.SOROKA, Volodymyr	UKR
5.UNGVARI, Attila	HUN
5.VAN TICHELT, Dirk	BEL

## -81 kg

1.BURTON, Euan	GBR
2.KIM, Jae-Bum	KOR
3.GUILHEIRO, Leandro	BRA
3.MATSUMOTO, Katsushi	JPN
5.ATTAF, Safouane	MAR
5.ELMONT, Guillaume	NED
5.MUMINOV, Shokir	UZB
5.TOMOUCI, Masahiko	JPN

## -90 kg

1.ONO, Takashi	JPN
2.NISHIYAMA, Daiki	JPN
3.CHORIEV, Dilshod	UZB
3.YOSHIDA, Yuya	JPN
5.BAGNOLI, Lorenzo	ITA
5.HARUYAMA, Yuki	JPN
5.KAZUSIONAK, Andrei	BLR
5.SYNYAVSKY, Vadym	UKR

## -100 kg

1.HWANG, Hee-Tae	KOR
2.ANAI, Takamasa	JPN
3.KRPALEK, Lukas	CZE
3.ZHORZHOLIANI, Levan	GEO
5.BATTULGA, Temuulen	MGL
5.BORODAVKO, Jevgenijs	LAT
5.PFEIFFER, Dino	GER
5.STIEGELMANN, Frederic	FRA

## +100 kg

1.TAKAHASHI, Kazuhiko	JPN
2.SUZUKI, Keiji	JPN
3.PADAR, Martin	EST
3.TANGRIEV, Abdullo	UZB
5.BRYSON, Oscar	CUB
5.OKRUASHVILI, Adam	GEO
5.SANTOS, Walter	BRA
5.TACHIYAMA, Hiroki	JPN



# RESULTS WOMEN

## -48 kg

1.FUKUMI, Tomoko	JPN
2.KONDO, Kaori	JPN
3.MENEZES, Sara	BRA
3.YAMAGISHI, Emi	JPN
5.BOGDANOVA, Liudmila	RUS
5.IBE, Shoko	JPN
5.KONDRATYEVA, Nataliya	RUS
5.VAN SNICK, Charline	BEL

## -52 kg

1.NAKAMURA, Misato	JPN
2.NAREKS, Petra	SLO
3.CARRASCOSA, Ana	ESP
3.MIRANDA, Erika	BRA
5.BONNA, Penelope	FRA
5.KIM, Kyung-Ok	KOR
5.KRAEH, Mareen	GER
5.NISHIDA, Yuka	JPN

## -57 kg

1.TOKUHISA, Hitomi	JPN
2.MATSUMOTO, Kaori	JPN
3.RIBOUT, Morgane	FRA
3.SATO, Aiko	JPN
5.BELLORIN, Concepcion	ESP
5.CAPRIORIU, Corina	ROU
5.CLARK, Sarah	GBR
5.HEIN, Marlen	GER

## -63 kg

1.UENO, Yoshie	JPN
2.TANIMOTO, Ikumi	JPN
3.HIRAI, Nozomi	JPN
3.YAMAMOTO, Sayuri	JPN
5.KONG, Ja-Young	KOR
5.KOVAL, Vera	RUS
5.LABAZINA, Marta	RUS
5.PRUVOST, Marielle	FRA

## -70 kg

1.WATANABE, Mina	JPN
2.MESZAROS, Anett	HUN
3.BOSCH, Edith	NED
3.KUNIHARA, Yoriko	JPN
5.DAVYDOVA, Daria	RUS
5.GREVE, Elisabeth	GER
5.HWANG, Ye-Sul	KOR
5.OKA, Asuka	JPN

## -78 kg

1.OGATA, Akari	JPN
2.ANAI, Sayaka	JPN
3.SATO, Ruika	JPN
3.WOLLERT, Heide	GER
5.OKAMURA, Tomomi	JPN
5.POGORZELEC, Daria	POL
5.PRYSHCHEPA, Maryna	UKR
5.ZHANG, Meiling	CHN

## +78 kg

1.TSUKADA, Maki	JPN
2.IVASHCHENKO, Elena	RUS
3.POLAVDER, Lucija	SLO
3.TACHIMOTO, Megumi	JPN
5.BRYANT, Karina	GBR
5.ISHIYAMA, Aya	JPN
5.SADKOWSKA, Urszula	POL
5.SUGIMOTO, Mika	JPN