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Pātonāshipp PARTNERSHIP-IT WORKED! BEN GOODRICH WINS SILVER

BY RP TAYLOR

“What worked?” Having a “built in partner” worked. The lone USA Judo team medalist spent the better part of a year training in Sweden because they had fewer restrictions and allowed training in small groups. While medaling in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics was his main focus, it didn’t hurt that his girlfriend lived in Sweden too. Both para judoka were born with severe visual impairment. Ben Goodrich is legally blind, and Nicolina Pernheim lost her sight completely during adolescence.

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JUDO-FAMOUS ED LIDDIE, USA JUDO HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

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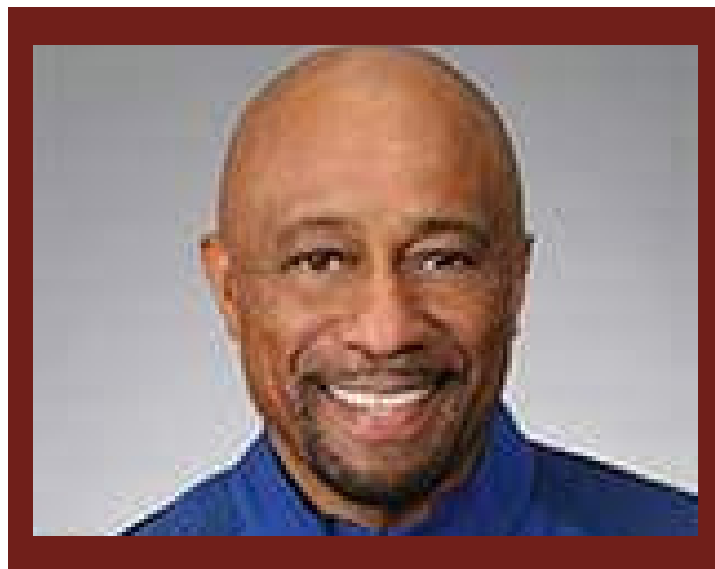
Is “Judo-famous” similar to “Youtube famous” or “Tik Tok famous”? If it’s not already, it is now.

There’s no better way to introduce this legend. He is “judo-famous” because in the world of judo, especially in the USA, Edward Liddie is a pretty big deal. Not only is “Ed” an American former judoka, he also:

- serves as the USA Judo High Performance Director
- won a Bronze medal at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles
- Was the 1st American to win an Olympic Medal in Judo

Taking the USA Judo team to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics this year was a different experience than it was almost 4 decades ago. Just the traveling aspect alone was so different pre-9/11 and pre-pandemic, not to mention the games themselves. In an abundance of caution due to the times in which we live, the IOC (International Olympic Committee) had very strict rules in place for both the Olympic and Paralympic games, such as:

- Only athletes and their coaches could attend, except for domestic fans
- Secure cars took the participants to practice and competition
- Athletes and coaches were limited to the Olympic Village and their hotels
- To protect broadcasters’ rights, no videos of competitions could be posted on social media



According to Liddie, the changes around the world due to the pandemic also affected the USA Judo team’s preparations leading up to the games. He attributes the fact that the USA Judo team’s inability to bring home a medal to their inability to train properly. Unlike many other sports, judokas have to make contact with others to train, but that did not happen until about 30 days before the games because:

- The team could not travel and participate in tournaments in Europe
- California, one of the largest markets, was completely shut down
- They had not visited Eastside Dojo in Texas yet

“I can’t say it’s the nicest dojo in America because I haven’t been to all of them, but it’s the nicest one I’ve visited.”

Yes, you read that last bullet point correctly, they had not seen or heard about the incomparable facilities at Eastside Dojo. He was also impressed with judo in Texas because of the collaboration between the teams. USA Judo is looking at holding some junior training camps at Eastside, which will entail:

- Top clinicians to coach
- Dieticians to teach about nutrition
- Rising stars from around the country
- Local judokas

Hats off to Coaches Ken Patteson, Ken Scialo, and Head Coach Russ Hogan for creating such a great facility.

About Maddie Solis

Senior at UT Austin
21 Years Old
Supply Management Major
Graduated from Tyler Street
Christian Academy



I'M ON THE FAST TRACK NOW

By Paul Parker

The fast track huh...is that a good thing? Sometimes yes and sometimes no. In this case, it's a definite yes!

Maddie Solis was a junior at the University of Texas when a friend suggested that she take up judo. She was already a student of Jiu-Jitsu but she wanted to learn take downs. She followed her friend's advice and she fell in love with the sport. Judo has become her main martial arts sport now. She says enjoys judo more than jiu-jitsu because it moves faster since it isn't mainly grappling on the ground.

After training in Austin briefly during the winter of 2019 before the pandemic hit, Maddie began training at Eastside Dojo with her friend. She now trains at Eastside every possible day that she can, while continuing to practice Jiu-Jitsu just a couple of days per week.

At the time of this publication, Maddie will have begun her year of studying abroad. She will be in Budapest for the fall 2021 semester and France for the spring 2022 semester. Considering her love of judo, you know she has already found a club there to continue training at the "gentleman's/woman's sport"

Maddie's love for judo has ignited a passion which has propelled her forward at rapid speed. In less than two years she has earned the rank of Sankyu (3rd degree brown belt). She is currently ranked 7th in 70 kg women, and has a goal of becoming the 3rd ranked woman in her weight class. Maddie Solis is one to watch!

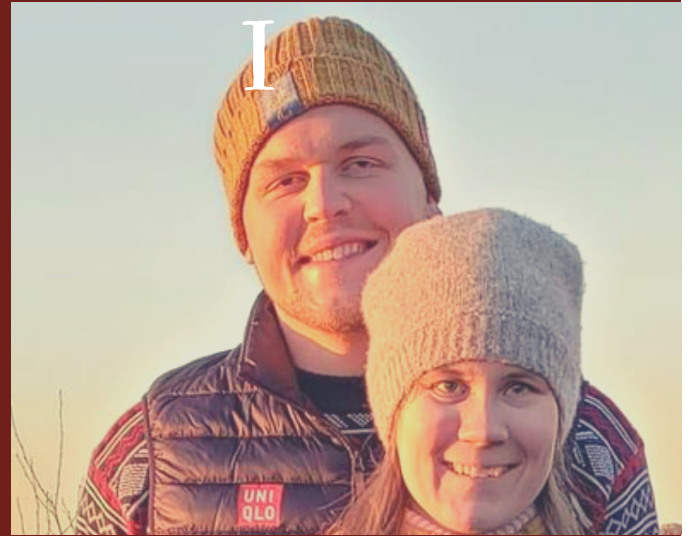
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USA's Ben Goodrich and Sweden's Nicolina Pernheim met during a paralympic competition at Tokyo's Kodokan Judo Institute in 2017 and started dating in 2018. This year they were back at Kodokan, the official training venue for judo at Tokyo 2020 and their ground zero, as experienced Paralympians and engaged. Ben proposed to Nicolina in December of 2020. They are planning a small wedding for January of 2022.

The couple was very fortunate to be able to train together exclusively as partners in Sweden before they left for Tokyo. In an abundance of caution, the coaches believed it was safest for everyone since they were already together, they were just not allowed to train with any others. Along with being coached by Ed Liddie, High Performance Director for USA Judo, Goodrich's ability to continue training at a high level with his fiancée and during a brief visit to Eastside Dojo while back in the states, proved to be a formula for success.



Thank you Benjamin Goodrich for bringing some serious hardware back to the states!



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55TH ANNUAL DALLAS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Hold on, wait a minute before you start thinking this article is going to be mushy with a lot of fluff. It won't be, but the fact that Ken Patteson and Ken Scialo are both connected to the early years of the 55 year old Dallas Invitational tournament has to be acknowledged. There's too much history there to not tell at least an abbreviated historical narrative.

The Dallas Invitational tournament was created in 1964 by Vince Tamura, younger brother of Masato Tamura. Who are the Tamura's? Google them. Sorry if that came across as too forthright or rude, but I'm serious, google them. There's so much history related to the Tamura's and judo in America, I can't squeeze it in this short article. I'll just put it this way, judo in America would not be where it is today without them.

Now back to the story...In 1967, 3 years after its founding, Eastside's very own Ken Patteson won second place in his very 1st tournament in the 9 year old lightweight division. See, Vince Tamura was Lil' Ken's sensei at the Tamura Judo Institute in Dallas.

Tamura retired in 1999 and the tournament was canceled that year. This is where Eastside's Ken Scialo enters the story. Ken S. headed up a new group which wanted to bring the tournament back, and they did just that in 2000. Ken S. founded Dallas Judo in 2001 and began hosting the tournament consecutively every year until 2013.

The "Ken's" united officially in 2013 and created Eastside Dojo. The DI tournament has been hosted by Eastside every year since then, except for the mandatory shut down of 2020 due to the pandemic. It is quite the spectacle being the largest tournament in Texas. It will be a great time for everyone. You don't want to miss it so put it on your calendars now.



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