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単に最高 Tan'ni saikō SIMPLY THE BEST! 2021 55TH ANNUAL DALLAS INVITATIONAL

BY RP TAYLOR

"Really, the best?" Yes, it absolutely was the best one-day judo tournament in Texas and probably the country. In the famous words of the even more famous Tina Turner, the 55th Annual Dallas Invitational was Simply the Best. The tournament is over half a century old, and this was the best one to date. The one-day tournament had over 850 participants from all over the world. It was a sight to behold. There were so many awesome things happening, it's hard to know where to begin to tell you about it all. So, let's just start at the beginning.

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Dallas Invitational Special Edition

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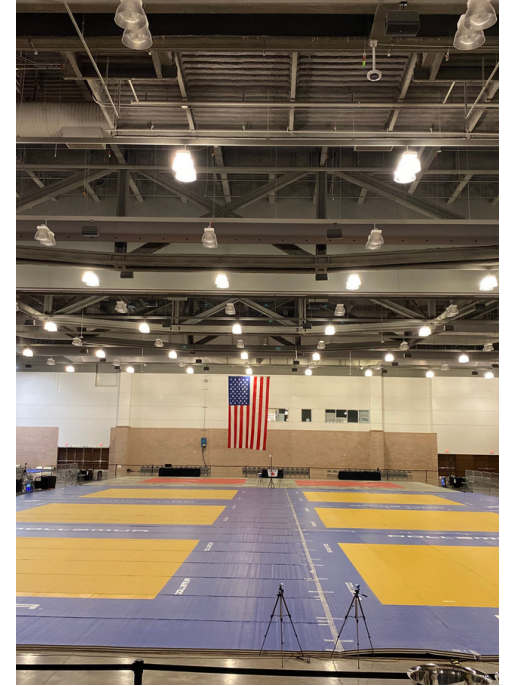
**Merry
Christmas**

&

**Happy
Holidays**

To ensure that all of our judokas and coaches are able to enjoy time with their families and loved ones, Eastside Dojo will be closed from Thursday, December 23 to January 3, 2022. Have a fun & safe holiday season!



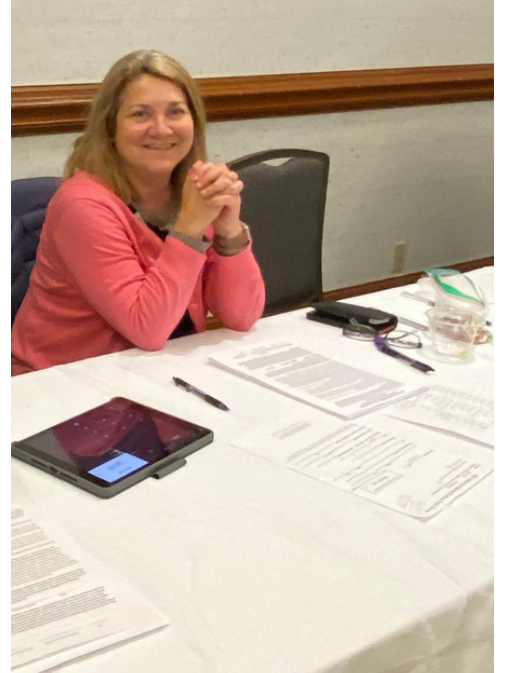


VENUE & LOCATION

The location of the tournament was the ideal place to hold a tournament which welcomed visitors from all around the world. It took place at the Irving Convention Center, which is in the Toyota Music Factory Dining and Entertainment District. The convention center is the eastern starting point for the world-famous district. It is neighbored immediately to the west by the Marriot Hotel Las Colinas, as well as a host of other dining establishments continuing westward.

WEIGH-INS & ONSITE REGISTRATION

While the event venue was being staged and setup the night before the tournament, the host hotel within walking distance of the Irving Convention Center, was bursting at the seams with weigh-ins and last-minute registrations. At one point the line extended from the back of the second floor, down the stairs, and into the lobby. There were too many people to count between participants, coaches, as well as family and friends of the judoka. It was easy to tell that this tournament was going to be spectacular.





COMPETITION DAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:00 on Saturday morning the first matches began with our junior's competition. You could feel the excitement in the air. The competition for the younger judoka concluded around mid-day with one junior female and male being awarded the Vince Tamura Outstanding Junior Competitor Female and Vince Tamura Outstanding Junior Competitor Male for the most points scored respectively amongst their sex in all weight classes.



PAT BURRIS PROMOTED TO KUDAN (9TH DEGREE BLACK BELT)



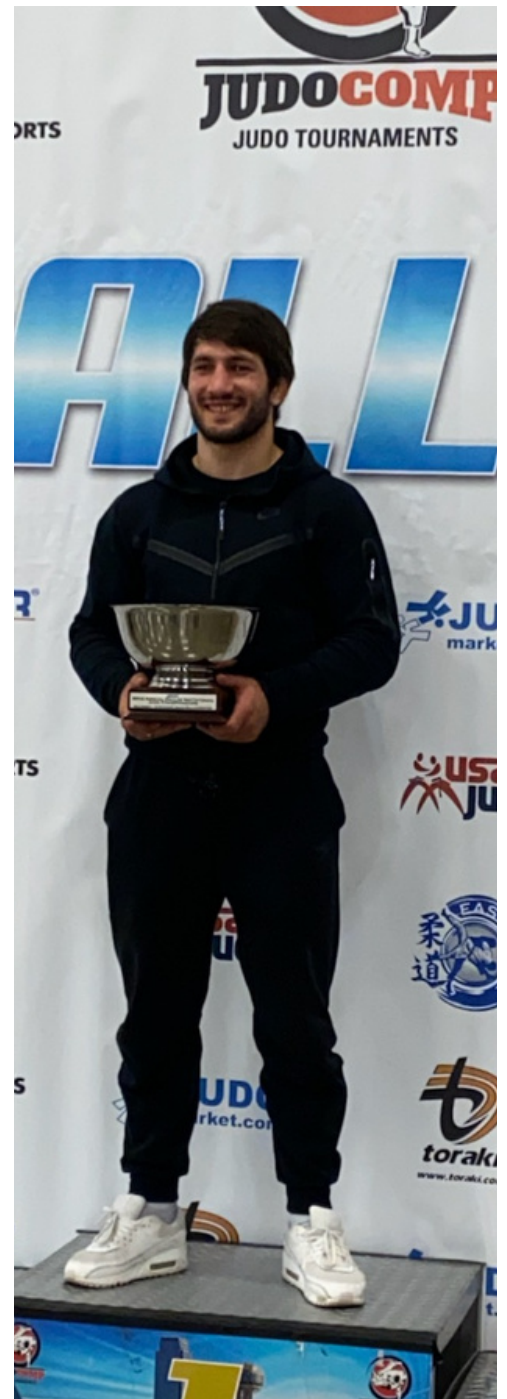
The ninth (kudan) and tenth degree black belt (jūdan) and, theoretically, those higher, have no formal requirements. Only 15 individuals have been promoted to the rank of Kōdōkan 10th dan. Well, before the afternoon senior's competition swung into full gear at the tournament, USA Judo promoted Patrick Mitsugi Buriss to Kudan.

He is a retired competitive judoka who represented the United States at the 1972 Summer Olympic Games in Munich and the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal. He won the bronze medal at the 1975 Pan American Games in Mexico City in the men's lightweight division at 70 kg. Burris is a five-time US national senior AAU champion, including an unprecedented four straight championships. He was named 1976 US national Grand Champion (best in all weight classes) – the lightest Grand Champion ever.

AFTERNOON SESSION

If you could feel the excitement in the air for the morning session of the junior's competition, that excitement became electric for the afternoon session. There were a group of gentlemen from the DRC (The Democratic Republic of Congo) to support their friend who trained at the Fort Worth Judo Club. As if the matches were not exciting enough to watch all on their own with all the throws, countermoves, and pins happening one after the other; those men brought a level of exhilaration to the stands with their chants that was reminiscent of an international soccer match.

Unlike the junior competition, there cash prizes given out to the medal winners of the senior's competition. These prizes were in addition to the medals given throughout the competition, as well as the awards given at the end of the tournament. The Masato Kamura Outstanding Competitor Cup was given to the most outstanding individual male and female, as well as the team awards given to the teams with the most points for the day.



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THE PERFECT SYMBIOTIC WEEKEND FOR SENIORS BECAUSE THEY COULD DOUBLE UP

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“Symbiotic! What does even mean?” According to the Oxford Dictionary, symbiotic means a mutually beneficial relationship between different people or groups. Eastside Dojo and USA Judo made the weekend of November 20th – 21st the perfect weekend for senior judoka. The USA Judo National Presidents Cup Championships was held in conjunction with the Dallas Invitational. There were two events at the same venue on the same weekend! Senior judokas were able to double their competition and double their points! This was a great weekend for some Eastsiders who are on the USA Judo roster to move up in their ranking.

Eastiders Standings on USA Judo Roster

Ty Blocker 1st Place - M1 66 kg

Jesus Cruss 6th Place - M4 81 kg

Bruno Goletto 5th Place - M2 73 kg

Russ Hogan 1st Place - M4 81 kg

Anora Khanraev 3rd Place Bau 1 - 23 kg

Agon Kullashi 8th Place Senior +100 kg

Adrian Morales 2nd Place - M1 90 kg

Veda Nair 4th Place Bau 2 35 kg

Antonio Paes 4th Place - M4 90 kg

Alon Shebaro - 1st Place M4 100 kg

Madeline Solis 8th Place - Senior 70kg

Justin Wood 1st Place - M1 90 kg

William Yoshida 7th Place - Int 34 kg





2021 55TH ANNUAL DALLAS INVITATIONAL EASTSIDER RESULTS

GOLD MEDALISTS

JORDAN BURTON
GARVIN HARGIS
ANORA KHAMRAER
JACY LIESCHESKI
VEDA NAIR
ROMINA TORALES

SILVER

MEDALISTS

TY BLOCKER
YURI DIOGENES
ALEXANDRIA LEFORT
ANMOL MURICKANANICKAL

BRONZE

MEDALISTS

JORDAN BURTON
LINDA DERVISOGLU
KAYLEIGH ESCUDERO

PRESIDENT'S CUP EASTSIDER RESULTS

GOLD MEDALISTS

TY BLOCKER
RUSSELL HOGAN
ANORA KHAMRAER
MARCUS PARKS
JUSTIN WOOD

SILVER

MEDALISTS

KYLE AMBRIZ
JUSTIN WOOD

BRONZE

MEDALISTS

VEDA NAIR
JAMES WOOD
WILLIAM YOSHIDA
SHAWN ZINCK

THANK YOU
TO ALL OF THE
VOLUNTEERS!
YOU ARE WHY THE
55TH ANNUAL DALLAS INVITATIONAL
WAS AN
EPIC SUCCESS!

VOLUNTEERS

KAYLEIGH ESCUDERO

ROMINA TOLARES

JOSHUA PERRY

MARCUS PARKS SR.

JOSH GIZA

ARMONDO PONCE

RYAN BROWN

TOM BRAVERMAN

YURI DIOGENES

RABIA MHAMMEDI

MATT HOPPER

MATT KIM

BINU MATTHEW

PAULINA MOSELEY

JIM SMALL

FRANCESCO TROZZI

JACK KITCHEN

MITCH HOGAN

JONATHAN FLOWERS

JAE AHN

JULIAN RAMIREZ

HIEUY NGYUEN

MICAH SHACKEL

SHAHZAD ANSARI

ANMOL MURICKANANICKAL

MARCUS PARKS JR

ANDY WOEPOL

MICHEAL MOSLEY

DERYCK HUYEN

MAY TRAN

PAT RUSSELL

AUSTYN MCNEIL

STEPHANIE DAVIS

*"The man who is at the peak of His Success and the man who has just failed are
in exactly the same position. Each must decide what he will do next.*

Kano Jigoro

Your support means the world so please come out & show your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS



**31st Annual
LONE STAR CLASSIC
February 19, 2022**

Sanctioned by USA JUDO and Hosted by
Okuri Judo Club



***The Ruben Martin
Open***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2022
NTX Training Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS, PLEASE GO
TO JUDO COMP OR CALL THE HOST CLUB.