



# MAT BURN



PLANO, TEXAS



## Gēmu O Hajimeyou!

XXXII TOKYO OLYMPICS  
NOW PLAYING.....ENJOY THE SHOW

BY RP TAYLOR

Let the games begin! (*The English translation of the title.*) What an exciting time! Right? Of course! But honestly speaking, there are probably mixed emotions for the USA Judo team. There may be some disappointment considering that they did not win a medal during the Toyko Olympic games. But, wow! If you are a fan of the gentleman sport, as it sometime called, there is still lots of undeniable excitement about the ultimate international judo tournament being held in Japan, it's birthplace. Please don't let the term "gentleman sport" fool you. The women are showing up and taking names as well. Epic things are taking place. Let's look at a couple.

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# CANCELED! AGAIN? BUT WHY? CAN'T BE TRUE!

*By RPTaylor*

Hold on, wait a minute. It's not what you may be thinking.

As you can see from the pictures, that wasn't the case this year, but that was the headline for the Judo U.S. Open Championships of 2020.

Thankfully, the 2021 Championships happened as planned. Head Coach Russ Hogan took a small group of Eastside Dojo judokas to compete at this event in Orlando, Florida that was held from July 22nd - 25th. The Eastsiders were able to bring some hardware back home.

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# EVENT CANCELLED



# NTX SLAM IN PICTURES



THANK YOU to everyone who helped make NTX SLAM a success:

- Volunteer Refs
- Parent Volunteers
- Coaches

Special thank you to the brains behind the scenes that makes everything run so smoothly from sign up to streaming live, Alan LeFort. *(see picture on the left.)*



# プロモーション

## MOVING UP IN THE EASTSIDE



### CONGRATS!

WADE ALLISON NIDAN  
2ND DEGREE BLACKBELT  
TY BLOCKER SHODAN  
1ST DEGREE BLACKBELT  
MATT HOPPER NIDAN  
2ND DEGREE BLACKBELT  
DERYCK HUYNH SANYKU  
3RD DEGREE BROWN BELT

## PROMOSION (PROMOTIONS)

Promotions happen often at Eastside Dojo, and they are all critically important to the development of every judoka. But in the month of July, there were four high degree promotions that all happened in one day. That's pretty monumental, so they deserve an honorable mention. These four judokas are elevating their belt status as they elevate their judo knowledge and skill set.

One in particular is Ty Blocker. Not only did he accomplish the tasks to earn his black belt, he did so without making any excuses for what some may call his disability. He's deaf. When you watch him compete with his drive and the level of skill he possesses, you can't distinguish him from any other black belt. Kudos to him and the others that were promoted to higher degrees of black belt.



# XXXII TOKYO OLYMPICS

## FRANCE & TEDDY'S BITTERSWEET HISTORIC VICTORY



Like USA Judo, some on the French Judo team were disappointed by certain outcomes. One such judoka was world famous, judo living legend, Teddy Riner. Riner was aiming to win his third Olympic gold to share the record for most consecutive gold medals with Tadahiro Nomura of Japan, who won in 1996, 2000 and 2004.

He was rightfully disappointed when victory was given to Ian Bashaev of Russia. The opponents battled to a stalemate through the first four minutes. About half a minute into the Golden Score period, Bashaev threw Riner with a corner drop move. The fighters waited for some time as the judges reviewed the move, apparently because Riner landed out of bounds.

Despite the loss, Riner still made the history books. He has become the first man to win five medals in Olympic judo after helping France claim gold in the sport's inaugural mixed team event at the Tokyo Games.

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# 2021 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS ESD RESULTS



ANORA KHAMRAEV  
ALEXANDRIA LEFORT



EIBHLEANN ALEXANDER (2)

TYLER BLOCKER  
ALEXANDRIA LEFORT  
ADRIAN MORALES  
ROMONA MORALES  
STEPHANIE NI  
CAMBRIA NYLAND



DANIEL MCCRISTALL

# XXXII TOKYO OLYMPICS

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## ALL IN THE FAMILY



### TOKYO 2020: 'BEST DAY EVER' AS JAPAN JUDO SIBLINGS BOTH WIN GOLD



ABE HIFUMI AND UTA AIDED THE JAPAN JUDO TEAM IN THEIR DOMINANCE AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES. THEY WERE THE FIRST SIBLINGS TO EVER WIN GOLD MEDALS AT THE OLYMPICS NOT ONLY IN THE SAME YEAR, BUT IN THE SAME DAY. THE SIBLING DUO BOTH EARNED THEIR GOLD MEDALS AN HOUR APART WITH LITTLE SISTER UTA LEADING THE WAY AND SETTING THE TONE. OF COURSE HIFUMI WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE IT DOWN IF HE HAD EARNED ANYTHING LESS.

# SMILE! YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!



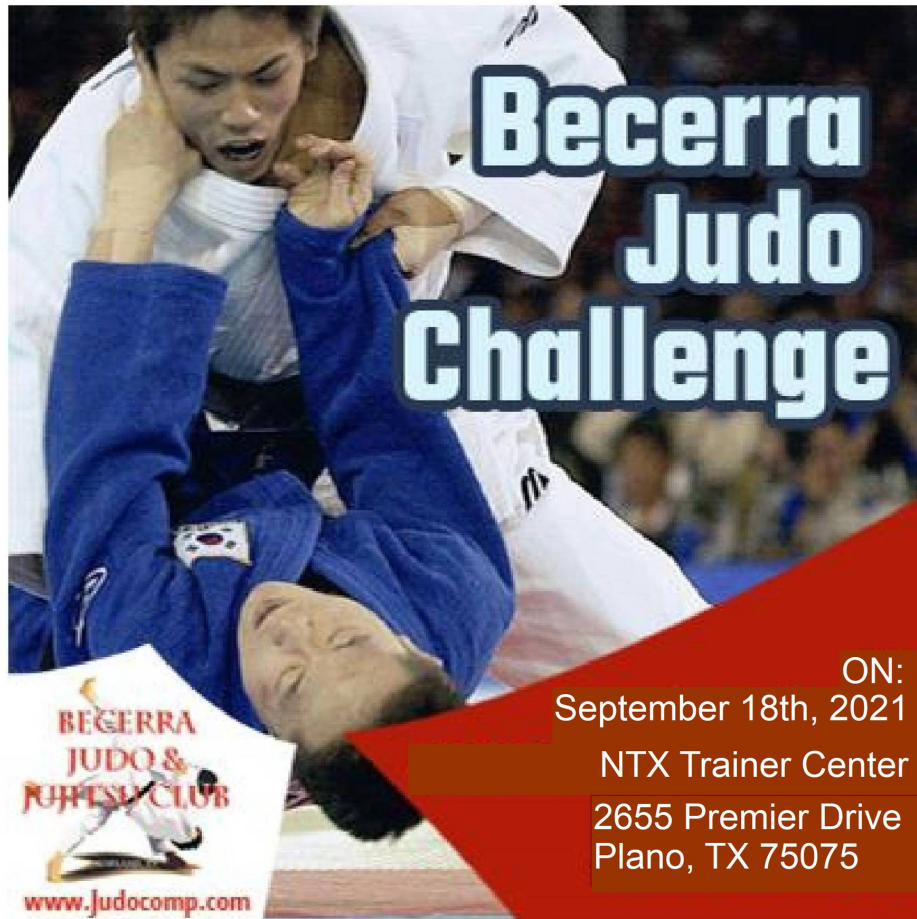
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# Kongo No Ibento (UPCOMING EVENTS)

Please continue to show your support by participating,  
attending, or volunteering at the event below.



**Becerra  
Judo  
Challenge**

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*"Walk a single path becoming neither cocky with victory nor broken with defeat."  
Kano Jigoro*

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