



# MAT BURN



PLANO, TEXAS



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by R.P. Taylor



“Hear ye, hear ye!” By the time you are perusing through this edition of Mat Burn, the NTX SUMMER SLAM is in one of three phases: about to happen; currently happening; or just happened. The tournament is on Saturday, July 30th at Eastside Dojo. No matter the current phase of the tournament, please check back here next month for the standings and some photos/videos of the event.

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# IJF WORLD VETERANS JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 & TRAINING CAMP



What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Poland? Is it folk culture, kielbasa, or pierogi dumplings? With the current state of affairs in that part of the world, many people unfortunately think about the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, and Poland's involvement as a NATO ally.

Well, those should not be the only things you think about regarding the "Land of Fields" or Polska, as it also known. The unofficial cultural, sports, and educational capital and the second largest city in Poland, Krakow, always has something going on. This year Krakow will host the 2022 IJF World Veterans Judo Championships on September 7th - 11th.

When this tournament began in 1956 in Tokyo, Japan, it did not have weight classes. So, when Shokichi Natsui walked away as the victor representing Japan, he won overall. This tournament is the highest level of international judo competition along with the Olympic Judo Games . The championships are held annually all over the world, except for Olympic years, by the International Judo Federation. Qualified judoka compete in their respective categories as representatives of their home countries. Team competitions have also been held since 1994.

This year, these Eastsiders will travel across the world to compete in this tournament:

**Russ Hogan, Head Coach**

**Andy Woeppel**

**Bruno Goletto**

**Wade Allison**

**Antonio Paes**

**Gyula Kalmin**

**Alan Shebaro**

**Tylere Blocker**



## About Ronin Austin

16 YEARS OLD

PURPLE BELT

JUNIOR AT  
LEBANON TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
IN FRISCO

PLAYS THREE MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENTS



*"I want to do judo for the rest of my life."*

*Ronin Austin*

## RENAISSANCE MAN IN TRAINING

BY RP TAYLOR

"Renaissance Man, huh?". Yes, I know that's a pretty lofty statement to make about an adolescent young man. There is no doubt that Ronin Austin is indeed on track to become a modern Renaissance Man, which is why the title says "...In Training."

What exactly is a Renaissance Man? It is defined by Merriam-Webster as a man who has a wide array of interests and is an expert in many areas. That describes Ronin to a T.

Mat Burn asked his dad "why are you all so committed to judo?" His father, Chris, said "we want to provide Ronin with the opportunities to pursue what he desires." He also shared a lot about him, which brought about the title for this piece:

- He has been training since he was in 4th grade
- He plays the piano, cello, and guitar (Ronin's favorite instrument currently)
- He maintains a 5.5 GPA
- He desires to major in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

At the time of this publication, Ronin will be competing in the Judo US Open Championships in Florida and enjoying a little "R&R" with his family. When asked why he loved judo, he said

*"I love grappling, and throwing is unique and fun. It all keeps me in shape."*

# HATS OFF TO OUR GRADUATES!



## ALEX LEFORT

- 19 YEARS OLD
- UTD GRADUATE
- BS IN NEUROSCIENCE
- MOVING TO CANADA TO TRAIN WITH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM



## TOM BRAVERMAN

- 18 YEARS OLD
- ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
- ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
- MAJORING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



# DALLAS OPEN TOURNAMENT CHRONICLES

VOL 1

What is the Dallas Open? It is the judo tournament formerly known as the Dallas Invitational.

Who remembers the Dallas Invitational Tournament of 2021? If you were fortunate enough to be in attendance, you could not forget it. What a remarkably memorable event. From the almost 900 competitors to the energy of the crowd, it was an awesome day for judo.

Leading up to the event, Mat Burn published an article about the history of the DI. Here's an excerpt:

"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." Well, this year we will go into the history so you don't have to Google.

*"Wherever Masato Tamura has gone, Judo has been strengthened."*

*- Jigoro Kano*



**Masato Tamura**

- 705 President of U.S. Judo Federation
- 705 Developed Techniques for U.S. Army
- 705 Trained Brother to Become National Champion

*1969 Judo Instructor of the Year*

THE BLACK BELT MAGAZINE HALL OF FAME

## WHO WAS MASATO TAMURA?

Masato Tamura was born in Fife, Washington in 1912. He started his training in the martial arts when he was 11 years old at the Seattle Dojo. This is the oldest dojo in the Continental United States.

In 1936, Jigoro Kano, the founder of Judo, awarded him his Sandan (3rd degree black belt) after he won the Outstanding Judoka trophy in the first Northwest vs. Nanka tournament held in honor of Dr. Kano in Los Angeles.

In May, 1941 he moved to Chicago with the ambitious plan to take Judo to the Midwest. The growth of Judo in the Midwest is credited to his program which never wavered from eight hours a day, five or six days a week until he retired.

Two years later, he was successful in achieving his goal to publicize the sport. In front of military athletic officials and others, Masato Tamura defeated Karl Pojello in 1:20 rendering his 60+ lbs. heavier opponent unconscious, proving the military could better defend themselves during hand-to-hand fighting if they incorporated judo.

In 1944 some judo was added to naval pre-flight training.

Check back next month for the next installment the Dallas Invitational Chronicles.

**56th  
Dallas Open  
Tournament  
(Dallas Invitational)  
11-19-22  
More Info Soon**



**ALEX  
LEFORT**

**2022  
CANADIAN  
NATIONAL  
CHAMPION**

**TOM  
BRAVERMAN**

**2022  
MACCABIAH  
GAMES  
SILVER MEDALIST**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**ALEX & TOM**



# 2022

## Veterans World Team Training Camp

August 12-14, 2022 Dallas, TX

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**All Veteran athletes are welcome to attend.**

**You must be a member of USA Judo, USJA, USJF or ATJA to attend.**

### FACILITY & SCHEDULE

Eastside Dojo (NTX Training Facility)

2655 Premier Dr, Plano, TX 75075

Camp Fee: \$75 or (\$25 per Session)

**Friday, August 12:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Saturday, August 13:** 10:00 - 12:00 pm  
& 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, August 14:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### LODGING

Fairfield Inn & Suites Dallas Plano North

3415 Premier Drive, Plano, TX 75023

\$89 per night. Includes breakfast and parking.

Double Occupancy Rooms Available

Click [HERE](#) to reserve your stay.

### HEAD CLINICIAN



**DOUG TONO, Shichidan**

Former World Team Member, Multi Senior National Champion and Medalist, International Champion and Medalist, 2019 Veteran World Champion and Multi Veterans World Championship Medalist and Multi National Veterans Champion



Your support means the world so please come out!

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**The Becerra Judo Challenge**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2022  
NTX Training Center

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



**IJF World Veterans Judo Championships**

**2022**

**September 7 - 11, 2022**